

Friends of Cedar Hill Park Society Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 27, 10:30 – 12:30
3515 James Heights

DRAFT MINUTES

Attending:

Susan Haddon
Luis Netter
Lana Burns
Barb Latham
Paul Bishop
Roy Shepherd (guest)

Regrets:

John Schmuck
Patricia Houston
Andy Ruszel
Peter Haddon

1. The agenda was adopted as circulated
2. The minutes of the July meeting were approved as circulated
3. Roy Shepherd presented his ideas for a project to celebrate the 150th anniversary of BC joining confederation to be created in the natural amphitheatre area on Finlayson where the current auxiliary parking lot is. He was moved to come up with an idea when he saw Saanich Parks' posters around CHP on and following the FCHPS May 14 Walk event asking what we wanted for the Park. He shared drawings of the proposal, photographs of the area he proposes for the project and described his vision in detail, including next steps. The vision involves plantings of provincial flowers, shrubs and trees going from west to east on the banks of the amphitheatre with a hemispherical open area at the bottom front with flags of the country and province. The idea is to create an more visible and aesthetically pleasing entrance to the Park and to replace the lower parking lot stalls that would be removed by redoing the upper lot. Barb moved that we help Roy move the 2021 Confederation Amphitheatre project idea forward. Luis seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Susan thanked Roy for his presentation. After Roy left, Barb talked about Roy's 'In Bloom' material that he updates monthly in the Berwick Lake bulletin board. She has asked Roy to find someone to take it over so that the momentum and all Roy's work over the years isn't lost. Susan suggested we could play some role as FCHPS to safeguard the location, idea and material. Barb suggested she talk to Roy about the creation of an advisory committee with people like Nancy and Pamela on it.

4. Hugh had submitted his financial report which Susan distributed; essentially no change since our July meeting. The report was accepted as distributed.
5. Barb reported that our membership numbers were the same as in July and reminded us that we should each be recruiting two new members. We talked about how many people stop and talk to us as we work near the path on

Monday mornings and Barb said she'd try to come out one of the sunny Mondays and recruit members.

6. Paul talked about Pulling Together and the progress we're making and our sometimes differing philosophies and approaches that will be helped by the upcoming planning process.
7. Susan updated the group on the meeting she and John Schmuck had with Gary Darrah and Julie Lommerse about the upcoming planning process. She said she (on behalf of FCHPS) and John (on behalf of QCHCA) had talked about the community's desire to see the park protected as a park by a charter or similar; to speak to "the whole park", and to include process ideas such as how we communicate and engage with each other. A working group will be formed and meet for the first time in October and will include FCHPS, QCHCA, Mount Tolmie and Camosun CA representation, someone from BCI, and Parks and Rec staff such as Carole and Ian.
8. John gave an update on Jody Watson's work on a grant application for funding to do the scoping work for a Reach 17 project that would hopefully start in 2017, the project ultimately would include meandering the creek, a detention pond, removal of the golden willow and interpretive signage.
9. Barb said she thought we should extend the current September 30 deadline to submit ideas for the bridge names to January but, after thinking about the upcoming planning process and Roy's idea for the Confederation Amphitheatre project, she wondered whether we should put the idea on hold. She'll give the idea some more thought and come forward with a recommendation at our next meeting.
10. Directors liability insurance – no new information to report. Bring forward at next meeting.
11. Parks and Rec tree planting proposal – we've heard nothing back from Carole re this. There was a suggestion that we should spend some time at our next meeting trying to determine which and how many initiatives we want to try to move forward.
12. Barb has reconnected with the team that worked on the May 14 walk event to try to set up a meeting to talk about the upcoming 50th anniversary of CHP (and 150th of Canada's confederation).
13. Next meeting will be November 22, 10:30 am. Susan will follow up with Hugh to see if Tuesdays are difficult for him and Luis will let us know his dates for Brazil. Barb will be away/busy on this date.
14. The meeting adjourned at 12:30ish ☺