

FCA Board Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2010, 7pm, FCA Board Room, 1923 Fernwood

Attendees: Erik Kaye, Tony Sprackett, Joanne Murray, Bill McKechnie, Carlos Flores, John Rooney, Robbie Clarke, Clayton Jevne, Rena Miller, Clive Beal

1. Review of Agenda

- Approved as circulated

2. Review of Minutes – Dec 2009 and Jan 2010

- Minutes approved with minor amendments

3. Members or guests requesting to speak

No guests.

4. Correspondence

Todd Dougherty (volunteer property manager, 1923 Fernwood) submitted his resignation. He will still be available for consultation. Festival tickets and card will be sent to Todd as recognition of his good work from the FCA Board.

5. Old Business

Motion on tar sands:

The FCA resolves that:

We ask our elected officials attending the upcoming Union of BC Municipalities convention to take a strong position in demanding a moratorium on the further development of the Alberta oil tar sands projects. This is considered to be the most ecologically destructive industrial development on the planet today with its 23 miles of leaking toxic ponds along the Athabasca River, while 400 million gallons of toxic sludge is added every day.

Furthermore, we ask our City representatives to put a motion on the floor asking other BC municipalities to also demand a moratorium.

Moved/Seconded/Carried as amended.

6. Executive Report

Complaint from Garden Street Gardener – this person is not using his plot.

More delays in FCA building renovations – linked to permitting delays, new building inspector.

New sprinkler system not in original building permit, need a new permit for this.

Estimate: renovations should be done 2 weeks after permits released, 4 weeks after permits approved, building should be ready to for re-opening.

Balance sheet – to be ready for year-end report

Property tax notice sent to FCA tenants in error – building is city-owned property.

Current FCA lease expires January 30, 2011. Lease negotiations to begin after renovations are complete.

7. Administrator's Report

No report.

8. Treasurer's Report

Rent is deposited.

9. Councillor's Report

No Report.

10. Committee Reports

A) Building

Suggestion for French Doors between gallery and main hall.

B) Communications

Tony asks for items for e-news from FCA Board meeting.

C) Culture

Clayton: Waiting for date confirmation of re-opening.

PAC Group show for reopening may be delayed to June for Arts Stroll – need date for re-opening confirmed ASAP.

Important to wait until occupancy permits are issued before holding events in building.

Action: Stephanie to check on legality of using building during renovations.

D) Land Use

- Gladstone Street Parking issue: Keith Kresse has met with individual property owners with concerns. Ball is in the city's court at this point.

- Bay Street Corridor re-design: Action: Erik to follow up with Brad Dellebur of the city of Victoria re a Fernwood open house on the Bay Street proposals.

E) Safety

11. New Business

- Grant Street Pocket Neighbourhood concept: fits with Greenways plan, received some \$\$ for drawings. Going to Standing Committee on Environment and Infrastructure Feb 18th. Motion of support deferred until next FCA meeting.

- Springridge Common: Lifecycles won't be renewing lease for Springridge Common. FCA has right of first refusal – Compost Education Centre and FNRG also interested. Need a formal letter from Lifecycles before considering next move. We should push City Hall to give a water bill exemption to the common. Action: Bill to talk to Lifecycles re the water bill exemption – Erik suggested bringing in Councillor Lucas to support this request.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.