



GTCA Board Meeting Minutes - 7:00 pm, April 14, 2022

Present: Vera, Gabe, Chris K, Paul, Arden, Reb, Pam, Mauricio, Katherine, Erica, Phil

Regrets: Meaghan, Michelle, Scott, Ed, Chris B

Guests: Harry Lewis, Trevor Hancock -- GTCA members speaking about 630 Gorge Rd W development proposal

Harry: Will require cutting of a cedar tree with emotional importance to home owner on Dysart. There are also 5 established oak trees on the north end of 630 Gorge that are to be cut down.

Trevor: Healthy communities context. Lack of play areas (all 3 bedroom townhouses), no social well-being, lots of concrete, little space for pedestrians, loss of trees. Get rid of block E. Can this be taken to council as it is worthy of comment?

1. Agenda: Motion to approve agenda (with amendments) -- Gabe, Arden
2. March minutes: Motion to approve (with amendments) -- Paul, Gabe
3. Mask Discussion: ACTION: To mitigate risk of transmission at inside meetings, all tables and chairs to be set up with 2m distance availability. Masks optional.
4. Finances: See reports
5. Members: 218 members.
6. Communications:
 - a. Newsletter: Continues to be a project with high labor and time commitment. Proposal by Vera to consider change to a printed newsletter only 1x year, put out prior to AGM. **ACTION**: Directors to decide at next meeting and come with other options for production, if possible (e.g. less robust newsletter, new working group to produce newsletter, etc.)
 - b. Website: No report
7. Arts, Culture and Celebration Working Group:
 - a. **MOTION**: Arden moved that \$4,000 be set aside a for variety of projects for Arts and Culture (Second Phil; All in favor):
 - i. Curb appeal
 - ii. Canoe and kayak club music events
 - iii. Fundraising dance
 - iv. Sponsor block parties
 - v. Pumpkin parade
 - vi. Lights on the Gorge
 - b. Table at Tillicum mall Saturday April 16, 2022 to promote projects, sign up members.
 - c. Murals: Group has contacted Saanich Parks staff to explore possibility of mural on public washrooms at Meadow Park
 - d. Music in the Park: August 2, 2022 in Rudd Park. Looking at bands such as 11 piece "New Groovement". GTCA would have to pay \$1,100.

8. Canada Day Picnic:
 - a. Evites out for food zones and market – registration open
 - b. Booked first aid
 - c. Booked traffic control
 - d. Logistics: garbage recycling, chairs tents, toilets
 - e. Fire department will do Pancake breakfast
 - f. Vintage Classic car club: Chris contacted this group to participate
 - g. Strawberry Tea: Karen Labaree
 - h. GTCA tent: Will need shifts by board members
 - i. Tent: **MOTION:** Chris K moved we buy a new tent with GTCA brand, \$1,400. Phil Second. All in favor
9. Natural Areas Working Group:
 - a. Pollinator project update
 - Ongoing work with UVic Geography students
 - Plans for a pollinator meadow in area under the Wascana mural.
 - b. Bat boxes: Work with Saanich to put them near the community garden
10. Food Resilience Group: Report directly to Board rather than via the Climate & Ecosystem group
11. Climate and Ecosystem Working Group:
 - a. Offer by Tricia to talk with directors about to look at development proposals through a climate lens
12. Gorge Park cleanup: April 23, 9-12 noon
13. AGM:
 - a. Tuesday, May 10 in Victoria Native Friendship Center gym; 7-8:30
 - b. Vera to do presentation with recap of year and upcoming projects
 - c. Attend by 6:30 pm for set up and stay after for take down
 - d. Council to be invited to attend only
14. Housing, Development, & Application updates:
 - a. Tillicum/Obed/Albina: revised development
 - b. Rob's bike shed: Board will not comment as it would be a conflict of interest
15. Mobility and Transportation:
 - a. Engineering offering a briefing for Gorge Road, Tillicum Road, and Tillicum Elementary School projects at next board meeting
 - b. Saanich going ahead with road diet on Tillicum this summer

Motion to Adjourn: Phil, Paul second all in favor

Meeting ended at 9:07 pm