

MINUTES
ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL MEETING
Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room No. 2
April 16, 2014 at 3:00 pm

Present: S. Birliga, Chair; P. Danforth; I. Gallant; J. Gauld; C. Lee; M. Lucas; D. Musgrove

Staff: C. Bell, Planner; A. Pickard, Planner; and A. Park, Senior Committee Clerk

MINUTES

MOTION: MOVED by J. Gauld and Seconded by I. Gallant: "That the minutes of the Advisory Design Panel meetings of January 22, 2014, February 19, 2014 and March 19, 2014 be adopted."

ELECTION

For the remainder of 2014, Sorin Birliga and Cory Lee were acclaimed as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively.

CASE #2014/007

Application by G. Epstein for a garden shed for the Gorge Park Community Gardens

Legal: Lots 12A and 13A, Section 12, Victoria District, Plan VIP00088
Planning File: N/A
Planner: G. Darrah, Manager of Parks Planning & Design

Mr. Gary Darrah, Manager of Park Planning & Design for the District of Saanich; Ms. Nicki McWalters, Landscape Technician, District of Saanich; and Mr. Gabe Epstein, representing the Gardening Committee of the Gorge Tillicum Community Association; attended to present the design plans and respond to questions from the Panel.

The applicants stated:

- The garden site is at the corner of Gorge Road West and Tillicum Road.
- The project is a collaboration between the District of Saanich and the community and is intended for food production and as a gathering and educational place.
- A lengthy consultation process was undertaken and determined that the community wanted an attractive, accessible and welcoming garden; the site will have a low fence and gate but will not be locked.
- The purpose of the garden shed is to store materials and tools securely out of site; there will not be any power to the shed or hoses. A keyed irrigation system is proposed.
- The garden and shed will be accessible to wheelchairs and ramped where needed. Accessible hardware will be considered.
- Subtle colours and materials will be selected; a metal roof is intended for the collection of rainwater for reuse. Downspouts from the shed roof and surface water will be directed into the rain gardens.
- Compost bins will be separated.
- The toilet will be screened on three sides and on a concrete pad.
- Camosun College students will assist with the design and construction of the shed.
- The CRD may use the garden site for teaching purposes in future.

Comments from Panel members:

- The shed should be integrated into the natural landscape as much as possible; natural colours or earth tones are preferable.
- The applicant might consider more plantings to screen the shed from the south.

MOTION:

MOVED by J. Gauld and Seconded by D. Musgrove: “That the application for a garden shed in the Gorge Park Community Gardens be accepted.”

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting date is May 7, 2014.

CHAIR

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary