

**GTCA Board Meeting Minutes – 10 March**  
**Thursday 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm – SNP Multi-purpose Room**

Present: Vera, Gabe, Mauricio, Chris Kask, Paul, Arden, Scott, Catherine, Reb, Pam  
Regrets: Chris B, Laurie, Edward, Erica, Michelle

**Guest Presentation:**

Kang & Gill, Developer of 2921 Earl Grey @ Gorge Road

**Governance**

1. Meetings
  - a) Agenda review - Adoption Moved: Gabe Second: Phil; All in favor
  - b) Approval of the February meeting minutes
2. Members
  - a) Report: over 160 members
  - b) Annual General Meeting May 10, 2022 **Actions:**
    - a. Membership renewal communication re 30 day prior to AGM cut-off for voting
    - b. Vera to ask Native Friendship center for space
3. Communication & Conversation
  - a) Communications: no report
  - b) Newsletter: complete - needs final proofing.
  - c) Website: no report

**Projects**

4. Buildings (Developments and other building uses)
  - a) Building Working Group Report: No report. Meeting next week.
  - b) Development Applications - updates
    - 1 & 21 Obed Ave: has been purchased under contract. Vera and Gabe met with owners. Building will be strata (not rental); 21 units 4 stories including underground parking. Entrance off Obed. Start date ~ 5 months after a public hearing.
    - 3400 Tillicum Road: sold under contract to Ironclad. Rental (covenant) and strata buildings.
    - Gorge/Obed/Albina: Ironclad 5-6 storey building plan. Discussions with Planning in process -- concern about inclusion of coffee shop in plans
    - Tillicum Mall: plan for redevelopment but plans not shared with community yet.
5. Mobility and Transportation
  - a) Tillicum Road Campaign: council passed motion to support quick build projects pending funding: Tillicum road diet approved with cement structures. Vera and Phil suggested use of DCC budget to cover Tillicum costs. Budget meeting next week – M&T group will call councillors prior to budget meeting.
  - b) Gorge Road between Harriet & Tillicum: Victoria engineers and Saanich engineers have agreed to do road diet down Gorge from Hillside to Tillicum with bike lanes/ turning lane. Victoria will start in fall from Hillside up to Harriet.
  - c) Gorge Road West Construction Update: suggested start in June

6. Natural Areas (Green spaces & waterways)

- a) Natural Areas Working Group - report
  - a. Pollinator project: continue work with 2 students & Uvic
  - b. Disc golf project: Paul investigating
  - c. Bat boxes: not initiated formally
  - d. Boulevards and Traffic Circles: bulbs coming up
- b) Climate & Ecosystem Working Group Update
  - a. Food resilience group: Gabe asking for approval for framework draft: approved
    - i. Encourages collaboration in the neighbourhood
- c) Gorge Park
  - a. Parking lot – remains incomplete for another 3 weeks
  - b. Ramp to wharf is absent without a time frame for installation
  - c. Stairs at Curtis Point will receive railing

7. Art, Culture & Celebration

- a) Arts, Culture & Celebration Working Group – report
  - a. *Concerts* in VCKC area: 3 Saturdays June, July, August for music
  - b. *Curb appeal* with donated prize. **Motion:** Arden moves that the GTCA spend \$50 on a prize for curb appeal project. Moved Arden; Second: Scott. 10 approved, 1 abstention
  - c. *Block parties*: assist groups with Saanich process
  - d. *Lights on the Gorge*: will continue this year
  - e. *Fundraiser dance* in the fall to raise funds for arts, culture and celebration activities
  - f. *Murals and public art*: potential locations: public washrooms in Meadow park
    - i. Use Property Search to identify property owners of commercial buildings to ask for murals or other art projects.
- b) Canada Day
  - a. Car show: former organizers withdrew
  - b. Strawberry tea: former organizer withdrew: need to find another group to run this
  - c. First planning meeting in March
  - d. Registration for participants/vendors likely April or May this year
  - e. Provincial grant, federal grant approved. Saanich grant is likely
  - f. **Action:** Vera to talk to Tillicum Mall for support of Canada Day

8. BC housing project on Albina: Motion (Arden): that GTCA puts forward a welcome kit to the BC housing tenants. No second. Discussion for this proposal deferred to next meeting due to time constraints.

Motion to Adjourn: Gabe, Second: Phil; all in favor

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm