

## Gorge Tillicum Community Association Board Minutes

January 7, 2010

Gardom Room

Attendance: Rob Wickson, Gabe Epstein, Harry Lewis, Sue Koolman, Karen Laberee, Scott Karpes, Julia Menard, Ray Farmer, Ed Lyons, Warren Ellam, Trevor Hancock, Katherine Brandt, Arden Little

Guests: Andrew Giles and Brian Menzies

### 1. Andrew Giles of Saanich Parks, Construction and Maintenance Manager

- the federal government has given a grant to Saanich as part of the stimulus infrastructure package – one million dollars with Saanich kicking in two million – must be spent before March, 2011 – mostly going towards repairing and replacing infrastructure

- Hampton Park– replace swings and slide near tennis courts

-tennis courts – crack repair and repaving

-sports court – repave, replace basketball hoop

- remove old washroom

- Rudd Park– playground replacement

-sports court – repave and replace basketball hoop

- GTCA could perhaps partner on picnic table, bench, additional seating

- Saanich will do a project notification to neighbours soliciting comments and then move to site visits if there are concerns expressed

### 2. Adoption of previous minutes and agenda

3. Reports – Finance – do we need to formalize our budgeting process and, if so, how do we do that – retreat discussion

- Warren will not be standing for treasurer's position at AGM

- Membership – 361 for 2009

- 49 so far for 2010
- SCAN – we need to find a representative for this committee
- Rib will forward agendas to the board
- Saanich Council – Bicycling and Pedestrian Committee – Harry
- Healthy Saanich – Warren
- Transportation and Economic Dev't. – Rob applied but was unsuccessful
- GWI – Warren is our rep with Karen as the alternate

#### 4. Communications

- Newsletter – deadline for submissions is February 15
- AGM is April 15 and we will discuss content at Feb. board meeting
- Website – should we be posting our agendas and minutes here
- perhaps members could speak to issues at the board if they notify us in advance
- email broadcasts – no responses as yet to newsletter piece

#### 5. Transportation – BC Transit's Draft Strategic Plan/2030

- Rob met with Tanya Wigwits (?) – she would like us to read the document and give input – perhaps she can be invited to the AGM

#### 6. Potential New Development

- Cheltenham Court – Rob and Harry met with the developer – interested in building an independent living facility – hopes to acquire property in front and incorporate heritage elements– 120 units

#### 7. Winter Event

- the Heart and Stroke Foundation will be including it in their information
- \$750 for music and 500 for sound system - \$500 to go to Heart and Stroke Foundation

8. Global Rhythms – they're still chasing money

9. Solstice Celebration

- 40 people showed up –Harry talked to Andrew Giles about having Saanich put the lights up –  
Gabe will take the lead on this next year

10. Community Grant Status

- plantings in Cuthbert Holmes – money needs to be spent by May

- we need to think about next years grants

Meeting adjourned at 8:55