

GNA Directors Meeting – September 12, 2023 viz zoom at 7 pm

Attendees: Susanne Rautio (chair), Alan Dibb, Nic Humphreys, Norm Fiege, Darryl Stein and Phil Hoen

Regrets: Robin Jones

Guests: Shannon Drew, Glenlyon Norfolk School

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

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

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes:

Motion by Phil to adopt June 13 minutes; seconded by Nic, approved.

2. Treasurer's report:

Norm reported there is \$5293.30 in the bank. Funds raised for the lantern festival have increased the bank account considerably.

3. Fern Perkins presentation on July 29 and Memorial Bench.

Susanne reported that there was significant interest in a talk quickly organized by GNA held at Ross Bay Cemetery on July 29. Susanne came into contact with Fern Perkins when the Ross memorial was removed at Little Ross Bay. Fern is the great, great granddaughter of Isabella Ross, a major original landowner in Fairfield and Gonzales. Isabella's homestead was located in the heart of Ross Bay cemetery. It was agreed ahead of time to charge \$5 per participant for the lecture with the funds to go to a proposed memorial to replace the one the city recently removed at Little Ross Bay. There were roughly 25 people present for the talk in July and \$115 was raised to go towards the eventual memorial.

Phil to work with Fern on the appropriate protocol to follow with respect to the creation of a new memorial; this time to honour Isabella, and not her husband (which was who the previous memorial situated at Little Ross Bay honoured).

4. Luminary Special Event

Susanne reported that most of the actions that needed to be taken in support of the lantern festival have been done. The festival is scheduled for September 16. There is a core organizing committee composed of Robin, Phil, Wendy Buckland and Susanne. Wendy has been an incredible addition and we are lucky she chose to work with us on this event.

5. VCAN Biodiversity and parks map

Susanne reported that she and Carollyne have yet to write the VCAN proposal. The hope is to have it done by the end of October.

6. Glenlyon Norfolk Community Briefing and Workshop Schedule

Shannon provided an update on what has transpired so far with the consultations on their campus rejuvenation plans. Most notably it has been decided to move the turf field to the other side of the campus.

The GNA board agreed to contact folks on our distribution list to let them know of a special session for Gonzales neighbours to hear of the GNS re-development plans. The GNA session will be held on September 27 at the GNS campus. **Susanne to send out an email notifying people of this meeting.**

7. **Safety in Gonzales**

A meeting with mayor Alto has been arranged for October 13. Alan and Susanne will attend along with Shannon Geer who is the Gonzales Beach Blockwatch captain.

8. **Renew efforts to have a neighbourhood association for Gonzales**

The president of the FGCA responded to the GNA request to consult her board on their position regarding a separate neighbourhood association for Gonzales. Her response via e-mail was as follows:

After a discussion at our last meeting, the Board, as a whole, decided that they're happy with the way they continue to represent Gonzales residents, and they don't want to contradict the City's decision to leave things status quo..

9. **Set AGM date and speaker**

The AGM is usually held in November. Various meeting location options were discussed as well as guest speakers. Susanne to research these options and report back at the next board meeting.

Next board meeting date.

The board will meet on the second Tuesday of October which is the 10th.

Motion by Nic to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Alan, approved

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm