

GTCA Board Meeting Minutes - 11 March 2021
Zoom meeting

Present: Pam, Gabe, Katherine, Phil, Vera, Paul Chris K Chris B, Erica, Russ, Larry
Regrets: Scott, Irena, Sharifa

Governance

1. Meetings

- a) Agenda review: Adoption Moved: Phil, Vera second all approved
- b) Minutes from the previous meeting – Edits Page 2 number 7 cost of \$3000.00 goal from business contributions not apparent. Paul motion to add to February minutes, Chris B 2nd all approved. Pam to make changes to minutes.
- c) AGM Planning: **Meeting date:** 15 April zoom. **Presentation:** priorities/ initiatives/projects for the year. There are a few adaptations to the GTCA regulations to be voted on. **Elections:** 14 board members will run again. Irena and Russ will step back from board: thanks to both for the service to the community (Russ to stay on working group). Vera will run for President. **Action:** Gabe to set up link with agenda and send out a document with regulation changes for voting.
- d) SCAN: would like feedback on idea of having a city councillor matched to each CA. The question raised the need for better communication and better representation with Saanich council.

2. Finances

- a) See attached report: membership down from last year at this time. Minimal changes this year in expenses and revenue. Launch of a “Go Fund Me” campaign for mural art was initiated by Chris K.
- b) Liability Insurance for board executive and directors: In past we have declined this. GTCA has a general liability policy in place for all our events (e.g. Canada Day Picnic, LOTG). **Action:** no change in insurance requirements.

3. Membership

- a) Report : ~ 150 members. Mostly renewals.
- b) Ideas to increase membership
 - Facebook campaigns for membership
 - Encourage all members of board working groups to be members

4. Communication & Conversation

- a) Communications overview and role of Communication Coordinator: Document sent by Gabe to all board members. **Action:** for comments by Board for next meeting.
- b) Newsletter: currently being distributed. Fewer copies printed this time. Next newsletter deadline: April30, 2021
- c) Websites: www.gorgecanaday.ca and www.gorgetillicum.ca are consolidated to one domain register

Projects

5. Natural Areas (Green spaces & waterways)

- a) Natural Areas Working Group:
 - Walter Park – status of park is natural/passive entertainment.
 - Pollinator Corridor collaboration with Uvic students - meeting update tomorrow.
 - Vision document - under construction
- b) Boulevard Brigades: no report
- c) Boulevard Tree Planting: Collaboration in past with Saanich Program. No interest in this year as a project

6. Art, Culture & Celebration

- a) Arts, Culture & Celebration Working Group: Mural: Funding sources: Go Fund Me campaign, Saanich grant, CRD grant, businesses/developers (will be approached with a flyer and cover letter from Vera).

7. Buildings (Developments and other building uses)

a) Buildings Working Group

- Vision Document: focusing on the ground level experience and how it can engage people for Tillicum Road.

b) Development Applications –

- Old Bingo hall – for public hearing. All rental units at this time. Project is generally well supported. Developer money has been applied to a Baseball diamond in Rudd Park, upgrades to art in the area and to the salmon in the city project.
- Qu'Appelle: construction underway
- Abstract: 992 Gorge: in redevelopment; 630 Gorge: proceeding with design against public input

c) Housing Task Force: no report

8. Mobility and Transportation

a) Mobility & Transportation Working Group –

- Vision document with graphics under construction (Katherine, Phil).
- Community bike and pedestrian map: Paul and Katherine to create maps and brochures for getting to Saanich areas by bike and as pedestrian from this neighborhood. Goal: to connect with other major routes (e.g. Galloping Goose, Greenways).
- Gorge Road: community consultation request has not been resolved with Saanich. Part of Saanich capital plan for 2020-21 but no details yet.
- Tillicum Road:
 - i. article in recent newsletter promoting need for safety
 - ii. Rob Wickson and Jim Hemstock met regarding ideas for redesign.
 1. Any changes would need a traffic study.
 2. Redesign should occur prior to developments.
- Gorge Bridge: letter sent to Esquimalt to encourage collaboration with CAs.

b) Better Mobility Saanich Project: Dean Murdoch is organizing project to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists across Saanich.

9. Other Projects and Collaborations

- a) Gorge Park Community Gardens: Site maintenance is continuing. New umbrella society (not for profit) application in process with a focus on anything related to food in GT neighbourhood.

Other Reports & Updates

10. Saanich Community Association Network (SCAN): no report. See section 1

11. Saanich council & staff: no report

Adjourn Meeting: Meeting ended 8:38 pm Motioned by Phil, Second: Russ