

SUSTAINABLE GABRIOLA – MEETING NOTES – JULY 28, 2019

Facilitator: Dyan Dunsmoor-Farley
19 people present

Notes: Nancy Hetherington Peirce

1. Dyan opened the meeting; people introduced themselves.
2. BC Community Bus – Fay Weller
 - a. In the spring, the Gabriola Community Bus Foundation organized a forum for several community bus organizations located on Gulf Islands. A main topic was the issue that these organizations do not currently receive funding from BC Transit system, which provides services for other rural areas in the province.
 - b. The forum decided to establish a coalition to lobby for funding from BC Transit. One next step is to meet with the minister of MOTI (Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure).
3. Gabriola Housing Society (GHS) – Nancy Hetherington Peirce
 - a. The Board continues to work on its plan to build a multi-dwelling affordable housing project of approximately 24 homes (average 900 sq ft), mainly for people with low incomes.
 - b. In May, GHS received its CRA registration as a charitable organization.
 - c. In May, GHS obtained a signed Purchase Contract on a property in the village area with the closing date in the next few months. All other details are confidential until closing.
 - d. In June GHS hired a development consultant, Ian Scott (located in Victoria) to manage the housing project over the next few years.
 - e. The GHS website will be launched in August.
4. “Gabe Talks” – Tobi Elliott, Steve Earle
 - a. This Sustainable Gabriola initiative to provide a format for discussing challenging topics, and to offer community meetings on various such topics, had its organizational community meeting on May 26. The coordinating group (Tobi Elliott, Steve Earle, April Vanini, and Dyan Dunsmoor-Farley) produced a summary of that meeting, named a “Charter” (document distributed with these notes).
 - b. The top priority topic from the May 26 meeting was climate change.
 - c. The first Gabe Talks meeting is planned for Sunday September 29 afternoon at the Community Hall; topic is climate change.
5. Vital Signs – Dyan Dunsmoor-Farley
 - a. This new initiative of the Gabriola Health & Wellness Collaborative is to collect data regarding the health and wellness of the Gabriola community (as is done in locations such as Nanaimo and Victoria), and to update it regularly. The purpose is to enable local organizations to access timely information about the health and wellness of the community (e.g. for grant applications) without having to generate it from scratch.
6. Community Land Trust – Steve Earle
 - a. A group has been working on establishing a community land trust on Gabriola: Steven Earle, Sibyl Frei, Laura-Jean Kelly, Burt Fiddler, and Megan Hall. They have recently developed a statement of purpose and the bylaws (**these documents are distributed with these notes for information**)
 - b. The bylaws propose that the Board would consist of five directors elected by the members plus five directors representing the following groups: Sustainable Gabriola, GaLLT, PHC, the Commons, and GHS.
7. Community School – Dyan Dunsmoor-Farley
 - a. A group consisting of Dyan, April Vanini, and Michelle McEwen is working to persuade the School Trustees of the Nanaimo -Ladysmith District to establish an ongoing demonstration

site for “land-based” education and “reconciliation” education. (An example of this educational perspective is Maple Ridge Eco-School.)

b. The group is planning to meet with School Trustees in mid-September.

8. Posting notes of Sustainable Gabriola meetings on the SG website

a. ACTION: Dyan to send notes of the Feb and March and April notes to Susan (?name) to post on the website

NEXT MEETING – Sunday, August 25 2019 – 3:00 to 4:30pm

FACILITATOR: Nancy Hetherington Peirce

NOTE-TAKER: Steve Earle

SG Facilitator Roster July 30, 2019

Nancy H-P

Tobi E (Mar 24/19)

Steve E

Fay W (Apr 28/19)

Bob M

Deb F (Jun 30/19)

Jan P

Dyan D-F (Jul 28/19)

Mary W

Judith R

Available if needed: Katharine Patterson & Richard Strachan

John P (Feb 24/19)

Meeting Guidelines

The SG way of doing things has evolved to the point where meetings are on the 4th, or if necessary, on the 5th, Sunday of the month from 3-4:30 pm at the Commons, with typically no meetings in Jul, Aug, and Dec.

The Facilitator

If unable to facilitate a particular meeting, arranges a swap with someone else on the roster. Otherwise:

- a) A week or so before the meeting: Compiles a list of known agenda items (eg – from previous meeting) and sends to those at last meeting plus known regulars, asking for additional agenda items.
- b) A few days before the meeting: Sends notice of meeting c/w known agenda items + call for more to Pat Tromp (info@SustainableGabriola.ca) who will send it to Sustainers and forward any related correspondence to the Facilitator. Pat Tromp now maintains the Sustainers List.
- c) Sometime before the meeting: Checks with each person with an agenda item how long they expect the discussion to take (for purposes of balancing the 1-1/2 hr meeting time) and reminding them their oratory should be kept to 5 minutes or less.
- d) Just before the meeting: Oversees arranging room and setting up any equipment (eg – flip-chart, paper, pens).
- e) At start of meeting: If there are newcomers, gives a brief overview of what SG is all about and how it works, followed by a round of introductions. Otherwise asks for additional agenda items - which will be addressed or not depending on priority. Makes sure someone is taking notes, and if not arranges for someone to do so.
- f) During meeting: Facilitates each discussion, making sure everyone who wants to has a chance to speak and/or ask questions, keeping in mind the meeting ends at 4:30.
- g) At end of meeting: Gives notice of next meeting, facilitator, and note-taker, thanks everyone for coming, checks note-taker knows what to do with minutes and makes sure any paperwork generated during the meeting goes to the right person(s).

The Note-taker

If unable to be so for a particular meeting, arranges a swap with someone else on the roster. Otherwise:

- a) Can provide refreshments or not at his/her option, and if so, makes sure everything is cleaned up after;
- b) During the meeting: Records who is present and takes notes;
- c) After the meeting: Tidies up notes and sends to those attending, asking for comments.
- d) When everyone seems ok: Sends minutes to Pat who will post them to the SG website.
- e) Makes a note to self that he/she will be facilitating the next meeting.

