

Downtown Blanshard Advisory Committee (est.1974)

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DBAC Board Meeting

Monday, April 24, 2023 6:00 pm, QVCC Youth Centre / Zoom

MINUTES

We acknowledge that we are on the homelands of the Coast Salish Peoples, and we thank the Lekwungen (Songhees) and Kwsepsum (Esquimalt) Nations for sharing this land on which we live, learn, work and play. Hay'sxw'qa si'em!

Board Members Present: Frankie Chao, Muhammad Ghouri, Leni Hoover, Leslie Kenny, David Turner

Board Regrets: Marina, Dustin, Ed, Jesse, Cheryl

QVCC Staff: Kelly Greenwell

Community Members: Rowena Locklin, JJ

Minutes: Leslie Kenny.

Quorum: Four were present for voting on agenda items 2, 3, and 4. Additional votes were cast via email on April 25 and April 26, 2023.

- 1. The meeting opened at 6:05 pm. Frankie Chao chairing.
- 2. Motion to approve the Agenda

Moved: Leni Seconded: Leslie In favour, 7; opposed, 0; abstentions, 0 Motion carried.

3. Motion to approve of the Minutes of March 27, 2023

Moved: Leni Seconded: David In favour, 7; opposed, 0; abstentions, 0 Motion carried.

4. Motion to approval of the In Camera Minutes of March 27, 2023

Moved: Leslie Seconded: Frankie In favour, 7; opposed, 0; abstentions, 0 Motion carried.

- 5. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - i. Strategic Plan

- Previous SP Committee gathered extensive material from the staff and Board plus existing research on Hillside-Quadra.
- Marina working on a summary
- Kelly will have time in June to review
- To be continued through 2023
- ii. BC Housing Evergreen Terrace Design Presentation, April 17
 - High density plan taking shape 4 to 5x more units
 - Heights up to 24 storeys to maximize green space
 - Several tenants attended
- iii. NAC/DBAC presentations to Council and CRD
 - QVCC/NAC delegation to present at Council June 8 and CRD June 14 (tbc)
 - Topic is land-use plans for Kings Road/Evergreen Terrace
 - Advocate for needs of the neighbourhood
 - Background on 950 Kings
- iv. City of Victoria workshop on Neighbourhood Associations
 - Rowena and JJ attended
 - Discussed strategic planning, engagement, inclusivity public spacemaking, etc.
 - Ideas were collected by the organizers but not sent out yet
- 6. Agency Report

Quadra Village Day

- Access to 950 Kings green space and electricity confirmed
- Over \$10,000 in sponsorships
- Food donations confirmed for pancakes, continental breakfast, coffee, ice cream, hot dogs
- Entertainment: dance groups, all-ages drag, headline band The New Groovement Kids' area: dunk tank, obstacle course, hamster balls, jousting, community art, potted plant activity, sidewalk chalk and more
- Staff News

Staffing

- New interim staff and practicum student Anna St. Dennis (ECE certified) will join Early Years program
- Ethan Louie, Out of School Care Coordinator and Camps Coordinator celebrated five years at QVCC.
- Now posting for an Operations Coordinator role at 37.5 hours a week, to include Facilities, Tech Support and Human Resources Administration.
- Tracey Campbell to shift to Accounting Coordinator from Accounting and HR)

Equity Committee

• Angela Lee completed her social work practicum with QVCC and will continue on the Equity Committee

Youth and Family Counsellors

- Vic High YFC team will lose .2 FTE (9 hours a week) in 2023-24.
- We will still have 2.6 FTE of traditional YFCs plus an Indigenous YFC at Vic High.

Youth and Family Outreach

• QVCC to offer drop-in sessions at Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Society twice a month.

Neighbourhood Small Grants

- The new grant cycle is under way. Visit neighbourhoodsmallgrants.ca
- Opportunity for Equity Committee

Gardens

- Pelenke Garden Project using coffee bags as planters has begun
- Will grow produce for QVCC's community food support program
- 7. Hillside-Quadra NAC/ VCAN (Victoria Community Assoc. Network)
 - Exploring options for a \$5,000 city fund available for activating the neighbourhood hub installation in front of Wark Park
 - VCAN upcoming guest speakers from NSUN (Neighbours in Solidarity with Unhoused Neighbours and a Tenants Rights group
 - VCAN offering free training sessions in bystander intervention
- 8. Upcoming Committee Meetings
 - Policy Committee, Monday, May 1
 - Finance Committee, Friday, May 5, 9:30 am
 - Finance/Personnel Wage Review, May 8, 4 pm
 - Personnel Committee, Wednesday, May 24, 12 pm
- 9. Adjourn 8:10 pm