



Ganges Village Area Planning Task Force Meeting Minutes

Date:	Thursday, March 17, 2022
Location:	Baptist Church, Lower Level Meeting Room 520 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island
Members Present:	Jenny McClean, Acting Chair David Dunnison John Gauld Bob MacKie Jennifer Maksymetz Robert Steinbach
Regrets:	Francine Carlin Martin Ogilvie
Absent:	Kathy Ramsey
Staff Present:	Louisa Garbo, Island Planner Geordie Gordon, Planner 2 Sarah Shugar, Recorder
Others Present:	Laura Patrick, Local Trustee

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

Chair McClean called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and acknowledged the meeting is being held in Coast Salish First Nations treaty and traditional territory. Chair McClean welcomed new members Jennifer Maksymetz and Robert Steinbach. Introductions were carried out. It was noted Sebastion Moffatt has resigned from the Task Force.

1. AGENDA

By general consent, the agenda was adopted.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 Approval of Draft Minutes for February 17, 2022

ADOPTED

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It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the minutes of the February 17, 2022 Ganges Village Area Task Force meeting were adopted.

CARRIED

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.1 Ganges Village Planning Task Force Resolutions

The Ganges Village Planning Task Force Resolutions document was received.

3.2 2007 Report vs. new Area Plan policies

Planner Garbo presented the draft Ganges (Shiya’hwt/SYOW T) Village Area Plan 2023-2050 document for discussion.

In discussion the following items were noted:

- There was a comment that approximately 10% of action items identified in the 2007 OCP review have been implemented;
- There was a comment that it is important to focus on actions items that are practical and in scope. It is also important to remember the “in cooperation with” language in the Islands Trust mandate;
- There was discussion regarding the Part 2: Objectives and Policies section:
 - There was a suggestion to not spend much time on urban design as it is covered within Development Permit Area guidelines;
 - There was a suggestion that “Health and Food Security” should not be included as a Chapter;
 - There was a comment that health includes health facility infrastructure and also that housing is related to health;
 - There was a suggestion to replace the “Health and Food Security” Chapter heading with “Arts and Culture”;
 - There was a suggestion that arts and culture should be it’s own chapter as it includes climate change, tourism, education, economics, housing.
 - A member reported she submitted a document entitled “Arts Intrinsic Role in Insuring Healthy, Resilient and Environmentally Safe Communities” to the consultant. She will email the document to staff to be circulated to members;
 - There was a suggestion to add “institution” to Chapter 1 – Land Use;
 - There was a suggestion to leave “arts and culture” in Chapter 1 – Land Use;
 - There was a question whether the Objectives and Policies section should be finalized prior to the workshop. Planner Garbo advised there would be time at the workshop to discuss and finalize the Objectives and Policies section.

3.3 Planning for the Two-day Workshop

Planner Garbo reported all project background documents would be circulated to new members prior to the workshop. Member Maksymetz and Member Steinbach cannot

attend the workshop. The Agenda – Task Force Workshop - Ganges (Shiya’hwt/SYOW T) Village Area Plan – March 26-27, 2022 was presented. The workshop will be held at the Salt Spring Island Public Library.

In discussion the following items were noted:

- There was a suggestion to not include an icebreaker activity;
- Each member should review the draft vision statement and elements of the village area plan prior to the workshop;
- There was a suggestion to schedule less time for discussion with the Housing Task Force and Transportation Commission liaisons to have more time on the Land Use and Area Plan exercise. Planner Garbo suggested that the liaisons attend by Zoom and be prepared with comments specific to Ganges plan;
- There was a question regarding why the Housing Task Force and Transportation Commission representatives were invited only. It was noted that housing and transportation were identified as priorities;
- There was a suggestion to have separate meetings with specific groups to dive into a topic;
- Trustee Patrick reported the LTC has requested the Housing Task Force and the Ganges Village Task Force to meet to discuss common issues;
- A list of elements of the village area plan will be finalized at the workshop and the Task Force will schedule a timeline to invite Topic Area liaisons to future meetings.

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Ganges Village Area Planning Task Force request staff to amend the workshop schedule as follows: remove the discussion with the Topic Area Liaisons to have more time to discuss the Land Use and Area Plan.

CARRIED

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the Ganges Village Area Planning Task Force request staff to provide an amended meeting calendar at the next meeting that is based on two meetings per month.

CARRIED

The regular meetings would be held on the third Thursday of each month and additional meetings would be considered alternate meetings.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 Monthly updates to LTC through Chair - None

This item was not dealt with due to lack of time.

4.2 Instruction on maps printing – None

This item was not dealt with due to lack of time.

4.3 Land Use Designations – None

This item was not dealt with due to lack of time.

4.4 Relationship with CRD Technical Working Group – None

This item was not dealt with due to lack of time.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Jenny McClean, Acting Chair

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Sarah Shugar, Recorder