



GTCA Board Meeting Minutes – 12 January 2023

Thursday 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Saanich Neighbourhood Place

Present: Paul, Reb, Chris K., Chris B., Phil, Gabe, Meghan, Mauricio, Michele, Arden

Regrets: Scott, Katherine, Vera, Ed

1. Meetings

- a. Agenda review – motion to approve Phil/Arden
- b. Approval of the Nov. Minutes – to be done at next meeting

2. Communications

- a. Newsletter: Content deadline Jan. 30th.

3. Finance Report

- Some changes: received provincial money for the first time – got \$700 GST Rebate
- Broke even for the year – Arts events under budget at \$3700
- Much discussion re picnic

4. Working Groups

- Art, Culture & Celebration Working Group
 - Possibility of doing a members-only BBQ/party/etc. to incentivize membership discussed
 - Hoping to do monthly open mic at VCKC; Chris K. to check on rules for liquor sales at events
 - Curb Appeal theme to be fairy doors; possible advance workshop
 - Discussion about murals: Burnside looks to be a no-go but Arden to do one last follow-up; Arden to liaise with Brenda Weatherston about Saanich's mural program
 - Reb to follow-up with Jason at Saanich re having a Music in the Park at Kosapsom Park
 - Michelle to investigate ice cream cart
 - Motion to reimburse Sandee Legh \$190 for purchase of button maker (Arden/Michelle - passed)
- Land Use Working Group – no report
- C&E Working Group
 - No meetings since November
 - Tree subcommittee met December 7:
 - ♦ focus on trees mitigating heat in summer; diversity is important; need to work with Saanich
 - ♦ Paul is working on mapping; focus on particular streets; possible flyer and newsletter article
 - Gorge Park cleanup slated for April 22
- Food Resilience Working Group report – no report

5. GTCA AGM Planning

- Phil to check with Vera about holding the meeting in March
- Possible themes discussed; Hampton Orchestra perform
- Need to bring clear ideas to next meeting

6. GTCA 2023 Priorities Discussion
 - Discussion re succession planning
 - Possibility of a board retreat
 - Should talk to local business owners and Saanich's economic development manager (Mitchell Edgar)
7. Storage Unit
 - Phil to check with Vera on status
8. Homeless Camp in Gorge Park – has been removed
9. Albina supportive housing
 - Latest information is for it opening its doors sometime in March.

Motion to adjourn – Gabe/Chris K.