

GNA Directors Meeting – March 12, 2024 via zoom

Attendees: Nic Humphreys, Phil Hoen, Susanne Rautio (chair), Robin Jones,, David Rittenhouse, and Lori Petryk

Regrets: Darryl Stein

Guest: Alan Dibb

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm.

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

1. **Approval of previous meeting minutes:**

Motion by David to adopt February 13, 2024 minutes; seconded by Lori, approved.

2. **Treasurer's report:**

Robin reported there is \$2728.37 in the bank.

3. **Isabella Ross Memorial**

Phil recommended the location for a memorial to be at Ross Bay Green.

Susanne suggested a separate meeting to discuss what this would look like and how to approach the City.

Robin to look at examples of historical plaques at Bank and Leighton Road

Great Neighbourhood grant may help to pay for the plaque

4. **Lantern Festival**

Date of festival set for Saturday, Sept 14

Robin to begin work on securing Food trucks

Robin to apply for individual grant for \$500 from Victoria Foundation

Robin to get Home Hardware account for discount

5. **VCAN Biodiversity and parks map**

The VCAN biodiversity proposal has gone in for approval. If approved then Gonzales will be asked to identify 3 or 4 areas we think are priorities for protection. The proposal recommends the focus should be on remaining Garry Oak locations.

6. **Safety Concerns/Unhoused camping**

Alan reported on efforts he and others are taking to address unhoused people primarily in Gonzales beach park. Alan also reported that there is now a derelict boat on Gonzales beach that may be leaking oil and the occupant is not dealing with it.

Outstanding action item from last month: Robin suggested that the GNA send out an e-mail asking for Neighbourhood Watch captains to contact us and that we would include their information on the website.

7. **Budget to submit to Matt**

Susanne to begin the preparation of a GNA budget to give to Matt. He offered to take it to the other councillors to see if they would approve operational funding.

8. **Solstice Event**

*Motion by Robin to provide funding of less than \$300 to Wendy Buckland to write a proposal to the city for expenses for the Solstice on the Beach special event. seconded by David, approved. **Susanne to contact Wendy to see if she is interested.***

9. **Townhall meeting date**

David to contact Glenlyon to see if we can use their lunch room for the Townhall meeting. Date revised for Wednesday, May 29 at 7 pm

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Next board meeting date - May 14 at 7 pm at St. Jean Baptiste Church