

GORGE TILLICUM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MINUTES

February 4, 2010

Attendance: Rob Wickson, Harry Lewis, Gabe Epstein, Scott Karpes, Karen Laberee, Ray Farmer, Arden Little, Katherine Brandt

Guest: Brian Menzies

1. Minutes and Agenda adopted

2. Reports

a. Finance

i. \$17,491.19 in main account

976.99 in gaming account

- we should check the criteria for spending this money

- income statement will go to Saanich

ii. Community matching grants – Feb. 28 deadline

- native plants for Cuthbert Holmes park being handles by Julian Anderson and Saanich

- last years grant needs to be spent

iii. Budgeting – Rob will prepare the picnic budget

- small exec. group will get together to do this

- discussion about convening a "visioning, charette-like" discussion on Gorge Road between Tillicum and Harriet –use money for facilitator, room rental (perhaps we could use the "party" room at Cedar Shores)- Harry will develop

- we need to look at the area north of Burnside in the future

- we can apply for more than one community grant as long as the total is under \$2000

b. Membership – 64

c. SCAN- no report and no representative

d. Saanich Council – no report

e. Letters have been sent in support of the EY and Whittier developments and one is in the works supporting bike lanes on Gorge Road

3. Retreat

a. Brian Menzies – realize how successful the GTCA is – need for more volunteers to be dealt with by ad hoc committee –transportation is a major issue – Brian suggests that we “retreat” more often

b. Rob – should we have retreat priorities and action points as an agenda item each month as a means of checking in or should we have committees reporting back

- Review of priorities and Goals

i. Communication – ongoing

ii. Community Engagement – ongoing – needs work

iii. Budgeting/Organization – to be done

iv. Transportation – no need for specific committee – Sue is interested in bringing forward issues in her area

v. Arts, Culture and Heritage – needs to be fleshed out – Scott/Gabe

vi. Parks and green Spaces – ongoing

4. Communications

a. Newsletter

-retreat and renewal for front page

-full green pages with focus on Cuthbert Holmes 20th anniversary

-Scott to do an article on the Sculpture

-Sue – transportation issues north of Burnside

-retreat photos for front page

-Julian Anderson is the Local Hero

-Katherine will send coming events to Harry for Website

b. Website – no report

c. GTEL – see Gabe’s attachment

d. Community Bulletin Board

- to be controlled by GTCA – Scott/Ray

5. AGM Planning

-Gardom room is booked for April 15 – GTUF will provide food

-Cuthbert Holmes to be the focus – Julian Anderson, Saanich Parks, Angela Wyatt (photographer),

-perhaps we can use the AGM as a springboard to some event in Cuthbert Holmes – walkabout to be followed by a brainstorming session

-Rob proposes that we update our banners to improve our branding

6. Earth Day – April 24

-Scott indicated that this might be the day of the sculpture “unveiling” – perhaps we can tie the two together and “open” the sculpture in the afternoon

7. Garbage Services/Waste Management

-GTCA takes no position

8. Dance for Heart

-Riocan has radio ads

-tickets available at Pearkes front desk

-volunteers needed at 3 for decoration

9. Picnic – first meeting February 25 at Harry's

10. Music in the Park – we remain interested

11. EY Proposal

-Saanich staff not happy with parking variance – we'll let EY know that we continue to support their request for a parking variance

12. Secondary Suites – Saanich has put out survey results and map of densities

13. Cheltenham Court– a new plan is being developed – Rob and Karen had a positive meeting with the developer, Paul Merrick - will meet with us soon

14. St. Martin in the Field Church property

-Rob – can we think about a trust for buying this and keeping it a neighbourhood property? – will send a letter of concern to the Anglican Church

15. Austin Ave.

-Karen-Saanich owns homes next to Meadow Park and may be selling them – we will draft a letter asking that a walkway be installed before they're sold to provide more access to the park

16. Haiti

-Ray – as we donated \$1000 to the Tsunami relief we should do the same for the Haiti earthquake – agreed – Ray will investigate appropriate agencies

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