



Ganges Village Area Planning Task Force Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 17, 2022

Location: Baptist Church, Lower Hall
520 Lower Ganges Road

Members Present: Bob MacKie
David Dunnison
Jenny McClean
Sebastian Moffatt
John Gauld
Jesse Brown

Regrets: None

Absent: None

Staff Present: Louisa Garbo, Island Planner (by phone)
Geordie Gordon, Planner 2
Rob Pingle, Recorder

Others Present: Peter Grove, Trustee
Lucas Ozols-Mongeau, Ahne Studio (by zoom)

These minutes follow the order of the agenda although the sequence may have varied.

Staff Garbo called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR/VICE CHAIR

Staff spoke to the APC bylaw and recommended that although a chair should be elected annually as new members may be joining shortly, recommendation is to wait until LTC made the appointments. It was also recommended that the agenda be amended to include discussion of the make up of the task force membership.

There was discussion about attendance.

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Ganges Village Area Planning Task Force have an election of the chairperson.

DEFEATED

Acting Chair McLean resumed duties as chair.

ADOPTED

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2. AGENDA

2.2 Approval of the Agenda

It was proposed that the agenda be amended to include:

5.3 Proposed Work plan

5.4 Review of 2007 Ganges Focus Group Report

5.5 Relationship with CRD technical working group

By general consent, the agenda was adopted as amended.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 Approval of Draft Minutes for December 16, 2021

It was requested that the attendance of members be moved from Absent to Regret and to change the previous minutes to state such. Staff explained that the two have separate meaning and the minutes from previous record cannot be changed.

Member Brown left the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the minutes of the December 16, 2021 Ganges Village Area Task Force meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

4.1 Ganges Village Planning Task Force Resolutions

The resolutions were received.

4.2 2022 Meeting Schedule

There was discussion about the timing of the meetings. There was discussion about the frequency of meetings each month. It was suggested that staff participation at meetings outside the work day would require consultation with the Regional Planning Manager. There was a suggestion that adding a second meeting per month would be beneficial after that

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Ganges Village Area Planning Task Force accept the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Ganges Village Area Planning Task Force ask staff to investigate the timing of meetings on the scheduled dates from 4-6pm.

CARRIED

4.3 Planning for Two-day Workshop with Ahne Studio

Lucas Ozols-Mongeau spoke to creating technical documents in advance and the details sought for the workshop. The first day was proposed for foundations to establish a vision for the village to then create a set of goals which will set design options. Staff could present constraints and opportunities. Day two was proposed to focus on landing ideas for the village, including a walking tour of the village as well as physical mapping around design concepts for the village. The day could be wrapped up with an invitation to the public at large or a review of the work by the task force.

It was suggested that a walk around should occur on the first day rather than the second. The people to participate in the workshop was discussed. It was suggested that more work needs to be accomplished in advance of the workshop to ensure that landing of the ideas happens within the time constraints. It was suggested that the members of the task force wouldn't need a walk around. It was suggested that inviting the community into the meeting was too early in the process. It was suggested that the focus should be on land use planning rather than design and form for the village. It was discussed that there would be a benefit to explore the four corners of the area within the plan.

There was discussion about the date of the workshop. Staff recommended it be held as soon as possible and referred to the upcoming community design charrette. It was discussed about including members of the Housing Action Program Task Force. The timing of new members joining the task force was discussed and how that impacts the meeting for the workshop.

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Ganges Village Area Planning Task Force schedule a two day workshop be held on Saturday March 26 and Sunday March 27 and have it organized around the remarks made in the meeting.

CARRIED

It was suggested that the workshop focus on transportation and housing issues as a larger discussion may be overwhelming. It was suggested that Ahne Studio is well positioned to create an agenda that could then be reviewed to create consensus on the focus of the workshop. The inclusion of First Nation consultation was discussed. There was discussion about the invitation of other groups to participate for some portion of the workshop. It was discussed that the inclusion of the engagement summary will be helpful to develop the vision.

By general consent, it was agreed that representatives from the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission and the Housing Action Program Task Force be invited to the workshop to discuss their opinions on the Ganges area plan.

It was suggested that land use is the area that Islands Trust has control and it should be the focus of the workshop. There was reference to the 2007 report as providing the key areas that Islands Trust can expect to have the most control over.

Lucas Ozols-Mongeau left the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Monthly updates to LTC through Chair

The item was not discussed due to a lack of time.

5.2 Instruction on maps printing

The item was not discussed due to a lack of time.

5.3 Proposed Work plan

The item was not discussed due to a lack of time.

5.4 Review of 2007 Ganges Focus Group Report

The item was not discussed due to a lack of time.

5.5 Relationship with CRD technical working group

The item was not discussed due to a lack of time.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Jenny McClean, Acting Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Rob Pingle, Recorder