

GTCA Board Meeting, March 1, 2012, 7pm

Present: Rob, Harry, John, Chris, Gabe, Scott... (That was all, so many away tonight!)

Guest: Gary Hurl (Music in the Park)

1. Adoption of the agenda: adopted. (minor additions, see below.)
7. Music in the Park: (skipped ahead to #7 to allow Gary to avoid the whole meeting...) Rudd Park, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012, 6pm to 8pm, setup at about 4pm, the usual routine...Mr. Tube Steak, Ice Cream, Silk Road Tea, Block Watch, Fire Dept to attend. Artist to be announced.... (Rusty and the Roosters?)
2. a. Finance: (Chris) Operating Grant/membership donations, up about 1000, and about 1000 paid so far toward Gorge Park sign. New advertising money from newsletter, (Randall Garison ad) See separate finance report for full details.  
b. Membership: (John) Still early in the year, 38 paid members so far. Some talk of encouraging more members to pay, (a membership card with some built-in reward for example.)  
c. SCAN: (Rob) Draft of Strategic Plan, Rob asking for clause with a Public Participation Policy. Review of Traffic Safety, speed limits and car speed a concern throughout Saanich.  
d. GWI (Warren away) No new GWI input on the bridge. Looking to increase herring spawn with landscape fabric on/near piers.  
e. Healthy Saanich (Warren away)  
f. CARS (Pam away)
3. Public Art: (Harry) Art on Craigflower Bridge. Saanich has a Public Art Policy, 1% of expenditures on major developments to go to public art, (Bridge is 10.8 million but...some details to work out as to who is spending what and how that applies to this particular policy.) Harry has been in discussion with Saanich, waiting to hear back from 'Head Planner.' Some question as to whether Saanich will allow art on the bridge. Ideas for art? Also brought us to wonder if this policy was properly adhered to during/after the construction of the Colquitz/Admirals bridge? (Harry?)
4. Communications: (Norma away) Some discussion as to making an executive position for 'Communications Director'. The Website: It was decided (for the last time!) that we will pay our webhost to transfer content from the old website and get the new one up and running.

5. Transportation: Craigflower Bridge. Still planning to start work in June. Design option chosen.

6. Parks:

a. Gorge Park Sign, (Ray away) Harry: 1 sign is costing about \$3000, still working out details of payments to Saanich for their part, (Harry/Chris) Sign to come in spring!

b. Cuthbert Holmes Park: Becky (Parks) wants to have small meeting, daytime sometime, Rob setting up meeting.

c. Colquitz River: Another oil spill, 630 liters from home near Vanalman, caused by machinery cut oil line from tank. Rob to write piece for Saanich News, hoping to see some change in regulation on oil tanks.

8. Development:

a. (Gabe) On Orillia St in 3000 block, another large single family dwelling, takes up nearly the whole lot with house, studio building (not to mention driveway,) similar to other house 2 doors down. (Concerns over size, impermeable surfaces) Scott checked with Saanich as to proper regulation/inspection of size/property lines etc.

b. Earl Grey at corner of Gorge Rd, planned development, Eric Barker (Architect) wants to set up meeting. (Rob)

c. RioCan, Stuart Craig sent message, still looking for suitable partner for residential tower. Will be in town in spring, meet with Rob.

9. AGM, Thursday March 29, 2012, Guest Speakers (Bob Bridgeman can't come.) Dorothy, Karen working on some details. No advertisement, email and Facebook only. Food, Gabe will be away, has arranged with Rhona to do this.

10. Jane's Walk: (Jane Jacobs) (Harry) Set for Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am, meet at Perkes, Lam room. Plan to meet, go for walks in groups (West/East sides, north of Burnside?) Arden, Harry to lead walks. A study in 'Walkability' and how to improve our neighbourhood. Plan for a limited number and preregister. More info on Janes Walk website.

11. Community Matching Grants: (Harry) 500 for Jane's Walk, 1500 for another sign for Gorge Park.

a. MAPS and ZAPS, (Harry) Harry met with Lisa Helps, (Victoria City Councilor) and she talked about the importance of stipulating MAPS ('Major Action Projects,') planning to spend money/time for them but also to have ZAPS ('Zippy Action Projects') which are quickly accomplished, immediately rewarding projects with tangible results that people can 'see'. (Such as our Gorge Park cleanups or pole-painting art projects.)

12. Burnside Gorge Community Assoc meeting. (Scott/Rob) We met with the BGCA Feb 21/12 (Tracey James, John Sanders, Lesley Valour, Gary Macdougall, Vickie Jackson. Initial reason behind meeting was to look at coping with street prostitution on Gorge Rd. It seemed that they hadn't come to any consensus on this issue either. (So we moved on...) Discussed their community plan (hasn't been updated since late 1990's) They were interested in our Design Charrette. They hope to see the Douglas St Corridor/ LRT move forward, would like to have Gorge Road 'down graded' if/when this happens. Interest in cleaning up Gorge Waterway, Gorge Swimming Festival ideas we've discussed. Hotel operators on Gorge road calling the area 'Upper Harbour'. They would like to connect their directors with ours (via email) where overlapping concerns or initiatives. Also some talk of having one of us attend their board meetings or visa-versa.

13. Can Day Picnic (Harry) Meeting this Saturday, 4pm at Harry's.  
Looking for more volunteers....  
Meeting finished 9pm.