

Community Association

Board Meeting Minutes Pearkes Recreation Centre, **7:00 P.M**., Thursday, Nov. 6, 2014

- Adoption of Agenda October 2014 minutes Minutes adopted.
- 2. Reports
 - a. Finance Chris

Finances look different because of the Community Gardens. Currently the GTCA is about \$4,000 down. The Community Garden fund is growing and the deficit will be repaid through incoming grants. Repayment may take up to a year to repay. \$2000 will be a gift to the gardens from the GTCA.

- b. Membership Christine No report.
- c. SCAN/Council Rob No report.
- d. West Gorge Transportation Committee Pam Waiting for Saanich to fill vacancy.
- e. GWI (Craig Elder) No report.
- f. Land Use Committee/Developments Wendy

Senior Living – It is taking time to officially amalgamate the properties and measure the tanks that were at the old gas station site. They will start digging. The old store will be taken away and brought back.

Dysart House – The owner of the house was donated to Saanich for the purposes for a natural garden in 1996 with a life tenancy for herself and the nephew. The owner passed away and the nephew has not taken care of property. If Saanich does not turn it into a natural property then the property will go to the United Church. Saanich will advise the GTCA when they start looking at this project.

g. GTUF- Wendy

A survey was done with the members and 66 people responded. The response was very positive and a workshop is planned for February.

- h. G.T. Community Table No report.
- 3. Parks
 - a. Community Garden Rob/Wendy

The shed is in place and the coordination is all looking good. Planting has started and they are starting to sign people for membership.

They have about 100 people on the waiting list for about 66 allotments. No preference can be given to local people or people who don't have their own garden space.

The Community Garden Committee would like to do a thank you event on Nov. 29 and require proof of insurance. The invitation list is about 100 people. Was meant to be an informal event but there are many logistics. GTCA can cover the cost of the room.

4. Communications

a. Newsletter –Vera/Christine
 Newsletter is done and is being delivered over the next week.

b. Websites/Social Media – Marcus No report

5. Board Retreat Planning – Rob

Being planned for the period after the AGM.

6. Lights of the Gorge – Rob

Hoping to get into the Canoe and Kayak this year. Trevor, Harry and Chris Bos are meeting Saturday morning.

7. Fish Fence Signage – Vera

Project is slowly moving forward. Vera has just met with the sign shop to go over logistics. Will hopefully be done over the next few months.

8. Bridge Art Project – Rob

A group met with Jane Evans (planner in charge) in to discuss potential locations.

9. Tillicum Street Banners – Vera

Vera will continue to speak to Riocan about the banners. Meanwhile Vera will speak to Saanich about removing banners as they are starting fade and will soon be damaged due to weather.

10. Canada Post Boxes - Rob

Canada Post has sent out a survey. Need to get more information and future conversations are coming.

11. Tillicum School Boulevards – Scott

a. HASTe - (http://www.hastebc.org) or Hub for Active School Travel.

The group does a great presentation to groups about alternatives for getting their kids to school.

12. Board Christmas Party and GTCA volunteers

Rob and Chris will host the board and volunteers for a Christmas. Thursday, December 4th. Invitation for the board. Food & drinks.