

Fairfield Gonzales Community Association

Meeting of the Board of Directors

The Place @ 1330 Fairfield Road

Monday, November 2, 2015, 7pm

Anne Tomy, secretary

Minutes

Present: Susan Snell, Don Monsour, Anne Tomy, Doug Tolson, Jason Taylor, Chris Schmidt, Heather Murphy, Wayne Hollohan, Kelby MacNayr, David Allison, Scott Davis, Ron Cox, Barbara Edwards, Lynn Beak

Councillor Liason: Chris Coleman

Regrets: Maureen Connolly

Staff: Joan Kotarski, Vanya McDonnell, Thomas King, Kristina Wilcox

7:00

Call to Order

Lynn

Introductions around the room

Additions to and slight re-ordering of the agenda. Moved by Wayne and 2nd by Don to accept the agenda.

It was realized that the copies of the October 5 board meeting minutes that were handed out were the uncorrected draft version. Approval of these minutes was tabled until the December meeting.

Election of members to the board executive – Lynn gave an overview of the importance of the role of President and its expectations.

President – Don Monsour was nominated by Doug Tolson and 2nd by Wayne Hollohan. He is willing to stand. With no other nominations he is acclaimed. The meeting was turned over to the new president.

Treasurer – Susan Snell was nominated by Doug Tolson and 2nd by Wayne Hollohan. She is willing to stand. With no other nominations she is acclaimed.

Secretary – Anne Tomy was nominated by Doug Tolson and 2nd by Wayne Hollohan. She is willing to stand. With no other nominations she is acclaimed.

Vice President – Doug Tolson was nominated by Susan Snell and Wayne Hollohan was nominated by Barbara Edwards. Nominations 2nd by David Allison. Both are willing to stand.

Staff handed out ballots for voting. Joan Kotarski and Blair Humphreys were appointed scrutineers. There was a question regarding proxy voting and a clarification from Don and Lynn that it is not allowed at a board meeting. Don gave an overview of the role of vice president. Doug and Wayne were each given the opportunity to speak. Board members cast their ballots. Joan and Blair removed to another room to count. By a simple majority, Doug Tolson was elected. Motion to destroy the ballots by Wayne Hollohan and 2nd by Anne Tomy.

Don

Motion by Jason Taylor – “I hereby move to appoint the four executive members, Don Monsour, Doug Tolson, Susan Snell and Anne Tomy as signing authorities for the Fairfield Gonzales Community Association.” 2nd by Wayne Hollohan

Councillor Liaison's Report handed out

Discussion around a few of the points ... Second CALUC meeting coming with regard to the Cook & Oliphant development proposal. November 9 begins the leaf pick up program in our neighbourhoods. Brochure handed out. The 2015-2018 Strategic Plan for Victoria is published and was handed out to interested members along with the 2014 Annual report. Joan kept a copy of each for use at the centre. The LAP plan was just passed on Thursday. Some questions: With the OCP being the overarching document, should this change or should it be the skeleton with the LAP fleshing it out? How do they fit together? Is the

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idea for the LAP to be for guidance only or to legislate them and have them actually become part of the OCP? There will need to be discussion around density as well as inclusionary zoning. (Council has not yet had this specific discussion.) Is there a template as to what the City is looking for from community committees? (This is in progress.) The hope is that this process will also look to link greenways, and green initiatives and many other ways to create neighbourhoods. Is there consideration of a moratorium on building until the LAP is finished? (It is not possible to freeze development.)

8:05

Executive Director's Report - overview of the report was handed out
Joan went over it to clarify what board members can expect to see in the report. It was mentioned that we are working with a group of residents who are working to bring a Syrian refugee family to Victoria. Some unexpected funding arrived for a new youth program. Cook Street Remake was held November 1 with a focus on bike corridors. There is an open invitation to the Victoria and Esquimalt police board meeting on November 4.

Joan

8:20

Board Manual Review
Binders were handed out to new board members and updated pages were given to returning board members for their existing binders. There will be a board orientation and strategic planning session to happen before the December board meeting. Of the dates suggested, Saturday, November 14 received the best response. This will be an opportunity for board members to become familiar with the services and programs of the FGCA, discuss existing committees and the possibility of new initiatives, review briefly Robert's Rules of Order, talk about best practices in communication, and look at goals for the organization and strategies for the board to help achieve them, etc. More details about the day will be sent out.

Joan/Vanya

Committee Reports

Executive – tabled until new executive has a chance to meet

Treasurer – quarterly – Will report next month. Don asked if there were any unpaid, overdue bills at this time. Susan and Joan responded there are not.

Streetlife – minutes were sent out

Community Garden – no report

Planning and Zoning – This committee has a standing meeting the 3rd Monday of the month as long as there is a proposal to discuss. Since George is no longer on the board of directors, there is currently no committee chair. Wayne made a motion to appoint an interim chair until the next meeting when a chair can be elected by the committee, 2nd by Chris. Discussion of the motion. Doug explained the plan to expand and revitalize P&Z committee and the promise to the community that was made to host a second information meeting in early November. Suggestion that chair be elected at that time. Motion was passed. Chris nominated Wayne as the interim chair, 2nd by David. With no other nominations he was acclaimed. Wayne requested a show of hands from board members interested in joining this committee and suggested having a short meeting after we were adjourned.

Place Committee – no report

Fund Development – no report

Special Events – no report

Announcements

November 11 – Place closed for statutory holiday

November 16 – P&Z meeting

December 7 – Next board meeting

December 19 – Staff party

9:15

Adjournment

