

Friends of Cedar Hill Park Society Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 06.19.2018, from 10:00pm to 12:00pm

Location: 3515 James Heights, Victoria BC, V8P3R6

FINAL MINUTES

Attending:
Susan Haddon
Luis Netter
Peter Haddon
Jim Moores
Paul Bishop
Lana Burns
Barb Latham
Hugh Fraser

Regrets:
John Schmuck
Andy Ruszel
Don Scott

Minutes: Peter Haddon - Secretary

1. **The agenda** prepared by Luis was adopted as circulated. (M: Luis, S: Peter, carried) Luis chaired the meeting.
2. **Minutes:** Minutes from 04.24.2018 were approved. (M: Peter; S: Susan, carried) Peter to forward final to Luis for website.
3. **Financial Report:**
 - a. Hugh reviewed his financial report for the period April 1st 2018 ending June 13th, 2018. Cash in bank is \$6286.
 - b. Susan volunteered to write a thank you letter – Susan
 - c. Meeting members expressed their appreciation for Hugh's continuing work as FCHPS treasurer.
 - d. A copy of Hugh's financial report is available on request to Luis.
4. **Membership Report**
 - a. Barb: we have 213 'member supporters' up from 195 in previous report.
 - b. Many interesting new members stories.
 - c. Quite a number of donations in addition to member membership renewals.
 - d. Barb to work with Susan to complete the draft of the donor policy for next meeting.
 - e. Everyone asked to invite their friends to renew.
 - f. Barb to transfer the member list to Excel assisted by Luis, Susan and Hugh.
 - g. Idea: membership application box on the Chip Trail - Luis and Peter

5. Liam's Bird Watching Event

- a. Barb reported that the event was attended by 11 people followed by coffee at Barb's. It was a big success. Now 3 bird inventories completed and posted to our website.
- b. Next event was discussed. Video of Liam's next "bird song walk"?
- c. It was hard to hear Liam. Jim agreed help Barb to look into a portable microphone and speaker system.
- d. Lana to distribute packages of golf balls she has to executive members. Should you have extras please give to Lana.

6. AGM Planning

- a. We settled on Saturday Sept 15th with back-up September 22nd. Barb offered to host again from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.
- b. Everyone was asked to look at their calendars and advise if Sept 15th will NOT work so we can revise as necessary.
- c. Speaker ideas: Liam slide show. Ask Saanich Parks to talk. We could also invite Nancy Turner. Combine with a Kings Pond clean up. Action - Peter/Susan/Barb/Luis (?)

7. CHP Management Visioning and Planning Project

- a. Peter gave recap of events leading to drafting a community position submission to Council and Saanich parks. Suggestions re the draft solicited. Work continues.
- b. (Peter's note: It's important to acknowledge the motion presented at the April 24th meeting: "The FCHPS will co-ordinate with the other stakeholder groups (i.e. Golf Club, FBC, CCA, QCHCA, MTCA) the preparation of a report of the status, issues and opportunities of CHP Planning process with the timing of the submission being set with the consensus of the stakeholder groups.' M – Don, S – S, carried.)
- c. How to communicate the suggestions in our report?
- d. Jim asked that Peter talk to him re the content on Active Transportation (i.e. cycling in the park.)
- e. An option for restoring realigning and daylighting Bowker Creek was presented by Julie Lommerse to the BCI Steering Committee last week. However, the proposal is very preliminary and attendees have been asked not to publicize at this time.

8. Bylaws and constitution

- a. Susan provided an update on our need to respond to the new Societies Act that requires changes to our constitution.
- b. Susan suggesting we update from the old standard model bylaws to the new standard model with changes. Proposal has to go to the AGM for approval.
- c. Proposed deletion to the new standard: Role of Treasurer re taxes is not required as FCHPS does not pay taxes as a non-profit society.

- d. Proposed addition to the new standard: Membership termination to include “membership can be terminated” to leave the option open; and “Bylaws may not be altered or added to except by Special Resolution.”
- e. Also add provision for AGM to be held in the following year or before 15 months has elapsed.
- f. Susan to send a draft to the executive for review. Thanks to Susan for her work on this item.
- g. Susan reported that she was going to submit an order for another run of FCHP brochures.

9. Cycling in the Park

- a. Jim reported that Carole Ireland and Ian Smith had previously told him the ‘Biking was allowed on all trails in CHP’.
- b. Jim then did research and found the Council motion in 2003 requiring “dismount” that resulted in the signage posted at that time.
- c. The new signage allowing biking on the chip trail is in contravention of Council’s motion and should be removed. Susan to write Carole Ireland for an update. (Post meeting: Susan has emailed Carole Ireland’s update.)
- d. Lana said that the soft surface on the chip trail is important for the numerous runners using the trail.

10. Bowker Creek

- a. Our event on April 21st was successful with 10 to 12 participants. Trees healthy and invasive growth is not too bad.
- b. Monday pulling together will work in the area to finish up and distribute mulch.
- c. CRD’s Jody Watson and Saanich Parks staff did a walk along reach 17 and 2 options were shown to Susan and Peter at the BCI steering committee.
- d. We liked the options but additional improvements should be included for the west side between the bridges – Need to advise Jody and other stakeholders.
- e. Susan advised the meeting that the Friends of Bowker Creek is now re-established. Soren Henrich is the Chair and Susan and Peter are members.

11. CHP Pulling Together

- a. Paul said that we continue to work clock-wise around the park. Good progress. Team now includes 8 people working on West side
- b. Paul met Julie Lommerse as the representative for Pulling Together in CHP for 2.5 hour meeting. He was pleased with the meeting and feels hopeful re the content of the final report.
- c. Peter noted that CHP’s natural and open areas are 30 percent of the total park and there is a need to clarify whether these are recognized as a “Natural Park” by Saanich Parks. Action: Peter

12. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm