

Meeting of the FGCA Board of Directors

Minutes for April 3, 2017

Fairfield Community Place, 1330 Fairfield Rd.

Community Voices

Although there were no 'Community Voices' scheduled on the agenda this month, Ann Spencer was informed that she could make a presentation regarding the Clover Point Sewage Project. When Board Members arrived at 7pm as scheduled she had been waiting since 6.30. When the Chair determined that her application to Community Voices had been mishandled she was allowed to make a 15 minute presentation prior to the board coming to order.

She spoke of an alternative plan to locate the proposed sewage line on the seabed instead of along Dallas Rd. where it could compromise the stability of the sea wall. In addition she suggested the current plan was not seismically sound and could result in breaks at 3 locations. Following some questions from Board members, she was thanked by the Chair.

Welcome and Call to Order

Members were welcomed and the meeting was called to order at 7:20pm.

Land Acknowledgement

Paul gave the land Acknowledgement.

Agenda Review and Approval

The agenda was reviewed and it was moved by Heather and seconded by Alice that the agenda be approved. Carried.

Attendance: Board members present were: Don Monsour, Heather Murphy, David Biltek, Paul Brown, Alice Albert, George Zador, Andrei Whitaker, Anne Tomy, Andy Brownwright, Scott Davis; Co-Executive Directors Vanya and Kristina; City Councillor Chris Coleman with Kimberley Stratford.

Regrets: Jason Taylor, Phillip Sawkins, Brett Duncan, Forrest Smith, Lynn Beak.

A quorum of nine was established and joined shortly after by a tenth.

Re-cap of Action Items from Last board Meeting

Action items were reviewed and found to be complete as requested.

Councillor Liaison's Q&A

Councillor Coleman circulated his report and commented the seriousness of the re-occurrence of homelessness rising with the shortage of housing. Evidence was given of people sleeping in cars and campers. David enquired about amenities re: Clover Point Project

Executive Director's Q&A

Kristina reported that a position was vacated and then filled internally by Ute, and the position she vacated was also backfilled internally.

The Moss Street Market opening remains unsettled at this time.

Vanya talked about Resilient Neighborhoods project, Fairfield Gonzales will be one of six neighbourhoods hosting this initiative.

FGCA Program Presentation

Discussed Early Childhood Program for 1 to 5 year olds, Child Care, Private Partners, Local Area Plan.

Finance

Kristina reported Year end surplus to be higher. Special Needs expenses and revenues are lower due to less children with special needs in care. WCB charges will be on target.

Budget plans for 2017-2018 will be ready by July 4th. Committee's financial needs to be forwarded to Philip.

Governance

Heather presented Streetlife ToR for approval. Moved by Heather and seconded by Alice that the Streetlife ToR be accepted. Approved

CALUC

Susan's report for the Observer was discussed and after a round of discussion it was decided to edit it with respect to legal language before final approval.

Discussed visits to Hollywood Park and Moss Rock Park by Heather, Andy, Susan and Alice to look at the impacts of encroachments and density. An arborist's report on the 1712 Fairfield property would help with aesthetic design. This property's design was seen as having too high an on-site density.

Place Committee

Margaret Jenkins update. Fall start to expansion of program to 1 daycare and 3 out of school care(4 portables) in doubt due to school pressing for additional classroom space.

Community Garden

Scott is looking to organize a work bee to help with a building project.

Strategic Planning

Action: Vanya to send draft report to Board.

Motion to Accept All Committee Reports

Moved by Alice and seconded by Heather that all committee reports be accepted.

Approved

Old business

All Candidates Meeting. Paul circulated a list of four questions submitted to be discussed and to then select two of them as the FGCA questions to be submitted to all the candidates. Rockland is participating and submitting one additional question. Questions were then graded by a show of hands. questions 1 and 3 were chosen.

City Hall 101. Vanya to re-do the Doodle poll and send the results to Kimberley

Mission statement sent back to committee.

Cook St. Garden follow-up. Need to evaluate what risks we might encounter

New Business

Questions arising from item of Forrest's. 1. Is the Board a working Board or a governance Board? 2. What committees require chairs that are Board members?

Moved by Alice and seconded by Heather that the question of whether the Board is a working or a governance Board be referred to the governance and strategic plan committees.

Announcements

Next Board Meeting: May 1

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:15