



GTCA Board Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2024
Thursday 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Saanich Neighbourhood Place

Present: Phil, Arden, Brandon, Mauricio, Meaghan, Paul, Richard, Chris K., Chris B. Jennifer, Reb, Xi, Jennifer, Nicole

Regrets: Katherine, Vera, Scott

Visitors: Kate Marr-Verge, Aarmin Purewal, Kristina Winter

Presentation by Kate and Aarmin from the Albina Supportive Housing project

- been a positive experience
- purpose built facility is much more secure than other projects
- at full capacity – focus on recovery
- don't do outreach but refer to 919 Pandora
- Umbrella society is present 5 days a week
- hoping to do more community involved events as weather improves

1. Meetings

- a. Agenda review – Paul/Gabe mc
- b. Approval of the October and November Minutes –Paul/Gabe mc

2. Communications

- a. Newsletter – want to streamline the process with input from Michael? –Chris K. has put together a delivery document – much initial interest from potential extra delivery people – phase 2 will be contacting area captains to confirm numbers
- b. Website – working on upgrading it – all info should go through Brandon and Vera
- c. AGM – week of April 22nd, perhaps the 23rd – Brandon to investigate location, preferably free – Arden to contact Dennis Minaker

3. Finance Report -

Loss of \$6,678 for 2024 – discussion re increasing revenues - Paul/Meaghan mc

4. Working Groups

Art, Culture & Celebration Working Group

- a. discussion re Meadow Park project difficulties – perhaps more of a focus on privately owned properties for murals

- b. Fairy Door Festival May 1-15 – Anthem has been supportive
- c. Membership BBQ – incentive to increase membership – add newsletter delivery folks and other volunteers – Late August, possibly the 24th
- d. Music in the Park – August 20 – discussion re style of music – Chris K. to book food truck

Food Resilience Group – Gabe

Project to send surplus food to various organizations, not through Board –group currently dormant

Land Use

- a. Bingo Mall waiting for Prov. Regulations and OCP to be finalized – hoping for more height
- b. Tillicum School PAC would like to attend next board meeting to discuss grant application for landscaping – cost to be covered by Saanich, perhaps \$30,000
- c. OCP update – new DPA guidelines – info from SCAN 680 Gorge road to break ground in April, 2026 completion target
- d. 920 Gorge road stuck at Saanich
- e. Much discussion re complaints about increased traffic on Cowper and west Obed
- f. Board agrees to support SCAN asking for an inflation increase in CA grants

Adjourned: 8:50 Gabe/Chris B. mc