

GTCA board meeting minutes
Thurs, Feb 7th 2013

Attendance: Rob W, Kathrine B, Vera W.W, Harry L, Brett L, Scott K, Julia M, Pam L, Gabe E, John H, Christine F, Ray F, Chris K,
Regrets - Arden, Trevor, Karen

1. Amended agenda adopted and minutes of Jan 13 meeting accepted as circulated.

2. Report on Twitter - Christine

- described what Twitter is eg short messages, feeds and followers
- good for event promotion and live reporting (tweeting) eg Can Day
- quickest way to find out current information
- Best practices incl keeping it active, being careful of who you are 'following' and a clear main administrator (are multiple logins under same tweet allowed?)
- Christine volunteered to take on job of setting up Gorge Tillicum tweet
- Motion passed to create such

3. Reports

a. Finance - Chris

- Jan statements circulated, accepted as presented
- some discussion on new community grants system, and where Picnic grant fitted

b M'ship - Ray

- 35 thus far in '13
- discussion on \$5 fee, and m'ship card, but no new initiatives taken

c. SCAN - Rob

- presentation from David Anderson on Cap Region Sewage Treatment Plan, requesting community support to revisit current proposal
- not sufficient interest/support to take further action, as per Jan discussion too
- membership urged to consider application to Saan Advisory comm - Feb 19 d'line

d. GWI - no report

e. GTUF - Gabe

- mtg on Sun, 10th where Gabe will present info on Comm Gdn project

f. Comm Tables - Gabe - nothing to report

g. West Gorge Traffic - Pam

- Saan Eng have deemed the traffic calming installed between Dysart and Tillicum successful as speeds have been reduced
- But want to wait for Admirals upgrades to be finished before undertaking similar work west of Dysart
- Weedy gardens on Dysart need some tending in the spring
- Continuing to press for more substantial plantings on Admirals
- Addendum on Gorge Rd W - Rob reported a frustrating mtg with Mike Lai, Mng of Transportation, seems that Gorge Rd (Till to Harriet) not in 3 yr plan

4. AGM - Apr 11 - Rob

- is room booked? Arden?
- Rob F will speak, 5m max on prescribed issues
- Paul G will reflect on 15 yrs of GTCA
- slide show, photo displays need work

5. Communications - Scott/Karen

a. Newsletter

- Feb15 d'line for articles to Karen

b. F'bk - now over 190 'likes'

6. Parks

a. Gorge Pk Comm Gdn - Gabe

- working grp met and has booked space at Cedar Shores for 2 info' presentations in Feb / March aimed at residents of all multiple dwellings along Gorge Rd to gauge support for the idea
- other mailouts to broader GT area will be coordinated w Saanich
- Open House will be hosted by Saan hopefully mid March

b. Gorge Waterway Pk, guiding principles - Christine/ Kathryn

- thanks to those who contributed
- C suggested a way to distill the principles and ideas is for a grp to create a 'press release' and set of FAQs about the park - accepted
- idea may be to use this info on Can Day at the 'new' site to gauge public reaction - perhaps in concert w Saan Pks

7. Prov Election (May 14th) all candidates forum - Scott

- agreed that Tues, May 7th best date to work in conjunction with BGCA
- forum would be held in their building; who would moderate?

8. Fuel Oil Spill report - Rob

- what to do with Environ Law Sch report?

- decided to present to Saan Environ Comm after March change of comm chair

9. Can Day Picnic - Harry

- process has just begun; grant applications going out
- seeking new kids area coordinator
- transition year as Chris K will take over chair of Picnic comm in 2014
- Rob reported on news from Jim H re bridge construction that a large pile of excavated 'midden' material must stay on the site, and currently that looks like being in Kosapsom Pk ie this will create issues for the Picnic. Thinking caps on!!

10. Comm Matching Grant - Gabe

- proposed is a Gorge Village visioning exercise for the fall of 2013
- it would refresh the vision created 10yrs ago in the charrette.
- hope to bring Saan, local business, property owners and residents out to a one day event with resulting report to provide updated vision for Gorge/Tillicum centre

11. Craigflower Bridge - Rob/Harry

- see above under Can Day
- but also still working on trying for a public art component on the bridge

12. Jane's Walk - Harry

- coming up again May 4-5th weekend- would like to maintain event so will be hopefully gathering same team together to discuss what it might look like this year.
- walkability report from '12 still in process but thanks to Rob and Christine for rebooting and hope to have draft for next board meeting and to present at AGM

13. Regional Futures workshop - UVic, Feb 21/22

- public talk 21st, followed by one day workshop 22nd
- Kathryn and Rob interested in attending workshop- agreed to cover cost.

14. Music in the Park

- Katherine asked to connect with Gary H if he would liaise with Saan on this

Meeting adjourned 8:56pm

Next board meeting March 7th, 2013