



Board Meeting Minutes

Pearkes Recreation Centre, **7:00 P.M.**, June 7, 2012

Attendance : Ray Farmer, Rob Wickson, Chris Kask, Scott Karpes, Harry Lewis, Gabe Epstein, Katherine Brandt, Trevor Hancock, Norma Dowler, Pam Loadman, John Hoole, Brett Lowther, Brian Menzies, Vera Wynn-Williams, Guests: Lilaine Galway (Community Development Manager for the United Way of Greater Victoria), Chris Bullock, and Lisa Willott

1. **Adoption of Agenda/ May 3 2012 minutes** (H.Lewis moved, S. Karpes seconded, approved)
2. **Community Tables** – Director Gabe Epstein and Lilaine Galway from the United Way gave a presentation on Community Tables.
 - Currently there are three neighborhoods with Community Tables with Gorge Tillicum being one of the neighborhoods.
 - The Community Tables were a six month facilitated process which enabled people in the community to come forward with ideas for projects and bring a diverse group of people together.
 - The Community Tables will continue upon completion of the consultation process with the goal of getting a few projects. Still to be determined is the relationship with existing groups and finances.
 - There is an example of a digital portal to bring community table.
<http://www.myhamilton.com/>

3. Reports

- a. Finance: Chris
 - Matching grant of \$750 received
 - Expenses included \$974.40 for fabrication of the Gorge sign
 - Current payable of \$2,084.28 for website production.
 - Cash - \$33,946.74
- b. Membership: Ray
 - starting to receive memberships
 - slightly slower as result of delayed membership mail out
 - received \$100 donation
 - best opportunity for membership is at GTCA table at Canada Day
- c. SCAN/Council: Rob reported that action at SCAN continues to focus on how this organization will evolve to effectively bring together community associations in Saanich. They are planning two workshops for the fall

d. GWI

- GWI would like to be involved in the Gorge Swim event

4. **Communications** : Rob / Chris

- Newsletter will be out in a week and needs prompt delivery before the Picnic.
- Website – Rob presented newly live website
- Marcus Fedoruk has volunteered to serve as web manager
- Content, such as event listings, feed directly from Facebook
- Still missing numerous board photos and bios
- Members will be able to sign-up and pay through the website
- Privacy policy still in the works

5. **Parks**

a. Gorge Park Signs: Ray

- Waiting on Saanich sign shop
- Denis can design next sign, keeping a consistent style

b. Cuthbert Holmes Management Plan

- Several board members attended meeting with Saanich Parks and expressed concern about the limited options presented.
- Saanich Parks feels they had consulted and were reflecting community concerns.
- More discussion needed re: activities in areas A & B
- Opportunity at Open House scheduled for June 13, 4 -8 pm at Pearkes
- Board members encouraged to attend this very important open house
- Current consultation process to end in June however extending the process through July 1st would provide opportunity to reach the broader public at the picnic.

6. **Development Draft Letters:**

- Draft letters were distributed prior to the meeting and reviewed by the board.
- Both letters were approved by the board with one deletion of one paragraph pertaining to suggested uses on the letter pertaining to the Admirals/Gorge development.

7. **New Sewer Lift Station:**

- Three design options have been proposed by Saanich. All three proposals are for a above ground building (4 m. x 8 m.) on the Gorge at the foot of Austin Street. The building would include two public washrooms. Only difference between the options is building roof line.
- More options need to be explored including moving it to the underutilized parking lot and using an existing building.
- **ACTION:** Rob to set up special meeting with Saanich in the next few months.

8. Gorge Swim Event:

- Momentum building among various groups.
- Final location still TBD with Curtis point as the suggested location.
- Canoe & Kayak club interested in participating.
- Planning to start small this year with hopes to grow the event.
- GTCA insurance should be reviewed and clarified.
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Need to secure at least two life guards.

9. 'Royal' Canada Day Picnic:

- 'Queen' is coming and will be in the parade.
- Need a singer who can sing national anthem AND God Save the Queen.
- Food vendors going well.
- Unity Drummers unable to attend so looking for additional main stage entertainment. (paid)
- Would like to reinstate Tug'oWar event. Have rope, looking for volunteer to organize.
- John to organize membership table.

10. GTCA Tent:

- Mockups of the tent were distributed to board via email and the tent has been ordered.
- Brian suggested that proposed expenditures should be listed as agenda items in future and the board agreed.
- It was noted the tent was discussed and the \$1,500 expenditure was approved at May's board meeting.

11. CARS:

- C.A.R.S. (Communities Advocating for Reduced Speeds) will be coming to the picnic

12. Affordable Housing: Rob

- Group working on updating the Housing Section of the Local Area Plan which was last updated in 2000.
- Through the CRD there is \$10,000 available to help the process.
- Draft due in November, Rob looking for people to work on this over the summer.

Adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Next meeting September 6th.