

GNA Directors Meeting – June 13, 2023
At St. Jean Baptiste Church (307 Richmond Ave) at 7 pm

Attendees: Susanne Rautio (chair), Alan Dibb, Robin Jones, Daryl Stein and Phil Hoen
Regrets: Nic Humphreys , Norm Fiege

Guests: Matt Dell, City of Victoria Councillor

Matt spent a few moments describing the major issues facing council on a city wide basis and then board members discussed items of concern to Gonzales residents.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm.

Motion to approve agenda by Alan; seconded by Daryl, approved.

1. **Approval of previous meeting minutes:**
Motion by Robin to adopt May 9 minutes; seconded by Phil, approved.
2. **Treasurer's report:**
Norm was absent, but Susanne recounted there was \$3094.79 in the bank.
3. **Little Ross Bay park bench.**
Susanne reported that she had a discussion with city parks staff who were involved in the removal of the bench. The staff person said that the bench was in disrepair and so the decision was made to remove it. Susanne asked about the memorial plaque and was told that some people found it offensive and so it was removed.
4. **Luminary Special Event**
Susanne reported that a person has come forward to voluntarily help to organize the lantern festival. Her name is Wendy Buckland and she will be doing this voluntarily as part of her business program with Brighton College in Vancouver. Wendy will start working on the festival in mid July part time while she is finishing her schooling.
5. **VCAN Biodiversity and parks map**
The city is waiting for VCAN members to submit a joint proposal for \$15,000 or so to prepare the VCAN map.
6. **Glenlyon Norfolk Community Briefing and Workshop Schedule**
Glenlyon has begun an extensive consultation process with the community on the future of the Gonzales campus. Meetings will be held from June through to November. They are asking whether the GNA would like to host an information session with our members in October. **Robin to attend as many meetings as she can on behalf of the GNA. Motion by Alan that GNA will agree to hold a GNA**

meeting with Glenlyon in October at a site paid for by Glenlyon to discuss the results of the public consultation process.

7. Safety in Gonzales

Safety around Gonzales beach continues to be an issue. Discussion ensued as to how best to move this issue forward and bring it to council's attention.

8. Renew efforts to have a neighbourhood association for Gonzales

Susanne met with Anna Phelan, President of the FGCA to discuss the position of the FGCA with respect to Gonzales having it's own neighbourhood association. Anna to meet with her board to clarify their position and get back to Susanne.

Next board meeting date.

The board will meet again the second Tuesday of September.

Motion by Nic to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Alan, approved

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm