

**Fairfield Gonzales Community Association
Meeting of the Board of Directors
The Place at 1330 Fairfield Road
Monday September 11 2017
Minutes**

Community Voices	
allotment garden in Fairfield - CANCELLED	
Welcome & Call to Order	Don
Land Acknowledgement	Paul
Agenda Review & Approval Moved: Forrest Seconded: Heather, carried	Don
Attendance: Board: David Biltek, Paul Brown, Andy Brownwright, Scott Davis, Don Monsour, Heather Murphy, Philip Sawkins, Forrest Smith, Dave Thomspson, Anne Tomy (late arrival), George Zador Other: Vanya McDonell, Councillor Margaret Lucas, Kimberley Stratford Regrets: Alice Albert, Andrei Whitaker Chris Coleman: CoV Liaison	Don
Quorum Established: 10/14	Don
Adoption of Minutes from July 10, 2017 Moved: Heather, Seconded: Forrest, Carried	
Community Voices Follow Up	Don
No community voices	
Re-cap of Action Items from last board meeting Signing authority transferred – completed	Andrew
Councillor Liaison's Q&A (Councillor Margaret Lucas attended on Councillor Coleman's behalf) Councillor and Neighbourhood Liaison reports were circulated.	Margaret Lucas Kimberley Stratford

<p>Kimberley from CoV provided information on a new community development project known as “Block Connector”. Program is aimed to develop new relationships and inclusivity. City of Victoria is very keen to start and is looking for pilot neighbourhoods.</p> <p>Survey handed out. Completed surveys are to be returned to Vanya by September 30 who will determine best method to gather results.</p> <p>City is piloting a City Hall 101 program that will consist of core curriculum and electives and certificate workshops. Courses will be led by City staff as well as external partners.</p> <p>There is also \$51,000 remaining to fund Great Neighbourhood projects. Projects have a full year for completion. The City would like to fully expend the remaining funds.</p> <p>Questions were taken from Heather and Paul. General consensus that it would behoove FGCA to apply for these local government grants.</p> <p>Introduction of Councillor Margaret Lucas who attended on Councillor Coleman’s behalf</p> <p>Councillor Lucas provided an overview of her various roles as Councillor</p> <p>Floor opened to questions</p>	
<p>Executive Director's Q&A Report emailed to Board Difficulty in recruitment for OSC positions over summer. However everyone really stepped up and staffing is now at full cohort. Reminder to Board members to please make appointments Reminder of Fall Fairfield with Puppets for Peace – volunteers are needed Community Circle – reconciliation project in the neighbourhood scheduled in The Place for September 18 at 7PM</p>	Vanya
<p>Committee Reports & Special Projects</p>	Committee Chairs & Project Leads
<p>Executive</p>	Don

<p>Mayor unable to speak at AGM due to another engagement Suggestion of speakers from the Neighbourhood Planning Committee and the Local Area Planning Committee 2 prospective candidates for vacant Board positions Ads ran in the Observer and through Volunteer Victoria, will run in the Times Colonist, Reminder of the upcoming AGM on October 21 from 2 – 4 PM</p>	
<p>Place Report circulated Refinishing/refurbishing of portable is going well with expenditures under budget which leaves dollars for items on the wish list. Expected completion date of October 8 Margaret Jenkins portables – SD 61 has indicated the portables will be installed by next month.</p>	George
<p>Finance Question: Are there any overdue bills? No outstanding bills. 12 month financials circulated. Please call Phillip if you have any questions and be aware the numbers will change. Liabilities: 20K Assets: \$500K – means GICS: Phillip is bringing forward an investment strategy and recommends that Board should have authority to approve investments. Motion to accept the recommendation from Executive Committee to provide FGCA staff with a one time bonus as proposed. Moved: Phillip, Seconded: Forrest, Carried Point raised that the issue at hand should be discussed In Camera Moved: Forrest Seconded: George Carried</p>	Phillip
<p>Governance Purpose statement review and vote Proposal that purpose statement as presented be amended. Purpose and proposed amendments are attachment 1 to these minutes.</p>	Forrest

<p>Amendment 1: Moved: Forrest, Seconded: Phillip, Carried</p> <p>Amendment 2 Moved: Forrest, Seconded: Philip, Carried</p> <p>Amendment 3 Moved: Forrest, Seconded: Philip, Carried</p> <p>Amendment 4: Moved: Forrest, Seconded: Philip, Defeated</p> <p>Discussion ensued regarding whether the changes are needed. Original statement was approved by the Governance Committee and the statement was brought to the Board for approval but not with the current proposed changes as submitted by the Committee Chair. Determination by Board Chair that the motion stands.</p> <p>Proposal to take statement back to the Governance Committee for revisions. Moved: George, Seconded: Heather, Defeated</p> <p>Motion to approve the purpose statement as amended. Moved: Paul, Seconded: Forrest, Carried</p> <p>Motion to amend approved purpose to add community development, amendment 5 in attachment 1. Moved: Paul, Seconded: David, Carried</p>	
<p>CALUC</p> <p>No written report - July and August quiet Highlights: 13 storey development on Fort Street Cycling Task force going well 17 townhome development on Fairfield Road – lots of community engagement – interesting design</p> <p>Idea surfacing around two CALUCs - one for Fairfield and one for Gonzales in the interest of reorganizing workflow. Currently meeting every two weeks and sometimes it is a juggling process to accommodate demand.</p> <p>Question around public hearing for Mount Edward Court – no dates set as yet.</p>	David

