

Hillside - Quadra Neighbourhood Action Committee Meeting

**04 MARCH 2019**

7 p.m.

901 Kings Road (enter by the glass door on left of building)

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions

Total present 18

2. Approval of Agenda (Chair)

Approved as presented

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Chair)

Approved as presented

4. Old Business

a. Traffic Calming – follow-up letter

Kelly was to send this. Not here yet.

b. 950 Kings – Old Blanshard Elementary School Land

i. Follow-up letter

Kelly did write a letter to Council but we have not seen copy.

ii. CRHD Meeting 13 February 2019

As there was nothing in the agenda regarding the summit or 950 kings so public attendance was not permitted by their rules. Next meeting is March 13<sup>th</sup>, 1PM, CRD board. Best route to public agenda is either to monitor agenda for relevant topic, such as the summit, or work with a director to put forward a notice of motion. Ben met today with Kelly, Mayor Helps and DBAC member Ed.

iii. Rally

c. Library Proposal

Jenn Neilsen not present.

d. Childminding – DBAC

Riga will work with the DBAC Board and QVCC staff around childminding. Once worked out we can better provide information the newsletter.

e. Quadra Village Day

All are welcome to contact Kelly to join the organizing committee.

f. VCAN Terms of Reference

Riga reported that VCAN now has a terms of reference.

5. Presentations: Rick Chatham, Small Lot Rezoning & Subdivision Proposal for 2920 Prior St.

Architect is not available so intends to return to April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting with more information. Seeking to create a small lot subdivision which required Council approval. Lot is almost 10,000sf with 70 feet frontage to each would have 35 frontage which meets the City of Victoria minimum. Current 100 year old house is set to side of property so would not be knocked down to do this. The Chair gave a general overview of the presentation process with a CALUC leading to a letter to the city. The intent is to have covenants with three neighbours regarding what will be allowed in terms of future changes. Rick will come back to the April meeting with more information and work to schedule a CALUC

6. Presentation: John Ho, Community Energy Specialist, City of Victoria, to talk on Energy Efficiency Incentives. 250-361-0601 [jho@victoria.ba](mailto:jho@victoria.ba)

This is an effective way for residents to positively impact and support our climate change plans. Saving \$ on energy bills. Winter and summer benefits of insulation and noise reduction. Supporting alternatives to oil home heating which is the most expensive heating and environmental concerns around leaks.

EfficiencyBC.ca is a new provincial energy efficiency program to cut household GHG emissions and increase efficiency. See the website or hotline for consultation. Intended to be one-stop-shop with incentives on the website. Fuel switching of \$2k plus CRD 350\$ plus City of Victoria 350\$ from oil of propane. Energy advisors can come to your home and assess options. Bonuses for secondary heating systems, insulation and windows. For renters they have free kits. Free supplies are possible for lower income households.

Currently only a 2 year program that started in the Fall of 2018. Also feel free to contact John as well as the website. Both commercial and residential components.

7. Presentation: Jay Jordan, General Manager, Cascadia Liquor and Jay, regarding new location

Not present

8. Public Review Process for Development Permits – CoTW, 21 February, follow-up

Ben was not able to attend the meeting so could not speak to this topic.

9. City Hall Update - Neighbourhood Coordinator Gary Pemberton and Councillor Liaison Ben Isitt

Gary reminded all that neighbourhood grants are now open for the Spring. Community gardens, art installations, seed libraries are a few examples. Up to \$5k matching for placemaking, match could be volunteers, rentals and donations as well as cash. Up to \$5k for an activity. One per neighbourhood association though as many from the residents themselves. There may be an opportunity for emergency preparedness, kiosks or muster stations. Typically 20-25 are funded in each year, generally more than one per neighbourhood.

Ben touched on overall preliminary budget which was approved. H\_Q items include summit trail access, summit playground enhancement, topaz park planning/design/engineering, with amenities that could be installed next year. Anew expenditure was approved at Kings road across Blanshard street that council approved. Could also help connect bike routes. Traffic median at fifth and kings almost finished. Bike master planning on graham and fifth is budgeted for this year. Bike planning of 20k for pre-neighbourhood planning for NAC/DBAC. James Bay, Oaklands and H-Q. 950 kings road has had a lot of advocacy for community use of this parcel. Ben is working on notices of motion for the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting around this parcel. The CRD through the Hospital District approves 1/3 of funding and regional approval so it does not really allow for local neighbourhood issues. So for community amenities and services will likely require a city and CRD agreement.

10. Community Check-In - an opportunity for community members to share ideas and concerns (All)

Reminder: Become a member of the Downtown Blanshard Advisory Committee

**Next NAC meeting: 01 April 2019, 7:00 p.m., 901 Kings Rd**

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