

# Hillside-Quadra Neighbourhood Action Committee Meeting

Via Zoom

Monday March 21, 2022 7 pm

**Attendees:** Alex Harned

**QVCC Staff:** 1

**DBAC Board:** 2

**NAC Exec:** 3

**Community:** 5

**Minutes:** John

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1 Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement

2 Approval of Agenda and Minutes (Nov/21 and Feb/22)

Deferred.

3 Food Security with Alex Harned Food Security Coordinator with City of Victoria

Alex provided a brief overview of what the Growing in the City program. It is an umbrella program to support growing food in the city on public and private property.

<https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/parks/growing-in-the-city.html>

This includes commons and allotment gardens as well as boulevard gardens, food trees and pollinator gardens. Food sovereignty and security aspects are also part of the program focus and funding from my great neighbourhood and other community supporting city of Victoria grants. Alex encouraged Hillside Quadra to apply for funding and make more gardens or plant food trees in parks. She answered questions and encouraged interested people to contact her directly at [aharned@victoria.ca](mailto:aharned@victoria.ca)

4 Comfort Inn/Muncie Place

No meeting since early December.

5 Updates on Land Use Applications of note:

950 Kings rezoning application by City. Small lot subdivision at Fifth and Summit is underway. 1025

Kings is anticipated to go to public hearing in April.

6 Updates from Council Liaison Ben Isitt/ Neighbourhood Coordinator Gary Pemberton

Ben said the development of Evergreen Terrace may not have a lot of provincial funding so while an equivalent number of existing units at same number of rooms and affordability is assured, their plan is to cross-subsidize this affordability with additional near market units. There is no commitment to neighbourhood. Many questions, including the environmental impact, rationale, lack of focus on affordability.

Gary: My Great Neighbourhood Grant - \$135k this year. Early birds would submit end of this month. New grant, Arts and Culture, coming soon: info night April 5<sup>th</sup>. \$150k. Workshop video links on Growing in the City part of website.

7 In person meetings?

Open question to discuss thinking on returning to in-person meetings in the near future. Zoom in-person hybrid is likely not something we can do with our resources. One advantage of Zoom is you can record what's happening. However, access for those without zoom or computers is better in person.

8 Community Updates: Dog park pilot project at Royal Athletic Park.

North Park is looking at support and interest to request a pilot project to have an off leash use in the Royal Athletic Park. There was interest in supporting North Park's request for a down town dog park.

9 Upcoming Rezoning: None scheduled

Meeting adjourned 8:41 PM