<p>General discussion regarding the re-emergence of Tent City in Beacon Hill Park. Councillor Lucas provided an update: this is a moving protest which police are watching very closely. Any stragglers will be moved on. Minister James is very aware of the situation.</p> <p>Motion: That the Board of the FGCA sends two statements (Attachment 2 to these minutes) within letters to City of Victoria Council and MLA James Moved: David Seconded: Paul Suggestion was made to include other municipalities in the statement letter to MLA James. Carried</p>	
<p>HR ED's performance review update.</p>	Paul
<p>Community Engagement Hosted an open house in August. Small group in attendance but could be potential volunteers. People are being targeted with a survey. Tabled for next meeting: community engagement discussion</p>	Dave
<p>StreetLife Request for \$55 to purchase maps Moved: Phillip (with increase to \$100) Seconded: Scott Carried</p>	Heather
<p>Community Garden Brief overview of progress and activities provided.</p>	Scott
<p>VCAN Forrest to attend VCAN's 1st meeting of the year on Don's behalf</p>	Don
<p>Strategic Planning Brief discussion regarding proposed Strategic Plan with all Board members encouraged to review the Plan. Paul suggested delaying approval of Goals and Priorities until next meeting in the interests of time.</p>	Paul/Vanya
<p>Motion To Accept All Committee Reports Moved: Phillip, Seconded: Anne, Carried</p>	Board

Old Business	Board
None	
New Business	Board
None	
Approval of new members Moved: Paul, Seconded: Phillip, Carried	Board
Summary of Action Items from this Meeting 1. City workshop survey – surveys to be returned to Vanya by September 30. Vanya will determine the best method to gather results from Board members. 2. AGM Speakers – Vanya to contact Local Area Planning Committee for speakers at the AGM. 3. Don to sign/send letter including statements (Attachment 3 to these minutes) to City of Victoria Council and MLA Carole James on behalf of the FGCA Board.	Elizabeth
Announcements	
Next Board Meeting: Oct. 2 Fall Fairfield/Puppets for Peace: Sept 23/24	Don Vanya
Forrest moved to adjourn meeting at 9:00 PM Seconded: All Carried – meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM	Don

II. Attachments

Attachment 1:

Note: amendments are in red, numbered 1 through 5.

The name of the society is Fairfield Community Association of Victoria.

The purposes of the society are:

- To provide essential child care and early childhood education for the families in Fairfield Gonzales and surrounding communities.
- To provide school-based **counselling to at-risk¹** youth and families¹ y **counselling-in Fairfield Gonzales and²** the surrounding communities.
- To operate a community recreation centre and neighbourhood hub in Fairfield Gonzales **that:³**
 - provides³ supportive, recreational, and educational programming for children, youth, adults and families.
 - facilitates³ civic engagement **and community development⁵** for local residents.
 - addresses³ food security, improve food access, and foster food production gardens in Fairfield Gonzales.
 - facilitates³ community members working together to address issues of social justice and environmental sustainability affecting the Fairfield Gonzales neighbourhood.
- ~~To foster in Fairfield Gonzales environmental protection, pollution prevention, waste management (reduce, reuse, recycle) and climate change and adaptation.⁴~~

Attachment 2:

Moved that the Board of the FGCA sends the following statements to City Council and to Carole James

To City Council

The Board of the FGCA expresses great concern about the development of tent encampments in Beacon Hill Park. We ask the City to act quickly and within the spirit and letter of the bylaw to maintain the integrity of the park.

And we further ask Council to work with the provincial government to develop short term, immediate solutions and a longer-term plan and actions to curtail long term homelessness in the City.

To Carole James, MLA Victoria – Beacon Hill

We, the Board of the FGCA, ask you to work closely with the City of Victoria to develop intermediate and long-term plans that would eliminate the need for anyone to live in a tent in Beacon Hill or any other park in the City.

III. Attendance

o = Attended, x = Regrets/Absent

Meeting Calendar*	2016										
	Nov 7	Dec 5	Jan 9	Feb 6	Mar 6	Apr 3	May 1	Jun 5	Jul 3	Sep 4	Oct 2
Don	o	o	o	n/a	o	o	o	0	0	0	
Heather	o	o	o	n/a	o	o	o	0	0	0	
Scott	x	o	o	n/a	o	o	x	0	X	X	
Anne	x	o	o	n/a	o	o	x	0	0	0	
David	x	o	o	n/a	o	o	o	0	0	0	
Philip	o	o	o	n/a	o	x	o	0	0	0	
Andy	o	o	o	n/a	o	o	o	0	0	0	
Forrest	o	o	o	n/a	o	x	o	0	0	0	
George	o	o	x	n/a	o	o	x	X	0	0	
Alice	-	o	o	n/a	o	o	o	0	0	0	
Paul	o	x	o	n/a	o	o	x	0	0	0	
Andrei	-	-	-	n/a	-	-	x	X	0	X	
Dave	-	-	-	n/a	-	-	-	-	o	o	
Lynn	o	o	o	n/a	o	x	x	X	X	X	
Staff											
Vanya	o	o	o	n/a	o	o	o	0	0	0	
Kristina	o	o	o	n/a	o	o	o	0	0	X	
Public											
	3	0	1	n/a	-	1	0	1	0	0	

*Subject to change as required; schedule changes are usually provided 1 month in advance.