

## **GTCA Board Meeting Minutes - 7:00 pm, February 10, 2022**

### *Zoom meeting*

**Present:** Vera, Meghan, Arden, Phil, Gabe, Michele, Mauricio, Chris B, Chris K, Katherine, Erica, Scott, Ed

**Regrets:** Pam, Reb

**Absent:** Paul, Larry

### **Governance**

#### 1. Meetings

- a. February 10, 2022 Agenda: moved to approve: Phil, second: Michele, all approved agenda
- b. Motion to accept January minutes: Gabe, second Phil, all approved.

#### 2. Finances

- a. Report – January financial statements provided via email. Donations are up in response to membership renewal and invitation.

#### 3. Members

- a. Report – membership renewal invitations were distributed. There was a high level of members that renewed as well as a high level of donations. Association has around 100 members.

#### 4. Communication & Conversation

- a. Communications – have started meeting with a sub-committee (Michele, Vera, Reb, Meghan, Gabe).
- b. Newsletter – will be sent early Spring. Seeking help on the newsletter development. Interested directors contact Vera.
- c. Newsletter – adding more information for more frequent messaging through electronic channels. Vera has contacted some people to help with the creation and editing of the newsletter.

### **Projects**

#### 5. Natural Areas (Green spaces & waterways)

- a. Laurie Jones working with students to implement a green based pollinator map along with guidelines on how to use the map.
- b. Gorge Park clean up to be held on Earth Day weekend.

#### 6. Art, Culture & Celebration

- a. Arts, Culture & Celebration Working Group - report
  - i. Curb appeal for mid-April 2022
- b. Had a neighbourhood walk with Indigenous artist Jamin (original artist that was engaged on the Burnside mural)

#### 7. Buildings (Developments and other building uses)

- a. Buildings Working Group – report.
- b. Community Amenity Contributions – develop a document that provides ranges of community amenities based on contribution level. Document could be shared on the website and provided to Saanich. Past consultations have shown varied responses and ideas on community amenities. Having a document will provide clarity to developers. Directors to review and provide any feedback. Encourage Saanich to create a Land Purchase Fund to purchase properties for pocket parks.

- c. Kang & Gill, purchasers of Earl Grey and Gorge Road W property, will present at the March meeting at 6:30 pm. Need to go through the whole process again, even though they are planning to build something similar to the development that was previously approved.
- d. 992 Gorge Rd West (Abstract) – building townhouses with parking units on the ground level of each unit. Architectural drawings are now available.
- e. 3082 Admirals Rd. -- Proposal to develop 4 units.
- f. Recommended link: [Strong Towns](#)
- g. Marketing plan to release the Tillicum Road video - Discussion from Board if we should provide solutions such as three lanes, or provide a timeline. Ideally, we want Saanich to develop a solution to Tillicum Road. Decision to release a press release and video in the next few weeks. Press release will be drafted and circulated to members.
- h. Gorge Road West construction update – no updates provided. Proposal to make the bus stop corner of Gorge Road/Admirals accessible. Currently it is not wheelchair accessible, making it very hazardous for those with mobility issues (disabled, wheelchairs, strollers).

#### **8. Other business:**

- a. Wednesday, April 6, set as date for our Annual General Meeting. Potential for in-person event, depending on provincial COVID restrictions.

#### **9. Climate and Ecosystem Action Proposal**

- a. Based on proposals in the recent C&E documents, we've started a review of the GTCA's communications practices and are building 3 action-focused groups -- a new Community Connections Working Group, a Food Resilience group, and a group focussing on Tree coverage in the area.

**Motion to adjourn meeting: Michele, second: Arden. Meeting adjourned at 20:54 hr**