

**GONZALES NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL Meeting BY ZOOM**  
**Saturday December 4, 2021 at 11:00 am**

Attendance: Approximately 25 people (Zoom Statistics)

Opening remarks by Nic Humphreys, Chair

Guest Speaker:

**Kari Michaels, Executive Vice-President,  
BC General Employees Union**

What Does the “Missing Middle Housing Initiative” Mean for Affordability?

Kari discussed the effects of upzoning and density on land value and housing affordability and debunked some myths about supply-side arguments for housing affordability. She also pointed out the importance of the zoning powers of City Council when it comes to shaping our communities.

<https://www.gonzalesna.ca/videos>

Call to order by Chair Nic Humphreys at 12:05 pm

1. ESTABLISH QUORUM: declared by Nic Humphreys (5 voting members including a majority of the board)
2. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA: moved by Norm Fiege, seconded by Mary Anne Waldron. Motion Passed.
3. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL from Nov. 28, 2020 moved by Graham Whitehead; seconded by Joanna Betts. Motion passed.
4. TREASURER’S REPORT. The treasurer’s report was presented by Treasurer Thomas Lacey. Motion to accept treasurer’s report by Susanne Rautio, seconded by Alan Dibb. Motion passed.

Note that the financial documents are available at:

<https://www.gonzalesna.ca/agm-and-meeting-minutes>

5. PRESIDENTS REPORT

- a. The Community Map is being created by Alan Dibb with input from the University of Victoria Geography department. Once completed it will cost between \$2,000-2,500 to print. Staples who will give us a special price. The intent is to distribute the map to every household in Gonzales.

- b. As part of a broad range of proposed neighbourhood boundary and governance issues brought before Council in the fall by Councillor Ben Isitt, there was a motion agreed to by council that mediation between the Gonzales Neighbourhood Association (GNA) and Fairfield Gonzales Community Association (FGCA) should occur. The purpose of the mediation was to resolve issues that have arose between the two groups and discuss possible governance issues moving forward. Therefore the GNA is about to enter into mediation which is to be wrapped up in the spring of 2022.

Background: At a time when neighbourhood boundaries were not so formalized the Fairfield neighbourhood included Rockland as well as Gonzales. At some point in the 80's Rockland formed it's own association and from then on was recognized by the city as a separate entity. The GNA would like the same courtesy to be granted to this community. It is not unreasonable to think that since Gonzales has it's own neighbourhood plan and defined boundary; that it should not have it's own association. Indeed when this issue came before council in the fall Ben reported that there were close to 200 e-mails requesting such an entity. For any issue before council this indicates a considerable level of support.

- c. The city asked all neighbourhoods for volunteers to administer the VTAG graffiti project. Ted Alexis volunteered his services and the kits are being housed at the St Jean Baptiste church.
- d. Proposed ZOOM presentations to be held in the new year include one on Transportation and Traffic concerns with city staff and the other with Kim Kelly from Block Watch.

#### 6. ELECT OR APPOINT DIRECTORS FOR 2022 - 2023 (11 POSITIONS AVAILABLE)

The following members put their name forward:

Nic Humphreys, Norm Feige, Mary Anne Waldron, Thomas Lacey, Alan Dibb, Robin Jones, and Susanne Rautio

Motion to accept all candidates by acclamation by Lynn Phillips, seconded by Hector Bussiere.  
Motion passed.

#### 7. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion about how best to get information to Gonzales neighbours. Request for someone to volunteer to take on this important project.

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING: moved by Robin Jones, seconded by Guy Whitman to adjourn meeting. Motion passed.