

**GNA Directors Meeting – January 14, 2025
at St. Jean Baptiste Church
307 Richmond**

Attendees: Phil Hoen, Susanne Rautio (chair), Robin Jones, Darryl Stein,, Rosemary Sleigh, Matej Mate

Regrets: Nic Humphreys

Guest: Judy Scott

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm.

Motion to approve agenda by Darryl; seconded by Phil, approved.

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes:

Motion by Rosemary to adopt Oct. 8, 2024 minutes; seconded by Phil, approved.

2. Treasurer's report:

Robin reported there is \$2069.11 in the GNA bank account. All bills associated with the Children's festival have been paid.

3. Community Map

Susanne reported that the community map will be finished within the next two months. Several quotes for printing 2000 maps were obtained and staples had the most affordable rate by far. They will charge \$2235 plus tax. As there are insufficient funds in the GNA bank account to pay for the maps, 5 directors offered to chip in \$100 each. They are Robin, Nic, Phil, Susanne and Rosemary.

Motion by Robin to move forward on getting Staples to print the map; seconded by Rosemary.

4. Isabella Ross Memorial

As this project was being championed by Phil the board has left it with him to inform us when he is ready to continue working on it again

5. Creation of GNA Logo

Rosemary and Matej to work on 3 potential logos for the GNA. A suggestion was made to go to the membership and get them to vote on the best one once they are done.

6. Victoria Community Association Network (VCAN) Biodiversity and parks map

Susanne to write a summary of our involvement in this project and to post the report on our website

7. Safety Concerns/Unhoused camping at Gonzales Beach

Councillor Dell had prepared a motion in November to remove Gonzales beach as a place for unhoused to camp, but just when he was going to present it at a council meeting the city faced a new court challenge from groups to return the city to daytime camping. Thus, the motion was never presented to council to vote on. Gonzales beach continues to be a problem with drug use, park destruction and safety issues at the bathroom as well as residents' concerns with safety on the beach itself.

8. **North Gonzales Walking Tour maps**

Susanne mentioned that the person who distributes the walking tour maps is not receiving any more copies from the Victoria Heritage Foundation. **Susanne to follow up with the foundation to see if they will be making any more maps and report back at the next board meeting.**

9. **VCAN OCP Submission**

Susanne reported that she is working with other neighbourhood associations on a submission to the city regarding the protection of trees and green space in the upcoming official community plan meetings. She will report back to the board on any progress.

10. **Jeremy Caradonna appointed new neighbourhood liaison**

Councillor Dell was replaced with Councillor Caradonna at christmas. **Susanne to invite Councillor Caradonna to our next board meeting.**

11. **Potential projects to write strategic grant proposals**

Two projects were discussed for receiving strategic grants 1) a bulletin board to be placed on Gonzales Beach and Pemberton Park and 2) funding to create a walking tour pamphlet for a route that Virginia created to highlight the variety, beauty, history and trees of Gonzales. No board members were willing to volunteer at this time to write a proposal but these projects maybe revisited once the maps are distributed

12. **Change board meeting days**

In order to accommodate all board members availability the meeting dates for **board meetings for the foreseeable future will be held on the second wednesday of the month.**

Motion by Matej to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Darryl, approved
Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Next board meeting date - Wednesday, February 12, 2025