

GNA Directors Meeting – Jan. 13, 2021 at 3:00pm
via a zoom call

Attendees: Chuck Shawcross - chair, Lynn Phillips, Nic Humphries, Alan Dibb, Susanne Rautio, Hector Bussiere and Norm Fiege

1. Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm.

Susanne asked to add two items to the agenda: Website redesign and Year end report to the Province

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

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes:

Motion by Lynn to adopt October 21 minutes; seconded by Hector, approved.

3. Approval of AGM minutes

Motion by Nic to adopt 2019-2020 AGM minutes; seconded by Lynn, approved

4. Treasurer's report:

Lynn reported that there were no major purchases since the AGM. It was decided that the Treasurer would provide one number every month which would be the total amount of money in the bank and every quarter she would provide a more detailed breakdown of the finances of the organization.

5. Membership report:

Susanne reported that there are 321 members, supporters and subscribers

6. Analysis of how developments are approved in Gonzales:

Chuck committed to working on project in the new year.

7. Gonzales Road Letter:

Hector conducted research by talking to people who were using the street and wrote a letter thanking the city for adding the sidewalks.

Additional discussion ensued regarding general transportation issues in Gonzales.

Susanne offered to reach out to the city and initiate an ongoing, more formalized process by which any proposed transportation changes could be relayed to the distribution list prior to any work being done.

8. Mapping project update:

Susanne to prepare an e-mail to be sent out within the week looking for a core group of volunteers to work on a final paper map of Gonzales. The goal is to raise enough funds so that every house in Gonzales will get a map.

9. Fundraising:

- **Susanne** to ask for sample maps from UofVic to show to potential community sponsors so they get an idea of what the money will be used for
- **Nic** relayed that UofVic suggested last year that it would cost \$7000 to print the map. **Susanne** to contact Ken at UofVic to see whether they will chip in for costs of the map with an in kind donation.
- it was determined that a more accurate budget is needed with detailed printing and distributing costs before we go and ask the community for funding. Other places to go for assistance are the various printing businesses in Victoria who could provide in-kind contributions.
- **Lynn** to ask Thriftys for a significant donation in exchange for being featured on the map (to be done in the new year); and
- **Susanne** contacted the TD Bank and they require an organization to have Charitable Tax Status in order to give a donation; so they are no longer an option

10. Letter of Murray Rankin

Nic drafted and mailed a letter to Murray Rankin introducing him to the GNA He will follow up within the month.

11. Clover Point Pumping Station

The GNA was contacted by a concerned resident regarding the look and size of the Clover Point Pumping station. This resident has been trying for months to get elected officials to acknowledge and possibly reduce the size of the structure being built. It is significantly bigger than what was originally shown in the pictures the CRD shared with the general public. The board agreed to distribute an e-mail from her to the distribution list to see if any other residents share her concerns.

This issue generated discussion as to how best assist residents in the dissemination of information on issues affecting them. It was decided to prepare a monthly newsletter and that it would be called the *Davie Street News* in honour of Rey Carr who recently passed away. For many years Rey wrote a monthly newsletter for people who lived on Davie Street but it was often distributed beyond the street. **Lynn and Chuck** will do the newsletter for 6 months with the hope that somebody will come forward in the community to keep it going,

The Board further agreed to invite members of the public to present issues/concerns on an as needed basis prior to the start of monthly meetings

12. Website Redesign

Alan offered to redesign our website. Thank you Alan!

13. Year End Report to the Province

Susanne to contact Guy to see whether he would be willing to submit our year end report again. If he refuses **Chuck** offered to do it. Thanks Chuck!

Motion by Norm to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Hector, approved

Meeting adjourned at 3:53 pm.