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GTCA Board Meeting Minutes - 7:00 pm, 9 September 2021

Zoom meeting

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

Regrets: Pam, Larry

Absent: Ed, Sharifa

Governance

1. Meetings

- a. September 9, 2021 Agenda: moved to approve: Arden, second: Gabe, all approved agenda
- b. June minutes: moved to approve: Chris K, second: Phil, all approved
- c. July minutes have not been submit, will be circulated once available

2. Finances

- a. Report – August financial statements provided via email
 - i. CRD Saanich grant of \$3,000 approved
 - ii. \$20,000 spent on mural
 - iii. \$25,000 donation still unspent. Committee formed to determine how to spend donation includes: Arden, Chris K, Reb, Chris B and interest from Katherine. Additional ideas from the board should be emailed to Chris K. Ideas generated include: purchase traffic slowing machines, art installation projects such as turn old boats in the gorge into art.

3. Members

- a. Report – no updates. Memberships up for renewal will be reminded via personal email.

4. Communication & Conversation

- a. Communications – no updates.
- b. Newsletter – will be sent early Fall. Seeking help on the newsletter development. Interested directors contact Vera.

Projects

5. Natural Areas (Green spaces & waterways)

- a. Natural Areas Working Group - report
 - i. Will be working with a student group on pollinator gardens
 - ii. Question about the park clean up in the fall. Board decision to delay this season and organize a spring season.

6. Art, Culture & Celebration

- a. Arts, Culture & Celebration Working Group - report
 - i. Mural complete
 - ii. Theatre SKAM pop ups were very successful. Most successful spots were Walter Park and Early Grey. The least popular locations were on the east side of Burnside Road.
 - iii. Will meet with Quadra Village organizers and explore possibilities for a similar event in Gorge Tillicum.
 - iv. Request for inventory of artists residing in the community. Reb will start to compile an inventory.
- b. Canada Day 2022 – needs to be re-envisioned with an Indigenous lens and input from Indigenous partners. Board agreed they'd like to proceed with an event next year with these considerations in place. Construction

work needs to be delayed by two months, Vera will discuss with Saanich. Committee formed to re-envision the event includes: Arden, Chris B, Gabe, Meghan, Erica, Phil (logistics).

- i. Confirmation needs to be in place by early April to confirm with vendors.

7. Buildings (Developments and other building uses)

- a. Buildings Working Group – report. Will invite interested developers to the October Board meeting.
- b. Development Applications - updates
 - 630 Gorge Rd West (Abstract) – Waiting to go to public hearing.
 - 992 Gorge Rd. West (Abstract) – Abstract is redesigning the site.
 - Tillicum/Obed/Albina (Ironclad) – Ironclad had several public hearings with neighbours but has not filed with Saanich.
 - 1 & 21 Obed Ave. (Novus Properties) – Was approved by Saanich Council.
 - 3143 Tillicum (Earl Large) – Large is still interested in pursuing this development whether it was rental or strata. He was interested in strata as it would help people with lower income get on the property ladder.
 - Gorge/Early Grey (KG2 Developments) – Site was purchased.

8. Mobility and Transportation

- a. Mobility & Transportation Working Group – report. Meeting with various Saanich Councillors and Mayor. Phil and other committee members will present at Saanich Council week of September 13th.
- b. Tillicum Road Campaign – video filmed to include an emotional case will be shared with directors when draft is ready. Erica spearheading social media campaign. Accident stats were pulled for Tillicum Road (between Gorge Rd and Burnside Rd) in 2019 were 81 accidents (an accident every 4.5 days).
- c. Gorge Road Construction Update

9. Other Projects and Collaborations

- a. Gorge Park Community Gardens - Coordinator Team report
 - i. Establishment of a new non-profit society is in progress.
- b. Climate and Ecosystem Action Proposal
 - i. Motion by Gabe: To set up an ongoing committee to respond to climate and eco action. Seconded by Phil. All in favour.
- c. Bakeology Discussion
 - i. Proposal for GTCA to develop a café type social enterprise through purchasing Bakeology. Determined board was in favour of exploring the idea but would need 3-6 months to plan and prepare business plan. Phil will follow up with Kai and Amica.

Motion to adjourn meeting: Gabe, second: Phil. Meeting adjourned at 2113 hr