

GNA Directors Meeting – March 14, 2023
At St. Jean Baptiste Church (307 Richmond Ave) at 7 pm

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

Regrets: Nic Humphreys

Guests: Blockwatch representatives Donna and Shannon Geer, Blockwatch representative Anne Spencer, and Councillor Matt Dell

Half hour discussion ensued over concerns around safety near the Gonzales Beach area listing issues that have occurred and possible solutions.

Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm.

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

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes:

Motion by Phil to adopt January 10 minutes; seconded by Daryl, approved.

2. Treasurer's report:

Norm reported that there is \$3104.47 in the bank

3. ZOOM call regarding Blockwatch

The GNA board was asked to hold a public information session to discuss public safety and Blockwatch at a previous AGM. In order to gauge the level of concern for this issue an e-mail was sent to the distribution list. The feedback received was that this is not a big concern throughout the community but rather is a localized issue around Gonzales Beach. Therefore the board decided that a meeting was not needed; but rather committed to writing a letter asking that Gonzales Beach be removed from the list of parks available to unhoused people. **Allan prepared a draft letter and the board is asked to review and provide comments by March 16.**

4. Mapping Project update:

Slowly making progress. Directors asked to make suggestions on improving side one.

5. Third Access to Beach in Hollywood Crescent

Nic relayed to Susanne prior to the meeting that he received an e-mail back from Matt Dell and that opening up the third access point will not be addressed in the immediate future due to the large demands placed on the parks department.

Susanne to draft an e-mail to go out to the membership on this issue.

6. Luminary Special Event Volunteer Request

Some progress made on the luminary festival. The cost for insurance will be \$300; a significantly less amount than expected. **Robin to verify that Margaret Jenkins school will charge us for the use of their field. Discussion ensued on how to raise the funds. Darryl committed to canvassing Gonzales businesses once a budget is prepared.**

7. GNA Insurance

Board insurance will be over \$1000 so will not be pursued at this time.

8. Next board meeting date.

Tuesday, April 11.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.