

FCA Board Meeting - **Draft Minutes**

May 12, 2010, 7pm, FCA Board Room, 1923 Fernwood

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

Regrets: Stephanie Hill

Guests: Mayor Dean Fortin, Councillor Philippe Lucas, Bill Goers, Hannah Boutilier, Jaime Matten

1. **Review of Agenda:** approved as circulated
2. **Review of Minutes – April 2010 and March 2010:** approved as circulated
3. **Members or guests requesting to speak**

- Mayor Dean Fortin

Summary of discussion: Annual Mayor check-in with neighbourhood, listening to issues of concern for FCA, both regarding Fernwood and the city overall, what is working well and what needs improvement.

Issues covered: Renovations to FCA building, Mega-Marina proposal for Inner Harbour, Homelessness, Harm Reduction/Needle Exchange, Community Gardens, relaxing parking requirements for new developments, update on Johnson Street Bridge.

4. Correspondence

- Property tax notice to FCA building tenants. For-profit organizations in building have to pay the tax, non-profits can apply for exemptions.

- Garden St. Garden: Lease has expired, renewal letter received. FCA required to take out \$5M in liability insurance to maintain tenancy, instead of previous amount of \$2m. Councillor Lucas offered to look into this issue and report back to the FCA via e-mail.

5. Old Business

- David Merner has confirmed his resignation from the FCA Board. **Motion:** That Erik Kaye be designated as secretary of the FCA board. M/S/C.

6. Executive Report

- Status of building renovations: there was no formal report as Stephanie was not present. Apparently, there could be a problem with the sprinkler system. The key reason for the continued delay in completion is the lack of continuity of the city inspectors.

- Base funding grant from City: History – pre-2009, FCA kept whole grant. 2009, grant shared with FNRG. 2010, FCA offered FNRG only \$800 for Fernfest – no reply from FNRG to this offer to date.

7. Treasurer's Report – no report

8 Councillor's Report – General Q+A with Philippe Lucas on a number of topics.

9. Committee Reports

A) **Building:** Painting and repair work to windows over July 1 long weekend – volunteers needed.

B) **Culture:** Pandora Arts Collective – solo show in FCA Building this week; group show on June 3rd to lead up to Fernwood Arts Stroll on June 19th-20th.

C) **Land Use:** Vic High – Fairy Tech building to be relocated to Fernwood Ave side of high school. Consultation meeting happening tonight and Joanne will leave meeting early to attend.

11. **New Business**

- Theatre Inconnu letter of support request: M/S/C as circulated.

- Fish Farm motion:

Stephen Harper,
Prime Minister,
80 Wellington Street,
Ottawa ON K1A 0A2

Dear Mr. Harper:

On behalf of the Fernwood Community Association, representing a community of 12,000 Victoria residents, we request that the Government of Canada improve the protection of our Pacific coast sea waters and our wild salmon by:

1. shutting down all open net-cage fish farms.
2. re-locating the fish farm industry to closed containers on land.

We believe that ocean waters are a common heritage resource that must be protected from all forms of pollution. Under the current situation, this is not happening. The fish farm industry uses the ocean in a manner that does not allow for pollution controls. The open net-cages are not isolated from our ocean waters, meaning there is no opportunity for effluent treatment. The wastes from these in-sea “feed-lot” style operations go directly into the ocean. Our wild salmon and other sea life are being harmed by unrestrained pollution.

By re-locating the industry to closed containers on land, industrial wastes such as sea lice and chemical pesticides could be removed from the wastewater through existing pollution treatment technology. As we see it, making this adjustment to government policy is your responsibility and duty under the Fisheries Act.

Thank you for your urgent attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,
Sincerely,

Tony Sprackett
President
Fernwood Community Association

M/S/C as circulated.

- Timing of Annual General Meeting – considering delay until September if necessary, might be better to wait until renovations are finished. Tony to review bylaw requirements around AGM. The 2010 AGM date to be discussed at June FCA Board meeting.

12. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.