

GNA Directors Meeting – Sept. 13, 2022
At St. Jean Baptiste (307 Richmond Ave) at 7 pm

Attendees: Susanne Rautio (chair), Thomas Lacey, Robin Jones, Alan Dibb and Norm Fiege

Regrets: Nic Humphreys

Guest: Phil Hoen, Janine Grace, Shirley Edwards, John Farquharson, John Myles, Mel Steemson, Chrissy Raniseth, Harvey Thorau

A pre meeting discussion ensued regarding Glenlyon School and the concern nearby residents have with parking and cars driving too fast. Chrissy and Harvey attended on behalf of the school and there were 5 residents participating in the discussion. There was agreement to strike a committee comprised of the residents and the school to conduct further discussions. Robin Jones, board member with the GNA agreed to participate and report back to the board.

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm.

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

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes:

Motion by Norm to adopt June 8 minutes; seconded by Thomas, approved.

2. Treasurer's report:

Thomas reported that there is \$3,038.42 in the bank

3. Membership report:

Susanne reported that there are 340 members, supporters and subscribers

4. Resignation of Mary Anne Waldron as a board member

Mary Anne regretfully tendered her resignation from the board earlier in the week due to personal reasons.

5. Mapping Project update:

The mapping project is on hold until the fall when work will resume on it at that time.

6. Transportation issues in Gonzales

A meeting with Jocelyn Jenkins occurred on July 20. In attendance was Susanne Rautio from the GNA, Carollyne Yardley from the Rockland Neighbourhood Assn., and C. Stephen Smith; a Fairfield resident. Jocelyn was very receptive to the concerns raised and intended to follow up with the various departments to find out what can be done, if anything, to assuage these concerns. In particular Jocelyn was going to check with the Fire department to see if they had been adequately consulted prior to closing off the various roads in Gonzales and Rockland. The concern is that these changes will delay how quickly the department can respond to a fire. Jocelyn committed to a follow up meeting once she spoke to the various departments.

7. Mediation with the Fairfield Gonzales Community Association (FGCA)

At a regularly scheduled council meeting on June 9 the following was determined to be done.

1. Regarding land use decisions in Fairfield, Gonzales and Rockland, should Council a) recognize the Gonzales Neighbourhood Association and its land use committee as representative of the Gonzales Neighbourhood, b) have Rockland represent Gonzales on land use issues under a unified Gonzales-Rockland neighbourhood association or c) remain as is, and have the Fairfield Gonzales Community Association continue to represent Gonzales for land issues?

Result:

Two mediation sessions took place with members from the FGCA and GNA present on both March 18 and 22, 2022, respectively. No agreement was reached on the key issue of formal representation, but the two groups did agree to continue to work together both collaboratively and informally for the residents of their respective neighbourhoods.

The FGCA invited members of the GNA to meet with their board on Sept 12 to talk about next steps. Nothing concrete was agreed upon other than the FGCA board members said they would like to support the GNA in some way. What that looks like is yet to be determined.

8. Special Events Volunteer Co-ordinator

Susanne suggested that a possible special GNA event could be held in the fall of 2023 which could be a luminaire/illumination festival. Discussion ensued on where it should be held and the consensus was that Margaret Jenkins school would be best as there are no dogs regularly on the school grounds. In order for this to occur the school PAC should be approached to see if they would like to be involved.

9. Petition City to open up 3rd beach access on Hollywood Crescent

Nic not available to provide an update

10. Set AGM time, date, location

Discussion ensued on the best time, place etc for the AGM. It was determined to hold it on the second Tuesday of November which would be the night of the regularly scheduled board meeting. Harvey offered the possible use of the Glenlyon facilities. Further discussion is required to see if that would be possible. The date and time are set for November 8 at 7 pm.

11. Next board meeting date.

The next board meeting will be on October 11.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.