

GNA Directors Meeting – April 14, 2021 at 3:00pm
via a zoom call

Attendees: Lynn Phillips, Nic Humphries, Alan Dibb, Susanne Rautio - Chair, and Norm Fiege

Guest: Robin Jones

1. Meeting called to order at 3:05 pm.

Motion to approve agenda by Susanne; seconded by Norm, approved.

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes:

Motion by Lynn to adopt March 10 minutes; seconded by Allan, approved.

3. Treasurer's report:

Lynn reported that there is \$3666.45 in our bank account

4. Membership report:

Susanne reported that there are 321 members, supporters and subscribers

5. Mapping project update:

The first in-person meeting of the mapping committee was not able to go ahead as there was too much concern regarding covid; so Susanne consulted with the various committee members as to what information should be included on the Gonzales map and prepared a summary document. Discussion ensued amongst the GNA board members as to what computer program to complete the map in. It had been recommended to use Indesign by Adobe and to pay for it by the month. A follow up mapping meeting will be held to discuss an appropriate base map and refine the list of what will be on the final map.

6. Board Position Regarding Committee of the Whole Motion

As per a request made at the previous board meeting Susanne reported that an e-mail was sent to Mayor and Council clarifying the role the GNA is proposing for the community. Here is pertinent text from the e-mail:

As outlined in our July 30, 2019 letter to Mayor and Council, we believe Gonzales should have its own neighbourhood association as it would allow us to be proactive in addressing issues that are affecting the neighbourhood; these issues could involve proposed developments, but may also include transportation as well as various other matters that face neighbourhoods such as safety.

We believe it is time for Gonzales to have its own representation as it has its own neighbourhood plan and boundaries. As pointed out at the COTW workshop, the area that the FGCA represents is too big and the housing types and density of the area covered by the FGCA ranges dramatically from the downtown core to the Oak Bay border. Further, only a small number of FGCA board members live in Gonzales, and therefore, adequate representation for Gonzales is lacking.

7. GNA website

The website will go live sometime in the beginning of May after the old subscription runs out.

8. Gonzales Beach Mural

Julia James submitted a proposal to the GNA to paint a mural on Gonzales Beach. She was looking for a local group to back her proposal to the city. The board supported the idea with the proviso that the mural be of a nature complimentary to the location.

Motion by Lynn to send an e-mail to Julia indicating the full support of the board to her proposal; seconded by Allan

9. FGCA Town Hall meeting

Nic reported that the FGCA has planned a townhall meeting on April 29 to discuss issues of concern to the neighbourhood; one of them being the changes made to the purpose of the FGCA. It would appear that the FGCA will no longer be able to carry on the duties typically associated with a Neighbourhood Association such as transportation, safety or land use.

Motion by Nic to send out an e-mail notifying our distribution list of the upcoming Town Hall, seconded by Norm

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.