

FGCA Board Meeting

MINUTES

May 5, 2025

Fairfield Community Place

1330 Fairfield Road

7:00pm – 9:00pm

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

7:00pm

1. Land acknowledgment by Don Monsour
2. Ice breaker: If you had a magic wand what feature would you add to the Fairfield Gonzales neighbourhood
3. Establish Quorum (11/12)

ACTION ITEMS

7:08pm

4. Review action items from last meeting:
 - 4.1 Vanya will connect with the GNA board regarding the July 12 Gonzales Sunset Beach Party. **Complete - Vanya emailed**
 - 4.2 Daniel will draft for the Board's review a letter to Provincial and Opposition representatives in support of addressing housing needs. **Carried forward**
 - 4.3 Vanya to email Councillor Caradonna this week if FGCA staff would like to meet with a senior bylaw officer regarding sheltering. **Underway – session to be scheduled**
 - 4.4 Vanessa and Don to discuss All Candidates Meeting with Vanya. **Complete - not advancing due to candidate unavailability**
 - 4.5 Kristina to connect with Hayley regarding living wage. **Complete**
 - 4.6 Executive Committee to determine if President or Vice President will join VCAN. **Underway**
 - 4.7 Communications Committee will consider a board member recruitment campaign. **In progress – redirected to Governance Committee**

CONSENT AGENDA

7:12pm

5. Confirmation of Agenda. Anything to be added to or removed from the consent agenda for discussion? Added:
 - 5.1 Senior bylaw officer meeting
 - 5.2 City of Victoria staff observing traffic at Fairfield/Moss - referred to NIC
 6. Adoption of minutes from the April board meeting
 7. Approval of new members
- Motion to approve agenda, adopt minutes and approve new members. Moved by Helen. Seconded by Steve. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

7:15pm

8. City update – Councillor Jeremy Caradonna

8.1 How to approach ad hoc requests that come to Councillor Caradonna, such as traffic calming on specific streets, that FGCA could potentially support in an organized way. Will discuss at NIC May 27 when Councillor Caradonna attends

8.2 Q&A

8.2.1 Don offered to connect on bringing the soft plastics recycling topic to the CRD Solid Waste Advisory Committee

8.2.2 Funding for child and youth programming transferred from City of Victoria special event grant fund. Stable, ongoing funding is essential for service delivery, as well as increasing funding amounts that have been stagnant for over 20 years

8.2.3 FGCA invited the City to talk to community centres about how they can help plug the gap while Crystal Pool is replaced

9. Incoming board correspondence

9.1 How FGCA can promote neighbourhood engagement on the OCP. While the formal engagement occurred last year, NIC will continue discussing other ways for gathering and relaying community input

10. FGCA is working with a City of Victoria bylaw officer to offer an online, daytime community workshop for up to 25 people. Topics would include listening to concerns and safety priorities, who to call and when, recognizing when people are in crisis.

10.1 NIC will have a member attend

Motion to go in camera. Moved by Steve. Seconded by Hayley. Carried.

In Camera	7:47pm
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11. Finance Committee - orientation & budget process

Motion to go out of camera. Moved by Carrie. Seconded by Don. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED	8:22pm
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12. Feedback on written committee reports pilot

- Refresher on pilot process
- Is it working for you? Suggested changes?

12.1 Exec Committee will look at how to refresh the process, for the July meeting

13. Executive Director's report

13.1 Vanessa and Peter are willing to hold FGCA keys and respond should FGCA be activated as an emergency centre by the City of Victoria

13.2 Any outstanding bills? None

13.3 Operating Agreement update. EDs met to discuss status and approach. The accountable City of Victoria staff person has not been responsive to requests to meet or advance the work

13.3.1 Kristina and Vanya will quantify the impact on FGCA for use in discussions with City Council and staff and update and reissue the letter to Council

MEETING CONCLUSION	8:53pm
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14. Next Board meeting: June 2, 7:00pm

15. Action items from this meeting
- 15.1 City of Victoria staff observing traffic at Fairfield/Moss - referred to NIC
- 15.2 NIC will continue discussing how FGCA can promote neighbourhood engagement on the OCP
- 15.3 Exec Committee will look at how to refresh the committee report process, for the July meeting
- 15.4 Regarding the stalled Operating Agreement, Kristina and Vanya will quantify the impact on FGCA for use in discussions with City Council and staff and update and reissue the letter to Council
16. Ice melter & questions arising out of today's meeting/open forum
- Was tonight's meeting beneficial to you? What if anything can we do to improve future board meetings?

Motion to adjourn. Moved by Don. Seconded by Hayley. Carried

ATTENDANCE

Meeting Calendar	2024	2025									
Director	Nov 4	Jan 6	Feb 3	Mar 3	Apr 7	May 5	Jun 2	Jul 7	Sep 8	Oct 6	Nov 3
Anna Phelan	✓										
Bianca Wallace	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓					
Carrie Fuzi	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓					
Daniel Powell	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓					
Desiree Neufeld	✓										
Don Monsour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Hayley Lapalme	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Helen McDonald	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
James Coccola	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓					
Jennifer Causton	✓	X	✓	✓							
Johanna Henderson	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓					
Peter Hawker		✓	✓	X	✓	✓					
Quinn Fletcher	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓					
Steve Roddick	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓					
Vanessa Gelhaar	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X					
Staff											
Debbie Banerjee	✓	✓									
Kristina Wilcox			✓	✓	✓	✓					
Vanya McDonell	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
City Reps	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Public	1		1	1	1	1					