

# GORGE TILlicUM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MINUTES

March 4, 2010

Attendance: Scott Karpes, Ray Farmer, Warren Elam, Harry Lewis, Sue Koolman, Arden Little, Gabe Epstein,

Guest: Chris Kask

1. Minutes and Agenda adopted

2. Retreat Goals

a). Rod Burkhardt has made 3 pop up banner mock ups – cost of one would be \$800 with others costing less –could use matching grants

b). Rob, Harry, Ray and Arden met informally as an executive group

). Harry – this doesn't need to be an agenda item but perhaps can be a check list at the end of the meeting

3. Tamara Schwartzentruber –Transition Towns

- global, grass roots movement concerning climate change, peak oil, etc and looking for creative, community based solutions

- trying to be an inclusive movement– not a non profit

- make decisions at the lowest level, not top down – relocalization – community connections

- would we co-host or co-sponsor and Introduction to Transition Town event

- website is [transitionvictoria.ning.com](http://transitionvictoria.ning.com)

4. Reports

a). Finance

i). \$15,601.74 in the main account

980.00 in the gaming account

ii). Matching grants

-community consultation re Gorge Park – letter of support from Cedar Shores– park walkabout in the fall followed by a visioning exercise – Gerald Fleming is willing to help out - \$1250

- another application for \$1200 towards the pop up banners

### iii). Budgeting

-see draft budget – discussion re doing quarterly updates

b). Membership – 83 members

c). Scan – no report

d). Council – no report

e). Letters – response from our letter to Bike and Pedestrian committee – our issue has been ranked as medium in importance – discussion re questioning this – there are now traffic counters on Gorge Road

f). GTUF – community garden on Burke – met with Paul Gerrard and he has offered to lead a site visit

## 5. Communications

a). Newsletter – has gone to GOWest – Harry will check the proofs in Karens’ absence

b). Website – very current –we need to think about content re AGM

c). GTEL – on hold

d). Community Bulletin Board

- Scott has talked to Clayton re putting one up at the Library over the book drop – he’s also been in touch with Tracy Arden from the Mt. Doug CA re their board as the Shelbourne Plaza Fairways and their experience has been positive – ray has drawn up plans and will give us a cost

e). Our backyard request for submissions

-Ray will send a short piece on the April 24 earth Day cleanup

## 6. AGM Planning

-Saanich Parks will attend –they may talk about Admirals Road restoration project by the new bridge

-Angelah Wyatt (photographer) will do a presentation as will Dennis Minaker (hopefully)

7. Cuthbert Holmes Park event - looking at Sunday, May 2 at 9:30

8. Earth Day Cleanup

- Ray's on it – Harry and ray will draft a letter to Paul Gerrard, Parks and recreation Chair about finishing the Gorge Waterway Park

9. Dance for Hearts

- \$1345 in ticket sales, \$1031 in liquor sales, \$2700 in expenses

- we'll give \$150 to the concession folks

- general consensus that we do this again, probably on our own

10. Picnic - the first meeting has occurred – application is in for Federal Grant – Harry will do the presentation to Council re the grant

11. Development Proposals

a). Greg Abbott (Albina) –25 units, 4 stories – 55+ rental – will attend next meeting

b). Cheltenham Court – want to come to us in May

c). EY Properties – they met with the Mayor who stated that council never goes against staff and that he doesn't believe in Charettes

- they'd like to hold a public meeting as soon as possible

12. Friendship Centre

- Sue has talked to them about parking problems and they will talk to VIHA about it

- they will liaise with us through Sue on appropriate issues

13. St. Martins draft letter – Rob will take care of this

Adjourned at 8:50