



Board Meeting Minutes  
Pearkes Recreation Centre, 7:00 P.M., January 9, 2014

Attendance: Rob Wickson, Arden Little, Scott Karpes, Vincent Gornall, Vera Wynn-Williams, Chris Kask, Christine Fedoruk, Wendy Farwell, Harry Lewis  
Guests: Dorothy Chambers, Julian Anderson

1. Adoption of Agenda/ Nov, 2013 minutes msc
2. PCC – Julian Anderson – the Provincial Capital Commission is being folded up and the land by Cuthbert Holmes Park is leased to Saanich until 2086 – Julian would like to see it transferred to Saanich – Julian and Rob will work on a letter to the Mayor, Parks and the Provincial Government
3. Reports
  - a. Finance – Chris – review 2013 financial statements msc  
-GST return is filed, budgets prepared and most grant applications ready to be sent – Vera and Dorothy to work on a design for a sign for the fish fence to be presented to Saanich
  - b. Membership – Christine – membership is down – 2014 renewals starting to come in – emails to be sent out this month – propose and insert in the February newsletter along with a survey to see what members are looking for – discussion about getting a list of area businesses and approaching them – support for producing business cards – discussion about setting up information tables in various locations – those interested in sitting on membership committee should email Christine
  - c. SCAN/Council – Rob – Presentation from UVIC’s Community Partnership Liason, Jen Kyffin, about how UVIC can work with communities  
- Public Participation Workshop on May 24
  - d. West Gorge Transportation Committee – debrief with Rob, Vincent, Pam and other players should be held
  - e. GWI – (Craig Elder)- no report
  - f. GTUF- Gabe – seedy Sunday on January 19
  - g. G.T. Community Table, ‘Lights on the Gorge’ – Gabe— a success although numbers down due to cold weather
  - h. Community Gardens – Gabe – Public Meetings coming up – groundbreaking in April with a Harvest festival in the fall – 50 people on list for garden plots
  - i. Land Use Committee – Rob –met for the first time in December – attended planning department meeting with 5 members – public hearing for Saanich Senior Living on January 14 – general consensus that our position letters on developments should be put on the website
  - j. Next cleanup in Gorge Park- discussion about coordinator for the Earth Day cleanup on April 26

#### 4. Projects

- a. Craigflower Bridge – Rob/Harry met with Jim Hemstock today – coming along quickly but merchants are suffering – soft opening early May and official celebration on June 22
- b. Gorge Road – will be in flux for the next year with more construction
- c. Art – benches and stamped sidewalks with some interpretive signs – budget at \$30,000

#### 5. Communications –

- a. Newsletter, next issue –Christine – deadline in January 30 – bridge as the theme? –should talk to Jim Hemstock
- b. Facebook/ web site/twitter-no report
- c. How do we communicate with members and community? – Wendy- a topic for a retreat

#### 6. Workshop/retreat – Rob – consensus to hold one in the fall

#### 7. AGM 2013/14 – April 10 – we should think about a theme

#### 8. Next Board meeting – February 6, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 8:53