



## Community Association

### Board Meeting Agenda

Pearkes Recreation Centre, **7:00 P.M.**, June. 6th, 2013

Present: Rob, Scott Ray, Pam, Gabe, Trevor, Vera, Vincent, Chris, Brian, Wendy Ferwell (guest)

Regrets: Julia, Harry, Norma, Katherine, Arden, Olivia, Christine

1. Adoption of Agenda/ May, 2013 minutes
  - Approved by all
2. Reports
  - a. Finance – Chris – most of grants are in, membership up with membership drive over.
  - b. Executive Meeting Report – issues brought forward:
    - i. Community Gardens -putting a motion forward for the money management of the gardens.
    - ii. Communications – with new website, face book and twitter being used. Christine F was asked to take on the job to organize communications and roles for board members with respect to the communication and she has agreed to this.
    - iii. Swim fest - Jack Meredith contacted Rob for someone to attend a meeting for Swim fest. There is a meeting at the Glo Pub tomorrow evening. Rob was hopeful that someone would go to this meeting to represent us. Scott suggested that we plan ahead for the next meeting with more notice. Ray says he will go to the meeting tomorrow.
  - c. Membership –Ahead of number of members from this time last year. Many on line
  - d. SCAN/Council – Rob – Development of Boleskine on council list. Also to go to council is the Craigflower school mural recommendations. This is on Monday June 10<sup>th</sup>. Rob encouraged board members to attend if possible.
  - e. West Gorge Transportation Committee – Pam
    - i. Trees: the WGTC did a community walk and will give recommendations to Saanich staff (Corey Manton) for potential tree locations west of Tillicum. This information will be added to the work done at the recent Jane's walk east of Tillicum which is focused on increasing the urban forest in this area.
    - ii. Dysart road: work on this street is now complete. Pam noted that although at a meeting in May 2011 with Troy McKay and Paul Butterfield from Saanich Engineering it was decided that the corners of Dysart with Walter would be squared, these corners have been rounded. The board encouraged Pam to write a letter to Saanich engineering (with copies to council) to bring this discrepancy to their attention and report disappointment in the adherence to the community consultation process. Pam will write a letter and pass it by the GTCA prior to sending to this.

- f. GWI – (Craig Elder) – No report from GWI: Craig Elder is the representative.
  - g. GTUF- Gabe – won't be at Canada Day picnic this year
  - h. Gorge Tillicum Community Table – Gabe – presentation at UVic congress yesterday which went well.
3. Developments- Craigflower Bridge- Rob – The bridge is now gone. The wood which was thought to be usable for the new bridge of projects in the neighborhood has been found to be not usable as there are so many nails in it. The walking bridge is now usable for pedestrians and bikes. We will have access to back of the stage at Canada Day from Admirals. Buses will be gone at end of June – they will go from Mall along Cowper and out along north Admirals to the highway instead due to south Admirals and Gorge closures. Vincent thought that people need to be let know about the new bus route. Trevor thought that we could have a notice from transit on our notice board. Rob will get contact for transit and send it to Chris.
4. Art on the Bridge-Rob – Rob and Harry had a meeting with planning department Jane Evans-to talk about the bridge art. They received a commitment that a report would go to council by the end of summer. Saanich will hopefully contribute \$35,000. It was thought that we may want to think about fundraising to gather more funds. At the last meeting, we were asked to think about contributing funds from the GTCA account for art on the bridge to add to the total fund. Trevor thought that if we generate surplus each year from our picnic that we may think about using it to put in art along the Gorge every year. Scott thought that the art along the Gorge would reward a pedestrian for walking. Discussion focused around either sending a letter to Saanich committing specific monetary support to be used for the Craigflower bridge art OR to create a permanent fund from past surplus (an asset) that we use toward art to be used by approval by the board. The board came up with a motion:

**The Motion: To create an appropriated surplus fund for art in the community of \$5,000.00 and that the expenditures of the fund would be approved by the board for each art project.**

Chris proposed the motion and Brian seconded the motion. All approved. Motion (the expenditures of the fund would be approved by the board for each art project.)

At the meeting with Saanich, the jury process was also discussed and thought to be a good idea as long as it wasn't a long process. It was approved by Saanich that 2/5 people on the jury would be from the direct community.

