



Community Association

Board Meeting Agenda

Pearkes Recreation Centre, 7:00 P.M., October 3, 2013

Attendance: Gabe Epstein, Wendy Farwell, Christine Fedoruk, Vincent Gornall, Scott Karpes, Chris Kask, Pam Loadman, Rob Wickson

Guests: Marcus Fedoruk; Allison Keller, John Kuharchuk and Doug Regelous (Saanich Senior Living Inc.)

1. Guests Doug Regelous, John Kuharchuk and Allison Keller updated the board on the Saanich Senior Living seniors care facility proposed for 994 and 998 Gorge Road West. A scale model of the development was reviewed. If the development passes public hearing, the target for start of construction would be the end of the first quarter in 2014. Once construction is underway, the proponents anticipate 20 months to occupancy permit. BayBridge Seniors Housing has been selected as the operating partner.

The 144-unit, primarily independent living facility will house 19 or more assisted living units accommodating some memory care. The design affords 57 parking spots, intended to accommodate staff, residents and visitors. The complex will employ approximately 35 FTEs. A discussion ensued on potential impact of staff parking requirements on the surrounding neighbourhood. The developers indicated that staff would be instructed not to park on neighbourhood streets and noted that the facility would be well serviced by public transit. The facility includes 18 secured bike-parking stalls.

There is consideration of a coffee shop at the corner, and there has been an expression of interest. The proponents will seek input from the community on ways to incorporate Brookman's as a historic theme.

The question was raised of more extensive ground-level mixed use. This was not selected due to land values and site location, which it was felt would not generate high volumes of street traffic to frequent shops and services.

2. Wendy Farwell was unanimously elected to the board as general director. (M=Rob, S=Gabe)
3. Adoption of agenda as amended (M=Christine, S=Gabe); September 2013 minutes approved (M=Scott, S=Wendy).
4. Reports
 - a. Finance – Chris reported not much change.
 - b. Membership – Christine reported membership holding steady, with three new memberships since last meeting.

- c. SCAN/Council (Healthy Saanich Community Workshop) – Rob will confirm the upcoming community workshop date for the board; it will feature our own Dr. Trevor Hancock as keynote speaker.
- d. West Gorge Transportation Committee – Pam – no formal update.
- e. GWI – (Craig Elder) – no formal update.
- f. GTUF- Gabe – GTUF has had its first meeting and are in full-on planning mode with the Community Garden proposal.
- g. Gorge Tillicum Community Table, “Lights on the Gorge” event – Gabe – LOTG will locate near the Canoe and Kayak Club this year. Lead-up events again will include a lantern pre-workshop at the Library and a parade on the day. The proposed date is December 8.

5. Parks

- a. Community Garden, (Exec. Meeting results etc.) – Gabe – The Community Garden project received unanimous support at Healthy Saanich; the council date is not yet announced. Gabe briefly reviewed the governance discussion from the recent GTCA executive meeting on the subject and confirmed that governance work is underway.
- b. Fish Fence at Cuthbert Holmes Park – Rob – The fish fence behind Montana’s and Kelsey’s that tracks returns is not yet being used. Due to heavy rains earlier in the season, fish already are returning. As there is some urgency, efforts are underway to establish appropriate protocols and organizational authority to operate the count.
- c. The board met in camera from 8:13 p.m. to 8:22 p.m.

6. Developments

- a. Craigflower Bridge, Art on the Bridge – Rob – The Saanich staff report is going forward and identifies funds. It may be reviewed as early as October 8th. The board will indicate its general willingness invest in the community by supporting community art. A new location suitable for an art piece may have been identified.

7. Communications

- a. Newsletter – Christine – The board briefly discussed ideas for the front cover of the upcoming newsletter as well as general additions to the editorial lineup. As part of the theme of “changes,” Rob feels a nod to ongoing construction (and associated disruption) within the community would be appropriate.
- b. Facebook – now up to 280 ‘likes’ (followers) – Board members are encouraged to post as individuals (rather than as the GTCA/admin account) when commenting on GTCA Facebook content.

- 8. Boulevard Tree Planting Project – Pam and Scott provided an overview of ongoing developments in the tree-planting project. Cory Nanton has provided an update on planting timelines, which will run into 2015. There is heavy emphasis on volunteer community involvement in this project. The expectation is that neighbourhood champions will secure properties appropriate for planting and applications for trees from neighbours. The board discussed possible next steps, including e-mailing those who’ve responded to the survey. Advocates might be invited to attend the walk with Cory to learn how to identify properties appropriate for tree planting. The board agreed to start with flyer distribution.

9. UBCM Resolution – Rob – The UBCM resolution to reduce the default speed limit provincewide to 40 km/h was defeated. The vote divided primarily along urban/rural lines, and there remains strong desire to discuss the idea. The ministry has asked for the speed limit to be reviewed.

10. Pedestrian Implementation Plan – Rob will ask Mike to talk to the board.

11. Additions to the Agenda:

- a. Craigflower Schoolhouse – Rob – In reply to our letter, Heritage B.C. has sent us a letter indicating they will keep us informed of the process. We also have received a phone call from Jim Maxwell wondering if there is any way they can work with us. The Highland Games is not interested in maintaining the garden; they are concerned about maintenance costs. The board reaffirmed its position that we want to be part of any development of the schoolhouse and want to make it community based, but we do not want to manage it.
- b. Superfluous garbage cans contest idea – Wendy – Wendy proposes a contest, challenging people to propose creative ideas for repurposing household garbage cans that will be replaced when Saanich implements its new household waste and composting program. Saanich is favourable to the idea. There is a desire to get the contest word out early and communicate it before the swap-out occurs.

12. Next Board meeting – Nov. 7th, 2013

13. The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.