



Draft MINUTES

Pearkes Recreation Centre, **7:00 P.M.**, Thursday, May 4, 2017

In Attendance: Rob Wickson, Gabe Epstein, Irena Jazwinski, Katherine Brandt, Vera Wynn-Williams, Pam Loadman, Russ Godfrey and Marcus Fedoruk

Regrets: Chris Bullock, Trevor Hancock, Ray Farmer, Scott Karpes, Ed Pullman and Chris Kask

1. Approval of Minutes

Moved GE/Seconded PL – Approved

2. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted

3. Guest Presentation: Gary Forsgren, Amica senior's living facility on the Gorge.

Gary updated the board on the development.

- Amica has decided to rename the facility Amica at the Gorge with the new name being officially unveiled on July 1st.
- Construction is slated to be completed later this year with the first tenants expected in March of 2018.
- There will be 159 suite and 91 assisted living units.
- The goal of the development is to have a community feeling.

4. Reports

a. Membership Report – Irena

- 48 members renewed and 9 new members joined

b. SCAN – Rob

- Governance Review – Very few people have provided input through Place Speak and the deadline for submissions is May 30th. Rob encouraged all board members to provide input.
- Director's Liability Insurance – SCAN was looking into a policy where the various community associations could share coverage in order to keep the costs down.

c. McKenzie Interchange/Transportation – Rob.

- PISCES is lobbying for a de-acceleration zone coming down Admirals, so that the turn onto Esson would be easier. There were some concerns expressed that an additional lane would make the cycling infrastructure even more difficult and that the focus should be on making that pedestrian school route as safe as possible.
- Noise Complaints: Rob noted that he was regularly receiving noise complaints from community residents. It was suggested that there were two courses of action the board could pursue: 1. Contact Richard Stanwick the public health officer to file a complaint. 2. Establish a special email so that residents could easily share their complaints with the GTCA and the GCTA could document and forward all concerns.

g. Land Use

- 961-955 Portage (Ian Sutherland) presented to committee of the whole. 2 lots serviced on sewer. "A" zoning not appropriate. Moved to public hearing in June) to make motion to move to rezoning bylaw.
- The Albina project is going to council.
- Q'appelle had open house meeting May 9. Concerned residents again expressed frustration over parking issues. Most of these concerns were from residents of the Co-op. Directed complaints to Saanich as issue is not the developers concern as he is supplier adequate onsite parking for residents.

4. Parks

a. Gorge Park Community Garden – Gabe

- Plant sale was the following Sunday
- Issue was raised as to how to do a fundraiser/raise funds for garden. Suggestions included plant sale/ harvest fair. Make it a collaborative project. Involve other community players. Draw in people with music, educational booths, pizzas, baked goods. Involve First Nations. Sept 1 is the proposed date.

7. Communications

a. Newsletter – Vera

The newsletter would be ready by June 2nd.

8. GTCA All Candidates Meeting Report –

There were 80 voters in attendance with good questions from both the 5 associations and public.

Next Meeting Board Meeting
Time: 7:00 – 9:00pm
Date: Thursday, June 1, 2017
Place: Pearkes