

Gorge Tillicum Community Association Minutes

November 14, 2010

Attendance: Rob Wickson, Scott Karpes, Arden Little, Gabe Epstein, Virginia Bennett,

Warren Ellam, Chris Kask, Katherine Brandt

1. Habitat for Humanity – Ker St. proposal

-Gordon English (President), Yolanda Mair (Exec. Director), Greg Walsh

-affordable – for purchase – HFH carries the mortgage- aimed at the working poor-15 units in Victoria –will be requesting rezoning to duplex and a variance – 2800 square feet- buyers must volunteer 500 hours, hopefully to the actual house build- HFH provides education on homeowner responsibilities- property donated by BC Housing for \$1- 8 to 10 month build

2. Adoption of Agenda/Minutes of October meeting

3. Reports

a. Finance – conference payments discussed

b. Membership – no report

c. SCAN – no report

d. Council – November 7 is Tree Appreciation Day – tree planting at Cuthbert Holmes

- Chris will write a letter supporting rabbit sterilization

4. Communications

a. Newsletter – submissions required now

b. Website – Rob, Chris and Brian have met several times- events “sponsored” by local politicians to go into events section – Arden will check with Uvic/Computer store about site redesign

c. Community bulletin board – will be up in November

5. Transportation

a. West Gorge – some discussion amongst bus drivers about removing Obed

from route due to traffic calming devices

b. Gorge Road – Rob spoke with Jim Hemstock who has some preliminary

drawings and wants to meet with us to perhaps get this into next

years budget – will do this at visioning exercise

- there is a land acquisition issue

c. Craigflower Bridge – calling for tender – sidewalks will become

bike lanes – new cantilevered sidewalks with space for fishing –

capacity will be built to hide hydro lines pending approval

6. Gorge Park Visioning Exercise

- Cedar Shores meeting room – capacity of 30-35 people – by invitation only with
rsvp – Gerald Fleming, Jim Hemstock and Saanich staff to attend – sometime in
November

7. GWI – proposal to install solar lights on the Selkirk Trestle and Cecelia Ravine

- derelict boats at Banfield park – no level of gov't. taking responsibility

- Warren to write a letter supporting the formation of an invasive species
working group

8. Gaining Ground Conference – website is at gainingground.com – co-chairs, Rob

Abbott and Mark Holland live in Victoria

9. GTUF – chicken bylaws going to community consultation

- Burke St. garden – should be starting community involvement soon

10. Development Updates

-Riocan – no report

-EY – in rezoning application process

-Cheltenham Court is now Saanich Senior Living – developer has asked for our
support and we are awaiting further information

11. Affordable Housing Project –moving forward – Rob to met with Jim Bennett and

Henry Kampoff

12. Report Card – only 7 returned so far – Brian to email summary before next meeting

13. Katherine - Conservation Design and Commercial Corridors workshop

- how to improve commercial corridors and protect community spaces

- redeveloping shopping malls is an important green initiative

Adjourned at 9:32