5. Communications –
- a. Newsletter –Karen's last issue coming out! Will be out between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of the month. This is important as it has info on the Canada day picnic
  - b. Facebook – now up to 242 'likes' (followers)
  - c. Twitter Account - now active
6. Parks
- a. Gorge Park, Craig Elder hosting cleanup this Sat, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am

7. Community Garden, business – Gabe – there is a map/design of the garden lay out available, although it still needs final approval by Gary (Saanich Parks). GWI is concerned about the run off from the garden and this was addressed. Berms will be put along the bottom of the garden to prevent run off into the Gorge. There is thought about a rain garden at the bottom as well– with an educational area. There will be an ongoing relationship with the park warden. Vic west and Saanich parks expressed that they would like the GTCA to be the managers of the gardens. The principle of this will have to be worked out. The responsibility of the GTCA will also have to be worked out with respect to the finances and management decisions for the garden. There needs to be a clear vision for the gardens. Chris talked about the extra work that this will incur due to finances and suggested that it would be helpful if someone on the garden board could collect the membership money and then access the GTCA treasurer. A separate *project fund* could be set up as we do with the Canada day picnic. Thus it will have a separate sub ledger. This way we can identify a specific budget for the gardens. There may also be money set aside for contingencies or any emergencies Trevor asked: 1. Would GTCA charge an administrative fee? 2. Is there liability insurance? 3. Who gets the garden lots and does this give us leverage for GTCA members to get priority? Gabe has had these conversations with his group and because it is a Saanich park they think it needs to be accessible to everyone in Saanich. There may be some leeway for priorities for our community members and Gabe will continue discussions with Saanich regarding this. This is a 5 year project with GTCA. Resolution will need to occur. The executive can do this but the board agreed that it should come back to us for final approval.

Gabe gave out a draft of what he will send to Gary (Saanich) regarding the administration of the proposed community garden. Trevor thinks that we need to say that we agree in principle that GTCA will serve as a registered body. Brian suggested that we say that we will “work together” with Saanich for the development of garden (point 2) instead of “be responsible for”.

**Resolution: that we agree in principle, to enter into an agreement with Saanich regarding the use management and maintenance of Gorge Park Community Garden.**  
Motion made by Gabe, seconded by Trevor. All in favor no opposed. Carried.

8. Canada Day Picnic- Chris/Rob – New pamphlet is out and ready. Chris acknowledges that the poster and pamphlet were made by Vera this year and gives her thanks. The board also thanks Vera for doing this. The map on the pamphlet has been upgraded to be used as a tool – specific zones are being used this year. An interactive map will also be on the on line version. The final lineup is in place. The vendors are in place. Gorge on Art is added this year. Saanich will be looking after the kids area this year. CFAX and COOL FM will be on location and will be broadcasting from in front of the apartment building close to Admirals road. They will have prizes and giveaways and will do advertising the week prior to the picnic. The PSA will focus on the picnic being better than ever and that Art on Gorge will be there. The radio stations will also get out the message that the bridge is closed. It was discussed that help will be needed for set up around 7 am and help at the membership desk. Board was encouraged to take posters and put them up.

9. Music in the Park, July 30<sup>th</sup>, Rudd Park – June 30<sup>th</sup> is next event: Smokin' Popes – a 70's rock band
10. Burnside Street Banners- Vera noted that the banners along Burnside are in poor repair. She proposed that we ask for them to be taken down. Debby Harris (Saanich) may be a contact person to start with and she will contact her. It was discussed that if money is an issue for Saanich then business associations could potentially get involved.
11. Signage for Bulletin Board- Scott – Rod Burkhart did the logo for GTCA and Scott has asked him if he could make a logo for the bulletin board. He has given a price of approximately 250.00 \$.

**Motion: to spend approximately 250.00 for creation of a logo for the bulletin board.** Motion by Scott, seconded by Ray. All in favor, approved. Carried.

12. Fall Agenda - First meeting is Sept 5 but we will move this to Sept 12<sup>th</sup>. The executive will meet once over the summer. Rob would like to think about having a retreat in the fall – maybe in November – the focus would be to put in place guidelines for our processes. Please contact Rob if you are interested in helping to set this up.
13. Additions to the Agenda: Silver City Theaters paint: Silver City has applied to change the colors of the building. Rob went to their meeting and expressed concern over the colors proposed for the side of the building facing the park. He suggested that either use more neutral colors next to the park, or add lots of trees. Discussion of the board: the side facing the parking lot is ok to be painted the bright blue that Silver City is proposing – but we suggest that the right wing and the side facing the park should not be these colors and need to blend in with the natural environment as decided when Silver City first moved into the neighborhood. GTCA (Rob) will write a letter stating that the colors were originally chosen for a reason and that reason is still there – and thus there is no reason to change this. The colors can be different on the side of the buildings that do NOT face the park. Rob will draft a letter.
14. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm