

GTCA Board meeting

January 6, 2011

Attending - Rob, Ray, Julia, Chris, Virginia, Scott, Sue, Trevor, Katherine

Arden is sick.

1) Presentation from Steve Sexsmith regarding redevelopment at 950 Arundel Drive. Several neighbours of the redevelopment also in attendance.

Initial planning for redevelopment started December 2009. Home is currently a duplex and zoned R2. Owner wants to build new duplex and get strata titles. According to Sexsmith and his architect (also present) all zoning requirements have been met. Some concerns raised by neighbours.

2) Adoption of Agenda/November 4, 2010 minutes. Approved.

3) Reports

a) Finance - final (?) 2010 statements sent to board members. Gaming revenue and insurance moneys utilized in statements. A couple of the food vendors have still not paid from July 1 picnic. Some advertisers have also not yet paid. New statements have more detail, more line items. Chris will ask all advertisers and vendors to send cheques to the PO address. Previous method of collecting cheques has led to stale-dated cheque. All cheques going to the PO box will alleviate this problem. Most of the increase in expenses shown in the statements was caused by the retreat and conference which were not budgeted for.

Chris will be applying for GST rebates from 2007-2010. Has already filed for rebate of 2006 GST.

Budget discussion moved to March meeting.

b) Membership - starting new membership drive.

c) SCAN - Rob reporting - Saanich Strategic Plan 2011-2015 is still available for feedback online. Megson Fitzpatrick was at last SCAN meeting. Insurance rates will stay the same. Most of the insurance for the picnic is reimbursed by Saanich.

d) Council- nothing to report

4) a) Newsletter - deadline for submissions Feb 15. Need to advertise AGM. Karen will not be at next GTCA meeting. Discussion regarding typo in Pearkes ad in the last newsletter. Pearkes wants to approve their ad, but because of very tight timing, this is not possible. Perhaps giving Pearkes a time limit to respond would be a workable solution.

Rob recommended the newsletter committee meets soon.

Newsletter can be built around the theme for the AGM - Sustainability.

b) Website - Brian and Chris met with volunteer who responded to the request for volunteer in last newsletter. This volunteer is experienced with website design. Suggest Word Press. Had already done up a mock-up website for the meeting. He thinks we can 'go live' before the AGM.

Chris researched PayPal for subscription/membership. Will cost us \$.40 per member. Can link to Facebook and Twitter.

Chris will look into setting up GTCA as group on Facebook. Can attract new members with this platform. Chris will keep group updated.

c) Community bulletin board(s) hope to have pictures in next newsletter.

5) Transportation

a) Admirals Road update - Rob attended CRD meeting. GTCA letter to CRD re Admirals was used as starting point for a lot of the discussion at the meeting. Rob received phone call from Mayor Leonard to confirm there will be no changes to the Saanich OCP. Very positive result.

b) Gorge Road - nothing to report.

6) Gorge Park Visioning Exercise/Workshop for January 22, 2011

Meeting on Jan 9 a.m. to 'beat out last details' of visioning exercise/workshop. Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club has been invited to workshop. Jody Watson and Kitty Lloyd (GWI) also invited. Other names suggested as well as sending notice to all GTCA members.

7) Cuthbert Holmes

GTCA is not advocating for or against any particular position in the park. Individuals on GTCA board can comment as private citizens. The role of GTCA is to get people out to the public consultation process. Animated discussion of our role, how/if to connect with

Saanich about the process. It was decided to allow the process to continue as defined by Saanich.

8) Development updates

EY Properties are trying to get their redevelopment plans to public hearing.

Cheltenham Court redevelopment involved in process to change development/plan. Still negotiating.

Properties at corner of Albina and Maddock (3 properties) now for sale.

9) Affordable Housing Project - Rob is still working on it - trying to find speaker.

10) AGM planning. No date yet. Next meeting.

11) Next meeting February 3, 2011.

Adjourned 9.25 pm