



Board Meeting Minutes  
Pearkes Recreation Centre, 7:00 P.M., Sept 6, 2012

Attendance: Rob Wickson, Pam Loadman, Karen Larabee, Gabe Epstein, Chris Kask,  
Arden Little, Ray Farmer, Harry Lewis, Katherine Brandt, Julia Menard  
Guests: Rae Roer, Julie Wallace, Liz McCarty, Christine and Marcus Fedoruk

1. "Trust Me" Project: Guests: Julie Wallace, Liz McCarty
  - goal is to bridge gap between teens (Grades 10,11,12) and Seniors (55 plus)
  - project work November to February with rollout in Feb. 2013
  - looking for 15 teens and 15 seniors
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2. Gorge Park and Gorge Waterway Park – Rae Roer
  - GWWP – houses down except for heritage building – intent is for there to be a park related use for the house – potential for water park in the reclaimed space
  - GP – Possibility of allotment gardens – need a process in place – looking for a letter of support from GTCA re this idea
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3. Adoption of Agenda/ Jun, 2012 minutes
4. Sue Koolman resignation – Rob will write a letter of appreciation
5. Reports
  - a. Finance – Chris presents picnic budget – net income of \$9258.49 – grants and donations cover expenses
  - b. Membership – Ray – 265 members – 7 corporate, 42 new, 106 mail ins, 8 PayPal – Rob to work with Ray on membership card
  - c. SCAN/Council – Rob – Shelbourne action plan on Sept. 9
  - d. GWI – Karen is looking for a replacement for the meetings
  - e. UW Community Tables – Gabe – Fall Harvest postponed for a year
6. Communications –
  - a. Newsletter – Karen – deadline is end of September – Swimfest is front page – Gabe to do article on Community tables – Chris will work on focus article on website – something on heavy metals in Gorge
  - b. Facebook – We are now up to 123 'likes'
  - c. Web Site – Chris and Marcus – not satisfied with JUMA (sp?) but huge improvement with much better content management – hiccups with access have been resolved – 24 hour turnaround for requests on content – events flow through automatically from Facebook – fresh content to be sent through Chris – debate on whether to use twitter – need to get membership database into website
7. Affordable Housing project – Rob – Jim Bennett, Henry Kampoff and Rob Abbott – one idea is to change zoning from family size to density – we may need to put some

funding up front, to be reimbursed by CRD Trust fund – no financial commitment from GTCA at this point

8. Canada Day report – Harry – looking at some new ideas
9. Gorge Swim Event, Report/Debrief - 400 at Banfield, 200 at Esquimalt, 200 at Gorge Park
10. Music in the Park - \$260 in donations – kudos to Sue Koolman
11. Parks
  - a. Wharf and Wharf-ladder. Rob/Ray/Scott
  - b. Gorge Park Sign- Ray – working on final draft – completion by late September – in order to use matching grant for this year perhaps we could have a duplicate sign made – discussion re smaller signs with flora and fauna theme
  - c. Gorge Park Cleanup: Sat, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am till 1pm. – Harry expresses concern about this turning into a Gorse pull
  - d. Craigflower Manor and Schoolhouse – meeting held with consultant – TLC has the contract for 3 more years
12. Transportation

-WGTC- Pam – traffic circles on Bodega and boulevard at Austin and Cowper by end of September – speeds have declined and it's considered a successful project – committee would like to segue to Admirals Road project in future
13. Developments:
  - a. EY Properties – underway – building is gone – ground breaking ceremony will happen when permits arrive – we will be invited
  - b. Sewer lift station at foot of Austin –Rae Roer – to be done in 2013 – rough designs by sewer engineers will be improved on – washrooms desirable – external power – discussion re making this utilitarian building more functional and aesthetically pleasing – 8 meters X 8 meters
14. Next Board meeting – Oct. 4, 2012

Meeting adjourned at 9:15