

GNA Directors Meeting – May 13, 2020 at 3:00pm*
at 359 Richmond Ave.

Attendees: Nic Humphreys, Norm Fiege, Susanne Rautio, Hector Bussiere, Lynn Phillips

1. **Meeting called to order at 3:05 pm.** Motion to approve agenda by Hector; seconded by Nic, approved.
2. **Membership report:** no change in membership from last month.
3. **Treasurer's report:** Lynn distributed a 3 page updated Balance Sheet. The GNA has \$3,652.20 in the bank. The only anticipated significant expense is the production of the Gonzales community map for sometime in the fall. This cost is going to be more than the amount of money currently in the bank so there was some discussion on fundraising options:
 - get t-shirts made that feature some aspect of the Gonzales neighbourhood;
 - ask businesses to contribute a certain amount of money to have their logo on the map; or
 - write a proposal for a community gaming grantMotion to approve the Treasurer's report by Susanne; seconded by Norm
4. **Previous meeting minutes:** motion by Norm to adopt March minutes; seconded by Lynn, approved.
5. **Meeting with Victoria development services staff** - meeting was cancelled due to Covid 19 restrictions
6. **Gabled roof letter to city:** Chuck to be asked to write the letter for the next Director's meeting.
7. **May street sidewalk** - Nic will write a letter congratulating the city on the design of the new May Street sidewalk. Letter will be forthcoming at the completion of the project.
8. **Gonzales Mapping event:** The mapping event was not held on March 14 due to Covid restrictions. The week prior to the mapping event things started to shut down and by the end of the week the University of Victoria was closed so the students could not conduct the event.
9. **Completion of Gonzales Community Map** - Susanne proposed that a committee of 5 or so people be struck in the fall to complete the map. She mentioned she intends to ask people to fill in the survey by going to Gonzales Beach and handing it out. She would like to get another 25 or so surveys completed to get a good sense of how acceptable the density recommendations put forward in the map are to residents. This is one of the 3 proposed map layers that will be on the map in addition to those aspects of Gonzales that contribute to the resiliency of the neighbourhood

(Neighbourhood watch locations; places for community gardens, natural springs or water bodies etc)

10. **Real Estate Foundation Grant.** We were refused the grant with no reason given.
11. **Volunteer Backyard Garden Co-ordinator** - Susanne suggested that we advertise for somebody to become a Garden Co-ordinator. Rationale: The idea would be to link people who want to grow vegetables with those people who are not using their backyards. There was some discussion as to the liability of encouraging such an endeavour. It was agreed to limit the geographic area to Gonzales residents with preferably renters in the neighbourhood who would like access to places to grow vegetables. Susanne to send out an ad to that effect to see if there is interest from anybody to be a Co-ordinator
12. **902 Foul Bay** - discussion on the court action being considered by a group of Gonzales residents who live near the development.
13. **Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.**

*There was no board meeting held in April due to Covid restrictions