

GNA Directors Meeting – January 14, 2026 at St. Jean Baptiste Church

Attendees: Phil Hoen, Rosemary Sleigh (chair), Robin Jones, Matej Mate, Susanne Rautio, Darryl Stein

Guests: Judy Scott, Shannon and Donna Geer, Anne Spencer, Elaine Weidner

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

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

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes:

Motion by Robin to adopt October 8, 2025 minutes; seconded by Phil, approved.

2. Treasurer's report:

Robin reported there is \$2206.00 in the GNA bank account.

3. Blockwatch in Gonzales

Short discussion with Shannon, Donna, Anne and Elaine on how the GNA can assist captains to network with each other in Gonzales. They agreed to go away and gather more information from Kimberly Kelly (in charge of blockwatch for the city) as to how best to move forward and will come back to the board with a recommendation.

4. Community Map

Judy and Bart Hoen have distributed the maps to virtually every household in Gonzales except for a few minor streets. *Motion made by Susanne to pay Bart \$25/hr for his time; seconded by Robin.* Susanne to work with Bart to determine hours and come back to the board with a figure.

Other places to distribute the map: city staff, greater victoria libraries and UofVic

5. My Great Neighbourhood grant application for notice boards at Gonzales beach and Pemberton Park

Rosemary shared a beautiful rendering of what the notice board may look like. It is likely there will be one notice board to start. Kimberly Stratford suggested it be placed at the intersection where Lillian and Fairfield meet. Rosemary and Robin to work on a My Great Neighbourhood grant.

6. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM was held in November with Councillor Stephen Hammond as guest speaker. A recording of his presentation is on the website. Stephen spoke on how renters will fare under the new Official Community Plan (OCP).

7. Op-ed piece on campaign at Gonzales Beach

The board agreed to write an op ed piece for the Times Colonist to try and encourage homeless camping at Gonzales beach be shut down.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm - Next board meeting February 11, 2026