



GTCA Board Meeting Agenda – Wednesday, January 8, 2024 Thursday 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Saanich Neighbourhood Place

Present: Vera, Brandon, Phil, Mauricio, Xi, Scott, Arden, Paul, Reb, Marie, Meaghan

Regrets: Jennifer, Chris K. and B., Nathan

Guests: Malea Acker, Sandra Lipski, Christopher Russell

1. Meeting
 - Agenda review - Paul/Reb – motion passed
 - Approval of the November minutes – Paul/Brandon – motion passed
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2. Membership – 200 members in 2024, 211 in 2023, 40 in 2025 – some minor issues with zephyr
 - Discussion about possible membership connections to newsletter, website, FB, etc.
3. Communications
 - Newsletter – January Digital – looking for multi-media content – Dennis Minaker video?
 - Newsletter – late March print newsletter
4. Working Group Updates
 - Food resilience – Chris Russell to chair
 - Canada Day
 - Web design and logo in progress
 - Art, Culture & Celebration Working Group
 - December 15 carol singing led to disappointing response from the mall, although further contact from marketing manager more positive
 - Murals - Arden has met with Andrea Fritz re Kosapsum washroom mural
 - - Vera has reached out to Saanich and to Esquimalt and Songhees folks
 - - \$160,000 CAC for Gorge park should be utilized for this
 - Land Use Working Group
 - 18 story development at Burnside and Tillicum – OCP compliant – 406 rental units with parking for 130 – developer to manage property
 - Earl Grey/Gorge Development Amendment - increase to six stories with 8 top floor units, 4 affordable
 - Harriet and Whittier – 57 unit family rental – 6 stories
 - 233 Battleford – 6 unit laneway housing
 - Seaton – Earl Large – 4 units
 - 992 Gorge Rd. ready to go to council – 3 story townhouses
 - Tillicum Corridor Planning Process 2025
 - Meeting with Engineering Dec. 5 – Vera, Phil and Scott met re Gorge Road streetscapes and concerns with traffic calming on side streets and excess speed on Obed and Cowper
 - Climate and Natural Areas Working Group
 - No report
5. Other Business
 - Saving large boulevard tree (Scott) – liability issues
 - Silver Threads Facility – heads up from Tracy Ryan that their lease is up and Saanich is asking them to add overnight shelter space

- Graffiti – Brandon met with public works re painting telephone poles – Brandon has created a website for reporting neighbourhood graffiti that Sandra Lipski will administer as a pilot project – concerns expressed re private owners and businesses having to foot the cleanup bill
- AGM/25th Anniversary Gala Event May 8 – committee to be formed – discussion about possible speakers
- Affordable Housing Taskforce – Vera sits on it

6. Adjournment 8:50 Brandon/Paul