



Board Meeting Minutes
Pearkes Recreation Centre, **7:00 P.M.**, Jan 3, 2013

Attendance: Rob Wickson, Ray Farmer, Arden Little, Scott Karpes, Chris Kask, Gabe Epstein, Pam Loadman, Christine Fedoruk, Karen Larabee, Vera Wynn-Williams, Harry Lewis, Trevor Hancock, John Hoole, Julia Menard, Brian Menzies

1. Presentation from Abstract Developments for corner of Whittier/Boleskine by Mike Miller and Tony James
 - residential/commercial mix – 2 story parkade – 4 floors wood frame with 60 residential units at 200 to 300,000 per unit – will request variance on parking to one space per unit – no official application to Saanich as yet – plan to rezone and do a pre sales test
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes m Brian, s Julia c
3. Reports
 - a. Finance – Chris – net income down from 2011 – motion to present report at AGM by Chris msc
 - John – we should bring ideas on how to utilize funds to February meeting
 - b. Membership – Ray – we should push email and online membership payment
 - Rob, Chris, Ray and Brian to work on this
 - c. SCAN/Council – Rob- no one from Saanich or GTCA attended CARS meeting
 - Presentations at the workshop were from CARS, the GVCC, Councillors Gudgeon and Isitt from Victoria, Derman, Brownoff and Murdock from Saanich, and Steve Wallace.
 - sewage treatment was a big issue – it will come through our neighbourhood
 - Karen – hard for board to speak with one voice on this issue
 - we won't get involved in this issue at this time
 - d. GWI – no report
 - e. GTUF- Gabe will be transitioning out of leadership role
 - f. UW Community Tables – Gabe – much positive feedback on Lights on Gorge initiative – perhaps we can consider a sponsored competition
4. Community Grant Process Review
 - Chris – concerns re requirement to “demonstrate financial need” – clarification required
 - will come to Committee of the Whole meeting on January 14
 - Harry – concerns that responsibility has been moved to Finance
 - we will write Saanich with our concerns and speak at council
5. Communications –
 - a. Newsletter – Karen- tentative mid February deadline – theme is a retrospective of our achievements – Karen will circulate a list – AGM is April 11
 - b. Facebook – We are now up to 180 ‘likes’

6. Parks

a. Gorge Park, Community Garden- Gabe – need to create a community working group with decision making residing in community – will meet with Cedar Shore's residents – Saanich requires an Open House

b. Gorge Waterway Park- further planning to be done – Katherine and Christine to work on principles and Christine will recirculate email

7. Developments: Craigflower Bridge- Harry to write a letter of concern that the process on public art seems to have stalled

8. Craigflower School House- John- it has been taken over by the province and we need to have our voice heard – Trevor to follow up

9. Community Consultation

- Bonnie Cole has been hired by Saanich – discussion on whether to invite her to a board meeting – will work on a letter expressing our concerns re recent consultation challenges

10. Gorge Park Cleanup is Saturday, April 20

Next Board meeting – Feb 7, 2013

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.