

Hillside-Quadra Neighbourhood Action Committee Meeting

Monday September 19, 2022 7 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introduction, territorial acknowledgement

2. Approval of Agenda

- Approved

3. Approval of June Meeting Minutes

- Approved

4. Presentation and Discussion Neighbourhood Resiliency Hub

(Sarah Webb from City of Victoria and Molly Rose from Building Resilient Neighbourhoods)

- Goals are to enhance emergency preparedness and build community
- Past engagement indicates people want Hubs to:
 - be central, well maintained, facilitate interaction between neighbours
 - Include natural elements, charging stations, provide protection from sun and rain
- Engagement suggests HQ community members prefer 'hive' design, larger size, location of Hub west of Quadra
- HQ residents expressed Interest in other ways (e.g. benches) to animate area east of Quadra
- Proposal is to develop a large HIVE hub to replace current on-street gathering place on Kings Road beside Wark Street Commons
- Proponents would like HQ community to establish a stewardship group — supported by a grant — to maintain the Hub
- Potential to start construction this fall; install in October
- City wants NAC endorsement before proceeding

Discussion:

- Meeting participants thanked the proponents for listening to the community with respect to design and location
- QVCC would have keys to access emergency supplies (e.g., ropes) stored in totes within Hub
- City would inspect regularly and maintain Hub as a City asset with 15 year lifespan
- Hubs serve an area of a few blocks; may act as a central distribution point for emergency teams in a City-wide emergency situation
- Goal to encourage emergency preparedness; structure may include relevant information to be developed in collaboration with community
- Hub is made of wood with a steel frame; large Hub would include an archway; built offsite and assembled in place; custom built for location
- Seating is designed for sitting rather than lying down

- Stewardship grant would cover first year or so; Size of grant would be similar to My Great Neighbourhood (about \$5k); unclear what time requirement would be
- Concern about expectation that NAC/community would water plants in Hub
- Proposed location has minimum surveillance; however there are few problems with existing gathering place

Action:

- NAC will engage with broader community, provide response to City within two weeks

NAC Recommendation:

- Combined stewardship and programming grant might be effective
- Can propose as a pilot; stewardship model to be revisited after first year trial
- Low risk location; minimal disturbance of neighbours

5. Election of NAC Executive - seeking new members

- Jon Munn, Jenny Fraser, Keith Davis are standing for election
- All three were acclaimed; nomination recommendation will go to DBAC Board
- Recognition that proposed zoning changes may influence future NAC scope
- There may be value in building in a more 'fun' component to NAC meetings

6. Update on Summit Ventilation Noise

(Kathy Gillis)

- No reduction in noise noted this past summer
- CRD Board committed \$50k for testing, engineering study, identification of potential options
- CRD staff agreed during testing that noise from large chiller was unacceptable
- CRD is now preparing options for discussion at October CRD Board meeting
- Council agreed to amend the City noise bylaw so as not to exempt medical facilities; bylaw has not yet been amended

Action: Ben will ask for progress on bylaw amendment and report back to NAC

7. Update from City of Victoria

(Ben Isitt)

- Ben submitted motion (developed with Kelly) seeking budget support to continue the housing outreach support program (and staff position) delivered by QVCC
- Council will have workshop on governance review results
- Pressure to wrap up Council initiatives before fall election

Discussion:

- Parking changes (e.g., 3-1/2 hours on Kings) and traffic calming are generally positive; however three parking spots in front of QV community centre and de facto loading zone have been eliminated without discussion with QVCC
- City should have consulted with QVCC as this lost parking is part of QVCC 'business frontage'. QVCC advised to call Ross Kenney

Action: Kelly will send email to Ben regarding loss of parking/loading zone

8. Community Update

- DBAC Board meeting next week (September 26th); participants are invited to join QVCC
- Nominations Committee accepting nominations for the DBAC Board
- Quadra Village Day - looking for committee members - 20th year anniversary
- Canada Post closed outlet in Quadra Village; pharmacy owners willing to continue hosting post office; does NAC want to approach Laurel Collins or Canada Post executive to seek information

Action: Rowena will follow up to find out reasons and potential to reinstall post office. as this
Kelly to call Ross Kenney re: QVCC parking issues