



GORGETILLICUM

Community Association

Board Meeting Agenda

Pearkes Recreation Centre, 7:00 P.M., Sept. 12th, 2013

Attendance: Ray Farmer, Harry Lewis, Gabe Epstein, Christine Fedoruk, Vincent Gornall, Olivia Anderson, Trevor Hancock, Vera Wynn-Williams, Scott Karpes, Katherine Brandt, Rob Wickson

Guests: Wendy Farwell, Marcus Fedoruk

1. Adoption of Agenda/ June, 2013 minutes
2. Reports
 - a. Finance – Chris – increase in Vendor fees and decrease in performer fees from picnic – need to work on increasing membership numbers
 - b. Executive Meeting Report- Rob – met August 8 to discuss time sensitive issues
 - c. Membership – Christine – 234 members – renewal stats since April -33% from picnic, 29% from online forms, 16% from mail campaign, 13% from AGM and 8% from newsletter
 - discussion re doing a simple survey of members to see what they're looking for from us, possibility of providing a benefit – should we not mail application forms to those with email? – consensus to not worry too much about mailing costs
 - debate over how many informational emails we should send out
 - d. SCAN/Council – Rob
 - noxious weed bylaw on the agenda
 - Saanich planning wants to revisit LAP process – workshop in November with 5 attendees from each CA
 - e. West Gorge Transportation Committee – Pam
 - work on hold – people watering Cowper/Admirals boulevard plantings have asked us to provide safety vests and cones
 - Motion to spend up to \$400 for bulbs to be planted in boulevard areas MSC
 - f. GWI – (Craig Elder)
 - Saanich would like to decommission the lower path in Gorge Park – Craig would prefer it to be repaired and has asked us to support this – after much debate Rob will contact Craig and craft a response
 - g. GTUF- Gabe – Garden Tour September 21
 - h. Gorge Tillicum Community Table – Gabe
 - Belle Leon has created an art poster – Rob to send Report and Map electronically
3. Parks
 - a. Gorge Park cleanup is this Saturday at 9 – Christine to contact Starbucks

- b. Community Gardens – Gabe
 - there is an opposition group – much support at the Picnic – Transitional Garden Committee is working hard – 10 member
 - possibility of a rain garden – local preference not allowed under Saanich bylaws – there will be a washroom on site
 - Council Committee of the Whole on either October 7, 21 or 28
 - should meet with GTCA Executive asap

- 4. Music in the Park – 200-300 attendees

- 5. Swim Fest Debrief
 - not much interest from GTCA this year – Rob has informed swim fest folks that we won't be participating next year

- 6. Canada Day Picnic – Harry
 - if Gorge on Art participates in future we may need a GTCA coordinator
 - a. Can Day Website – Christine/Marcus
 - launched the end of May – 5000 visits, 1600 on July 1, 40% through the website

- 7. Developments-
 - a. Craigflower Bridge- Rob –delayed until March due to welder shortage
 - there is a \$30,000 budget for art that will be administered through a jury
 - b. Craigflower School House Property- Harry, Rob
 - Request for Expression of Interest – we are not interested in managing the property but are very interested in working with whoever is – other interested groups have welcomed this
 - c. Tillicum/HWY, Lasik- Rob – passed at Council
 - d. Silver City Paint- Rob – turned down at Council
 - e. Saanich Senior's Living- Rob – lengthy process approved and will go to public hearing, likely in October
 - f. EY Properties, progress thus far... - Rob – already renting – achieved Green Build Platinum rating

- 8. Communications –
 - a. Newsletter –Christine to edit Fall issue, Vera to do layout – deadline for submissions is Oct. 7 – theme to be “changes” –profile on Donald St. Market –Olivia –Library article, Gabe – Lights on Gorge, Rob –picnic in Presidents report, Harry- something on John Hoole and Karen Larabee, Katherine – upcoming events
 - b. Facebook – now up to 276 ‘likes’ (followers)
 - c. GTCA Bulletin Board- Sign is up and paid for!
 - d. Twitter Account, update- Christine/Marcus -58 followers

9. Boulevard Tree Planting Project from Jane's Walk- Scott
 - we're encouraged to proceed and bring requests to Saanich –Marcus to send survey to Scott with 22 requests –can we add a flyer to the newsletter for next year?
 - Corey Manton wants feedback on draft tree bylaw

 10. Business Improvement
 - how do we engage the business community?
 - Wendy – perhaps a focus group
 - Vera – this will be a challenge due to the mall
 - Harry – perhaps something less formal and geared to smaller businesses
 - Rob, Wendy and Vera to liaise on this

 11. Natural play space at Pearkes
 - we agree to support this

 12. Next Board meeting – Oct. 3rd, 2013
- Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.