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GTCA Board Meeting Minutes - 12 November 2020

Zoom meeting

Present: Gabe, Vera, Chris K, Chis B, Phil, Paul, Arden, Irena, Erica, Katherine, Pam, Scott
Regrets: Russ, Edward, Larry, Sharifa

Board Operations

1. Governance

- a) Agenda review -- Adoption
 - a. moved: Vera second Phil
- b) Minutes from the previous meeting Approval
 - a. moved: Arden second Vera
- c) Processing of memberships, donors, volunteers: see document sent out by Gabe.
 - a. Memberships can be obtained at any time of year. Any changes in this process would have to go to an AGM as it involves bylaw change.
 - b. Membership and other lists are currently used and shared by the president, and the membership and communications coordinators. Action: Coordinators and the president will identify conflicts as they arise.
- d) Cloud storage: storage of documents
 - a. Issue: documents, photos, working files currently not accessible for edits by multiple people unless by email. This is cumbersome and there is the potential for losing information. Google and Microsoft both have file drive servers where all the electronic files could be saved for access by designated users.
 - b. Action: In the New Year, Chris K and Vera will examine the potential use of Google or Microsoft platforms where electronic files could be saved and shared by designated users.
- e) GTCA Board position/vision
 - a. Issue: The GTCA has a defined purpose and vision that guides its actions in relation to other groups and the District of Saanich.
 - b. Action: The board would be proactive in support of its purpose and vision, initiating actions and expressing its position on proposals and projects (developments and others) brought before the board.
- f) Action planning: see Ideas and Priorities for Future GTCA activities document:
 - a. Action: all board directors/working group chairs have a look at the document and bring forward in their groups.

2. Finances - See GTCA Financial Statements as at October 31, 2020. Otherwise no report. Move to Accept Report: Phil, Second Chris B

3. Members - currently: 116 individuals, 1 business. These numbers are low but expected without the Canada Day Picnic and AGM to promote membership and renewal

4. Communication & Conversation

- a) Website: no report. Vera to make some updates and communicate to board
- b) Newsletter: next issue planned for before Christmas
- c) GTCA Contact List : moved from using Mail Chimp to gorgetillicum@gmail.com

5. Buildings (Developments and other building uses)

a) Development Applications -

- a. bingo hall: developer presented at Advisory Design Panel in Oct. which was well received. Project is moving forward
- b. Gorge at Tillicum: went to council early Oct. Issue of tree removal at Arnot and Tillicum not resolved. Public hearing recommended but not set yet. Color has been changed to grey/brown tones with blue highlights.
- c. 630, 992 Gorge Road Abstract developments: awaiting meeting with developer regarding considered changes

b) Buildings Working Group - report: group hasn't met recently. Work will be affected by outcomes of Saanich Housing Strategy Task Force

c) Saanich Housing Strategy Task Force - Vera is a member at large; Chair is Councilor Zac DeVries. Goal is to speed up the housing proposal process to meet the housing needs of Saanich citizens. Discussions at this group include:

- a. planning process and identification of competing plans e.g. LAPs, OCP
- b. creating processes to mitigate barriers to development. Possibilities include:
 - i. create a housing czar
 - ii. one stop applications desk
 - iii. create points program to assess development proposals
 - iv. changing zoning practices in Saanich

6. Mobility and Transportation

a) Mobility & Transportation Working Group - (Phil): Phil has contacted Saanich to discuss changing philosophy of road design to reflect needs of the community as well as the through traffic. Priorities for this group are Tillicum Road, Gorge Road and Burnside Road. Change transportation infrastructure to attract appropriate development.

7. Community Connections

a) Community Connections Working Group - New Group: Gabe is chair. Laurie Jones has joined.

8. Art, Culture & Celebration

a) Arts, Culture & Celebration Working Group - Arden - 2 potential areas for murals.

- a. Cycle shop on Burnside/Wascana
- b. Les Passmore (wall facing onto Tillicum)

b) Lights On The Gorge revisited - Dec 20, 2020(Chris B): see proposal sent for adapted LOG to mark solstice. Chris requested approval from the board to adapt the event this year with respect for the pandemic. Approval given by all members of board for this event. (Note: Subsequent decision not to proceed with LOTG in light of jump in COVID cases.)

9. Natural Environment (Green spaces & waterways)

a) Green & Blue Working Group - meeting in the next 3 weeks with goals to review ideas and priorities documents and to find new members.

b) Walter Park: Paul asked for support from board to ask Saanich to consider purchasing property adjacent to the park. Action: Pam and Gabe will collaborate on a letter to Saanich Parks to propose their purchase of the property.

10. GTCA Community Projects

a) Boulevard Brigades - one more weeding/pruning session to occur in next 2 weeks prior to mulch and winter shutdown.

b) Gorge Park Community Gardens - see minutes from AGM

- a. some beds need replacements
- b. group formed to transition the community garden away from GTCA to an independent organization

11. The Existence Project (Chris B)

- a. Proposal: to co-sponsor and advertise a session for GT Community to provide education and dialogue regarding homeless/housing situation in Saanich
- b. Motion Paul, second Arden all in favor with 2 abstentions
- c. Action: Chris will talk with the Existence Project and setup a session.

Other Reports & Updates

12. Saanich Community Association Network (SCAN) : no report

13. Saanich council & staff: no report

Move to adjourn: Arden Second Phil all in favor