

FGCA Board Meeting

Minutes

March 2, 2026

Fairfield Community Place, 1330 Fairfield Road & Virtual

7:00pm – 8:22pm

Welcome & Call to Order

(7:00)

In attendance: Vanessa Gelhaar, Carrie Fuzi, Quinn Fletcher, Daniel Powell, Lori Charvat, Lori Rilkoff, Helen McDonald, Shannon Geer, Hayley Lapalme, Kristina Wilcox (Co-Executive Directory), Vanya McDonell (Co-Executive Directory), Jeremy Caradonna (City Council Liaison)

1. Land acknowledgment by Quinn Fletcher
2. Community Voices
3. Ice Breaker – Early bird or night owl?
4. Establish Quorum (8 / 13)
5. Confirmation of agenda
 - a. Anything to be added to or removed from the consent agenda for discussion?

Action Items

(7:06)

6. Action Items Updates
 - a. Share Property Tax Deferral Program in our community (Bracket for June)
 - i. With changes to program, remove and revisit in future.
 - b. Quinn to follow up with EDs on FOI request related to SD 61 rent increases
 - i. Remove from Action Items, other avenues being pursued by staff.
 - c. Vanessa to follow up with EDs & board on Childcare Appreciation activities
 - i. In progress
 - d. Daniel to follow up with staff and with Liz Lewis (Board Correspondence)

- i. Will invite to community voices at next meeting.

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| Consent Agenda | (7:08) |
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- 7. Adoption of previous Board meeting minutes.
- 8. Approval of new members.
- 9. Set date of next meeting: April 13, 2026

Motion to approve consent agenda from Helen, seconded by Quinn. Approved.

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| City Council Update | (7:09) |
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- 10. City update – Councilor Jeremy Caradonna

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| Reports | (7:24) |
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- 11. Neighborhood Pulse Round Table
- 12. Committee reports

- a. Executive

- i. ED Performance Review Plan in progress. Will be shared with board when complete.

- b. Finance

- i. Not met since last Board meeting. Meeting March 9, 4pm.

- c. Governance

- i. Professional development policy for Board members in progress.
 - ii. Motion on motions.
 - iii. Bylaw review research beginning.

- d. NIC

- i. Issue Champion report outs
 - 1. Traffic
 - a. Conversations ongoing with City planning.
 - 2. Civic Dialogues
 - a. No updates.
- e. CALUC
 - i. No report.
- f. VCAN
 - i. Burnside Gorge shared concerns about a new shelter in the area.
 - ii. Members shared information about city-led parking modernization.

13. Executive Directors' report

- a. Report.
- b. No outstanding bills.

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| Continuing Business | (8:05) |
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14. Review and approval of FGCA letter to City of Victoria Council regarding the 2026 Budget, noting especially the vital role we play in the community and the many services we provide, without framing it as an us vs them narrative concerning the police.

Motion to finalize and send the letter on the 2026 City of Victoria budget from Helen, seconded by Vanessa. Approved.

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| New Business | (8:12) |
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15. Amending Board Rules of Order to require fewer motions for routine matters

Motion to adopt the following Special Rule of Order for the FGCA Board of Directors:

Motions should be used for recorded decisions, significant board actions, and the entirety of the consent agenda; routine and uncontroversial items should be placed in the Consent Agenda, and general items such as discussions, information sharing, or training do not require any motions. Committee and staff reports do not require motions to be received by the Board.

Moved by Quinn, seconded by Hayley. Approved.

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| Meeting Conclusion | (8:18) |
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16. Q&A on Robert's Rules of Order for Small Boards (15 min)

17. Action items from this meeting

- a. Vanya to bring issue of dogs using Memorial Crescent Garden issue to Ton.
- b. Daniel to include Robert's Rules for small boards in next agenda, with special orders.
- c. Governance to look into Rules of Order updating (with Daniel)

18. Open forum

Motion to adjourn from Vanessa, seconded by Helen. Approved.