

FCA Board Meeting – FINAL MINUTES
September 8, 2010, 7pm, FCA Board Room, 1923 Fernwood

Present: Joanne Murray, Erik Kaye, Richard Olafson, Robbie Clarke, Clayton Jevine, Bill McKechnie, Stephanie Hill, Rena Miller

Regrets: Tony Sprackett

Guests: Councillor Chris Coleman, Gargie Bougie

1. Review of Agenda – approved as presented
2. Review of July 14 meeting minutes – approved with minor amendments
3. Members or guests requesting to speak – Gargie Bougie, Fernwood Resident, is seeking volunteer opportunities with the FCA. It was suggested that she work with one of the committees as a way of getting involved, i.e. the land-use committee.
4. Correspondence – No incoming correspondence. FCA has told city staff that we support wider sidewalks and crosswalk as part of Gladstone Street improvements/
5. Old Business – Compost Education Centre is looking for office accommodation, perhaps in the site of the old Fairey Tech centre at Vic High when construction is complete in 3-years time. In the meantime, CEC wants to set up a new office trailer with CRD funding – a permit is needed for the new trailer and this requires support from SD 61, FCA and the CEC. SD 61 staff will work to find the FCA lease for the land occupied by CEC and will send the lease to the FCA.
6. Executive Report
 - Status of building renovations: City staff has signed off on renovations – permits still pending. A few outstanding issues to resolve, some unexpected costs came up during the process. Different inspectors have different requirements and inconsistent application of standards. Need a permit to split the electrical panel, for example.
7. Treasurer's Report – No report.
8. Councillor's Report – Chris Coleman new Council liaison to Fernwood. Sends out regular councillor newsletter and will send to Tony for distribution to FCA contact list. Newsletter is neutral information, not partisan spin. Coleman goes door-knocking 1-2 times a month, would like FCA assistance as to which streets are key to visit, and would welcome FCA board members to join Councillor Coleman in door-knocking. Some local issues – noise around 2315-2317 Forbes Street, increased drug use in Haegert Park. Discussion of Pandora Street bylaw pros and cons and Coleman's work on board of Federation of Canadian Municipalities.
9. Committee Reports
 - A) Building
 - Discussion of piano as asset to the community, but is it too large for the FCA hall? Yamaha piano could be purchased for \$1,200. Discussion of concert series to raise funds to purchase new piano for FCA building. **Action item:** Building and Culture Committee to develop action plan for piano for decision at October FCA board meeting.
 - Mirrors – no consensus as to how to proceed with mirrors – keep them or get rid of them. Issue referred back to Building and Culture Committee for discussion. **Action item:** Building and Culture Committee to develop recommendations on dealing with mirrors for decision at the October FCA board meeting.

B) Culture

C) Land Use

Next meeting of LUC is on Wed Oct 6. Ron Spence – parking variance request.

1110 Pembroke – duplex application for fourplex. Carriage house bylaw – LUC is promoting this concept. Gladstone Parking proposal – waiting for joint FNRG/FCA public meeting to discuss further.

10. New Business

Dispute over placement of bike racks – FNRG wants to move from the original location to allow for more café seating on sidewalks. Bike rack installation suspended pending resolution of this concern.

11. Adjournment: 8:25 pm.