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GTCA Board Meeting Agenda - 7:00 pm, 10 June, 2021

Zoom meeting

Present: Vera, Arden, Katherine, Paul, Phil, Scott, Michele, Mauricio, Chris B, Chris K, Gabe, Reb
Regrets: Larry, Sharifa, Meghan

Governance

1. Meetings

- a) Adoption of agenda: Moved: Phil 2nd: Gabe; all in favor
- b) Adoption of minutes from the previous meeting: moved: Gabe, 2nd: Paul; all in favor

2. Finances

- a) Finance Report: see reports
 - a. Revenue:
 - i. Municipal grant of 1650\$
 - ii. Membership up over previous year
 - iii. Donation revenue up \$25,000
 - iv. Gardens down from last year – no plant sale
 - v. GIC bought for increased revenue
 - b. Expenses
 - i. Garden expenses up due to repair of beds
- b) Grants: Saanich (from mural): 5000.00 grant

3. Membership

- a) Report: mail out sent to reminders for renewal.

4. Communication & Conversation

- a) Newsletter: complete for June summer edition; ready for printer next week
- b) Website: no report
- c) Social Media:
 - a. instagram account #gorgetillicum (Reb) give photos to Reb to post.
 - b. facebook account: continues. Photos of the neighbourhood on FB may transfer to instagram
 - c. Twitter: no current GTCA account but exposure from twitter might be good. Michele will work with Reb to update account.
- a) Orientation Packages (created by Gabe; attached) to welcome new members to GTCA board
 - a) Director Package: ready for use
 - b) Working Group Package: ready for use

Projects

5. Art, Culture & Celebration

- a) Arts, Culture & Celebration Working Group -
 - a. Mural Project Update:
 - i. Funding: increase to \$300.00 from the Go Fund Me account;

- ii. Logistics: second rendering and final logistics for building prep and process obtained. Date not finalized.
 - iii. Second mural option for Hampton Park –to be related to basket ball and funded by/for FIBA Olympic Basketball Qualifying Tournament held in Victoria June 29 to July 4
- b. Curb Appeal: 2 week run starting early July.

6. Mobility and Transportation

- a) Mobility & Transportation Working Group – Sept start date for Gorge Road West changes. Looking at strategy for Tillicum Road that involves lobbying of councillors and at council meetings. Erica will work out schedule of presentations.
- b) Dean Murdoch’s initiative – no interest from GTCA at this time. Will maintain link with Dean but decline active involvement
- c) Strong Towns: has education materials and resources for lobbying. Talk to Phil if interested in participation as part of academy workshop or for a Strong town tour.
- d) Urban Thrive – company that builds gentle infill – (project on Richmond). Co is interested in GT neighbourhood. Low rise town homes set to be carless. Infrastructure aligns with GTCA

7. Buildings (Developments and other building uses)

- a) Buildings Working Group – focused on Tillicum Road – working with Transportation and mobility group. Has a videographer and discussing options for video that highlights the GTCA vision for Tillicum Road
- b) Other Development Applications - updates
 - Earl Grey Daycare Expansion; see package in minutes. Looking for support. Asking to raise fences to 8 feet for deer fence. Continuing with artificial turf. Action: Vera to send another letter with concerns of GTCA
 - 3143 Tillicum Development – Changes to Micro unit (270 sq ft) 6 storey rental proposal. Now want to do condos with strata (to own) due to increased cost of building. This change is big enough to warrant a new meeting with board. Action: Vera to organize meeting.
 - SNP Daycare: wanting support from GTCA for revised development permit to cover changes already made (i.e. was originally to be modular – but now is a regular 2x4 frame building). There has been some modifications to trees and water access as a result with some concern by some neighbours. The project is still in zone of Pearkes – not Saanich Parks. Action: Send individual letters not letter from board.
 - 1 & 21 Obed Ave: 3 storey purpose built rental apartment at Obed and Harriet: waiting for Public hearing. Will not currently commit to paying the Community Amenity (as they are rental) to Saanich.
 - 3400 Tillicum Rd (old bingo hall): approved.
 - El Greco at Gorge & Tillicum: to start this fall (late). Redo restaurant and increase patio space. Action: Vera to talk to group for Art work on hording

8. Natural Areas (Green spaces & waterways)

- a) Natural Areas Working Group – UVic students continue in collaboration for Pollinator Green Map for GT area. 1500\$ contribution/honorarium that is earmarked for pollinator projects.
- b) Dogs in parks – proposal from Saanich staff to maintain dogs on leash Cuthbert Holmes. There is a Cuthbert Holmes management plan – to prevent damage to wetlands and bird sanctuary. Motion (Paul second (Chris B): in order to prevent damage to the wetlands and bird sanctuary, we support the proposal to maintain dogs on leash in Cuthbert Holmes Park. In favor: 11 against: 1 abstain: 2

Other Projects and Collaborations

- 9. Saanich Community Association Network (SCAN); deferred
- 10. July Board Meeting: Outside meeting in Park – Vera to set up.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm all in favor