

GTCA Board Meeting Minutes – 14 October 2021

Zoom meeting

Present: Vera, Gabe, Phil, Arden, Pam, Michele, Paul, Meghan, Chris K, Natalie, Katherine, Chris B, Reb, Mauricio

Regrets: Erica, Scott, Larry, Edward,

Guests: Natalie, Denise Andrew (968 Gorge)

Developer Presentation: Abstract Development (Ben, Adam)

Abstract – 992 Gorge Avenue (at Rockwell):

- New application for a 58 unit, 3 storey 3-4 bedroom townhomes fronting Gorge and Rockwell with garages and private patios. Vehicle access from Rockwell. Central green space 60 ft wide.
- Parking: No underground parking. 9 visitor spaces
- Design similar to 630 Gorge – simulate character heritage homes in neighbourhood along waterway.
- Street frontage improvements: sidewalks, boulevard planting (in association with Saanich), 5 new on street parking stalls on Gorge; 6-8 on Rockwell
- Timing: built in phases 24-25 months to complete. Still in negotiations with Saanich
- Cost: market value (today's market \$775,000 to 1,000,000)
- Community Amenities: \$150-170,000 most likely used in the park. Open to suggestions

Governance

1. Meetings

- a) Agenda review: Additions (5& 6) Motion to approve: Phil; Second: Gabe ; all in favor
- b) Minutes from the previous meeting; Motion to approve: Gabe, Second: Paul : All in favor

Development Discussion

2. Neighbourhood Development Update (see attached report)

- Discussion on Abstract Presentation (992 Gorge Road)
 - Amenity: need to ensure respectful use of old indigenous village and collaborate with indigenous peoples prior to confirmation. Suggestions: covered structure/gazebo across from building for outside gathering all seasons/Amica; adult playground/outdoor exercise area; splash pad
- Ironclad Development (Tillicum/Obed/Albina) – see Active Development Summary addendum
- KG2 (Earl Grey/Gorge Road) – Kang & Gill bought this location. See Active Development Summary addendum. Will be a rental building instead of condos.
- Albina supportive housing development: To be managed by Our Place Society.
- Status on other developments
 - Tillicum Centre looking at redevelopment: will not have any plans to share for 1 year. Hoping for some restaurants
 - Victoria Native Friendship Centre may be interested in building a health resource in community and developing housing on Tillicum Road
 - 1 and 21 Obed: this development is up for sale (2 million dollars)

3. Tillicum Road Advocacy Update

- a. Two relevant motions going to council on Oct. 18th

#1). That Council direct staff to coordinate with the Township of Esquimalt and consider the Tillicum Road from Arena Way to Tillicum Bridge Active Transportation Project as a short-term priority in the Active Transportation Plan 2023/24 refresh.

#2). That Council ask the ATAC to consider and recommend short-term and/or pilot projects to improve road safety/active transportation within the District of Saanich where Active Transportation projects are determined medium-to long-term priority areas.

Events

4. Pumpkin Parade: November 1: obtained permit for Gorge Park.

- a. Performers: puppets, musicians, juggling (cost \$500 for event).
- b. Food/drink: Starbucks may donate hot beverages
- c. Time: 3-5 pm pumpkin drop off. Event 6-8 pm.
- d. Advertising: social media, email to membership, poster at Pearkes Recreation Centre
- e. Volunteers needed (Reb to send out a list)
 - i. Parade guides with flashlights
 - ii. GTCA tent.

Additions to the Agenda

5. Bakeology: Not recommending moving forward with proposal to use Bakeology space.

6. Pollinator Projects

- a. Natural Areas: sunflowers and pollinator meadow in front of mural on Burnside (micropark). Building has been sold – may need to put on hold until approval of new owner. Motion: Phil, Chris Second
- b. UVIC student/GTCA collaboration: hosting interactive public education event in Gorge Park on November 6, 2021. Moved: Phil, Second: Paul all in favor.

Adjourned 9:05 Motion: Gabe, Second: Phil