

FCA Board Meeting – Wed October 14, 2009 – FINAL MINUTES

Present: Clive Beal, Robbie Clarke, Erik Kaye, Joanne Murray, John Rooney, Stephanie Hill, Rena Miller, Tony Sprackett

Regrets: Bill McKechnie, Richard Olafson

1. Review of Agenda

2. Review of Minutes

- a. Corrections: modified to read: "Theatre Inconnu to be relocated during renovations"

3. Members or guests requesting to speak

Dorothy Field, Fernwood Mapping Project

- Dorothy gave background on mapping project
- Goal is to be inclusive (FRNG, FCA, other players)
- Wants FCA involvement and endorsement
- Scoping out historic patterns of settlement, older buildings
- Asset-based visioning, link to the future
- No funding is secured as yet
- Upcoming Events: Organizing Meeting at FNRG Thursday Oct 15 night
- Nov 5 Fernwood Ghost Walk
- **Action items:** Dorothy to send Tony more info on mapping samples (i.e. Vic West)
- FCA Board to review information and discuss participation after renovations to FCA building are done.

Wise Democracy Group – Charlie, Anke and Simon

- Background on Wisdom Council – random selection, high-level dialogue on broad topics with general scope – ends with unanimous statement
- Proposal to FCA – Creative Insight Council – more focus, short term response to an immediate issue
- The Board discussed this proposal in general terms.
- **Decision:** The FCA is open to exploring other opportunities to use this tool, but will not be able to engage in this process until the FCA building renovations are complete.

4. Election of Acting Secretary – Erik Kaye acclaimed as Acting Secretary.

5. Correspondence – None.

6. Old Business

- a. Business arising: Notice on window would be useful during renovations
- b. Tony to follow up on Vic High representative to FCA Board (student or faculty)

MOTION: "Be it resolved that the FCA Board authorize the Administrator to acquire Telus Voice mail service on the FCA office phone."

Moved/Seconded/Carried

7. Executive Report – see individual items below

8. Administrator's Report – no report.

9. Treasurer's Report

Note to the Treasurer – the Board would like to see a balance sheet included as part of the regular Treasurer Report submitted at Board meetings.

10. Councillor's Report – no report.

11. Committee Reports

A) Building

Update on renovations to 1923 Fernwood Avenue:

- Renovations currently underway
- Main hall is being gutted
- Asbestos to be removed from the attic
- Written Schedule of renos available – projected completion date is December 10, 2009
- Tenants have been notified of renovation schedule by Property Manager

B) Communications – No report

C) Culture – Pandora Arts Collective is using the FCA Boardroom for some painting sessions during the renovation period. Board OK for Pandora Arts Gallery to use the Boardroom

December Gallery Show scrapped due to renovations. Next Group show scheduled for June for the Fernwood Arts Stroll. PAG is considering a grand Gallery re-opening when renovations are complete.

Theatre Inconnu is operating out of Intrepid Theatre (Blanshard and Fisgard) on a temporary basis.

D) Land Use

Question: where will this committee meet during the renovation period?

10 people attended last land-use committee meeting, general discussion of neighbourhood vision, largely triggered by proposed Bay Street development.

E) Safety

Update on Needle Advisory Group – discussion of fixed-site needle exchange. Proposed site on Princess Street is becoming problematic. Drug users feel the proposed site is unsafe for them. Residents and business owners feel this will ruin their neighbourhood.

12. New Business

Erik notified Board members of the Oct 20th Open House at Victoria City Hall on the Victoria Regional Rapid Transit Project.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:55.