

GORGE TILlicUM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MINUTES
June 3, 2010

Attendance: Rob Wickson, Scott Karpes, Gabe Epstein, Sue Koolman, Julia Menard, Ray Farmer, Katherine Brandt, Brian Menzies, Chris Kask, Virginia Bennett

Regrets: Karen Larabee, Harry Lewis, Trevor Hancock, Ed Lyons, Arden Little, Warren Ellam

1. Minutes of May meeting not available. Agenda adopted.
2. Reports:
 - a) Finance - to follow
 - New money - \$2,200 from Federal Gov't
 - \$600 from Island Savings Credit Union
 - b) Membership - 243
 - c) SCAN - new Saanich Parks Director - Jim Henderson
 - Parks Master Plan will be developed in next couple of years
 - d) Council - *Nothing significant to report*
3. Communications
 - a) Newsletter - at printer. Changed number to be printed from 4,400 to 4,000
 - b) Website - Chris and Brian offered to work on website. Recent updates include GTUF Award notice
 - c) GTEL - no report
 - d) Community bulletin boards - will be just outside Pearkes main door
4. Picnic - ad to be placed in Times Colonist June 26 and 29
 - Program will be included in newsletter
 - advertising on The Q 2 weeks before July 1
 - still working on finding more food vendors
 - Rob has contacted CFB Esquimalt and is trying to arrange for a Navy Colour Guard for the parade.
5. West Gorge Transportation
 - Cowper and Austin, and Cowper and Colquitz intersections to be re-engineered to improve safety. Marks already on pavement marking new shape of the intersections.
6. GWI
 - have a speaker series. Next event June 30 at Burnside Gorge Community Centre
 - GWI will bring their GWI booth, a watershed model, and the Seaquaria touch tank to the Canada Day picnic. They would like the same location they had last year. Rob will confirm with them.

7. GTUF
 - still waiting to hear back from Saanich re proposed community garden.
 - Will have 2 tables at picnic as well as a mason bee demonstration.

8. Development updates
 - Rob will draft letter to Greg Abbott, developer of building across from Fairways (on Albina).
 - RIO-CAN working to find new partners for their development. We will keep communication open.
 - proposal for new development at Maddock and Albina - 3 buildings with 6 townhouses. Rob met with the developer and communicated to him the kind of things that our community is looking for in any new development . This site had a fire a few days between Rob's meeting with the developer and the GTCA meeting.
 - open house for new development of EY Properties at Burnside & Tillicum had very low attendance with a few expected comments about loss of view.

9. Compassionate City
 - Julia brought this concept to the attention of the executive. Seattle is the first city in the world to sign on to Charter of Compassion. Is this something we can look at as an organization? A short discussion followed.

10. Strategic Plan
 - lively discussion regarding timing of doing a 'report card' to examine progress on decisions made at retreat in January. *This discussion will move to the executive for action*

11. Additional items
 - Harry Lewis will be out of the country for several months. Karen Labaree has been nominated to act as Vice-President in his absence. Motion was carried by unanimously by the board.

12. Next meeting - September 16, 2010

meeting adjourned 9.20 pm