

GNA Directors Meeting – April 11, 2023
At St. Jean Baptiste Church (307 Richmond Ave) at 7 pm

Attendees: Susanne Rautio (chair), Norm Fiege, Robin Jones and Phil Hoen

Regrets: Nic Humphreys, Daryl Stein, Alan Dibb

Guests: GNS Representative Harvey Thoreau

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

Motion to approve agenda by Phil; seconded by Robin, approved.

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes:

Motion by Robin to adopt March 14 minutes; seconded by Norm, approved.

2. Treasurer's report:

Norm reported that there is \$3098.69 in the bank

3. GNA letter to council regarding safety concerns around Gonzales Beach

The letter drafted by Alan and reviewed by the board was e-mailed to council on March 21.

4. Mapping Project update:

Board members reviewed the hard copy of side two of the map.

5. Luminary Special Event Volunteer Request

The following parameters of the special event will be as follows:

- to be held on the first Saturday of September after school starts
- to be held principally at Pemberton Park - still determining whether it will also be held at Margaret Jenkins school
- there will be food trucks
- partnering with groups for tables, chairs, tents, drinks and luminary supplies
- potential band available to play that day for free
- funding of \$1500 available from the city for special events
- plan for 500 people to attend

Motion by Susanne to allocate \$500 from GNA budget to pay for an special events organizer to oversee this project. Seconded by Norm

6. VCAN Biodiversity and parks map

Susanne is working with VCAN (Victoria Community Association Network) to create a Terms of Reference for the creation of a 100 year vision map indicating where 30% of the landbase in Victoria should be protected. Protected areas could be for biodiversity but also for playgrounds etc. The idea is that this land would be free of

development as the population of Victoria increases and densifies. **Motion by Phil to endorse the participation of the GNA in the creation of this map. Seconded by Robin**

7. **Next board meeting date.**

Tuesday, May 9.

Motion by Phil to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Robin, approved

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.