

GORGE TILlicUM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MINUTES

April 1, 2010

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

ArdenLittle

Guests: Brian Menzies, Chris Kask

1. Saanich Deputy Police Chief Bob Downie and June Allison from the Police Board

-Consultation process re 2011-2015 Strategic Plan

-survey is at www.saanichpolice.ca

-there will be a meeting with Community Associations, Pac groups and other interested parties on June 12 to discuss survey results

2. Cheltenham Court– Paul Merrick, Doug and Noah Regulous – Saanich Senior Living Ltd. – they are negotiating with the Wong family re the corner property and have right of first refusal

-looking at 75+ - need driven housing driven by demographics

- 110 2 person units – 2.5 km catchment area – no facilities in Saanich and seniors are leaving – there's a need for over 400 units in Saanich and 160 in our area

- possibly a mix of rental and sales – 550 to 700 square feet

- 5 story building – needs rezoning

- Karen suggests meeting with neighbours asap

3. Minutes and Agenda adopted

4. Reports

a. Finance

i. Bank balance is 15946.25 plus the gaming account

ii. Grants – denied on grant for banners

- \$1300 for Gorge Park visioning exercise

iii. Budgeting - Rob will distribute

b. Membership – close to 100

c. SCAN – no report – Brian Menzies will consider being the rep

d. Council

i. Secondary Suites comes before council on April 13 – Rob will speak in favour

ii. Beach fires – we support permitted fires continuing – Rob to respond

e. Letters – we have communicated with the Anglican Diocese about the proposed closing of St. Martins in the Fields – Rob has had a response and our concerns are noted

5. Communications

a. Newsletter – need to make up a master list of deliverers

b. Website – the newsletter is up

c. GTEL – no report

d. Community Bulletin Board– approximate budget of \$600

e. Rob suggests we purchase a pop up banner for the AGM

6. AGM Planning

- Ed will run the elections

-GTUF to provide food and drinks

- Saanich Parks will provide a speaker – Julian may speak

-photography display by Angela Wyatt

-Harry will speak to upcoming Cuthbert Holmes visioning event

-Karen will place an ad in the Saanich News on the 13th

7. Earth day – April 24th – at 2 p.m. the unveiling of the Camossung Sculpture at which Scott and the Mayor will speak

8. Transportation

- starting to roll again – 2 intersections to be dealt with this year with the rest of the project to be completed in 2011 – Jim Hemstock is our Saanich contact

9. Gorge Road

- the 85th percentile speed is 60-62 km/hr with 17,000 cars per day

- looking at 3 lanes with bike lanes

- Katherine, Harry, Brian, Scott and Rob will meet with Saanich

10. GWI – no report

11. GTUF – Native friendship centre is starting a community garden

- the new pizza place on bridge st. wants to do a community market on site on Sundays

12. Picnic

- \$7,000 grant from Saanich– strong stage lineup – hoping to improve food vendors

13. Other Development Proposals

-EY still ongoing

-we generally support the direction of the Cheltenham Court proposal but have concerns with the height –Rob will contact the developers and ask for a quick meeting with the neighbours with us facilitating

14. New directions – Julia –would like a half hour at the next meeting to review the retreat goals

15. Next meeting May 6, 2010

Adjourned 9:36 p.m.