

Hillside - Quadra Neighbourhood Action Committee Meeting

Minutes of 01 April 2019

1. Welcome and Introductions

In total 20 were in attendance for the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda (Chair)

Some items were added and the order changed as recorded below.

Approved.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Chair)

Approved as distributed

4. Announcements

2740/2742 Fifth St. A CALUC is scheduled for 04 April, this Thursday, to hear the proposal to build a duplex.

Wark St Commons. Nicola Gunter will offer a session on habitat planting for pollinators on April 6th, 11 am to 2 pm.

5. Presentations

City of Victoria Participatory Budgeting for 2019-20 Budget, Tara Skobal. Tara brought posters and gave an overview of the participatory budgeting process. This year the theme is youth so proposals must be situated in the City of Victoria (CoV) and benefit youth aged 9-24. An additional 2k\$ was added to the usual 50k\$ to ensure that youth-initiated proposals were funded. Anyone can put in a proposal and it is voted on as to who gets the funding. Tara will offer days of learning on April 10th from 5-9 PM and 13th from 11 AM–3 PM.

Rick Humphreys. 2920 Prior St. Small lot rezoning & subdivision proposal.

Rick presented his strategy and plans, with support from Peter and Will of Cascadia Architects. His small lot subdivision would allow for an additional house, retain the current house and convert garage that is currently used for accommodation to a garden suite. There was some discussion that the garage may exceed the size allowed for a garden suite. The proposed subdivision retains the current house and garage on an L shaped lot. Rick went over his intention to place covenants on titles to protect neighbouring views and limit future development. Neighbours understood Rick was planning to live in one of the houses. Next step will be a CALUC process.

Jay Jordan, General Manager, Cascadia Liquor.

Jay reported that they had now moved to the new, larger location, which includes a tasting bar. The store is significantly larger and a flagship design for

Cascadia. The grand opening is this weekend with tastings Fri, Sat, Sun. Hours of operation will remain the same.

6. Old Business

a. Quadra Village Days Quadra Village Day

Kelly is looking for coordination volunteers and a clothing swap coordinator. Planning for interactive activities for kids is underway. If interested in volunteering on the day please email volunteer@quadravillagecc.com.

b. Blackwood Sidewalk

Ben reported that the sidewalk scheduled for the 2900 block of Blackwood is to be constructed along the east side on the temple side of the street.-

c. 950 Kings Street, Community Hub

950 Kings – March 14th council meeting 5 presentations, including one by youth, in favour of the CoV purchasing the lot and providing community space and amenity. Last track of opportunity in area. Last week Committee of the Whole unanimously endorsed community parkland and amenities for 950 kings, shifting the focus of new housing to Evergreen Terrace. CRD is proposing a 150-unit apartment building with above ground parking and a mental health facility. Kelly met with someone for the VPL board regarding potential future library locations. Lack of response or inclusion by CRHD regarding any planning. Met with MLA Rob Fleming regarding concerns. Thursday workshop meeting with BC Housing and CoV Council regarding Evergreen Terrace. Email city council as to the importance of this land for our community Councillors@victoria.ca

d. Bicycling Plan

Jon discussed an information sheet that was distributed from Michael Hill about the CoV bicycling plan. NAC will request a walking tour of the possible connections from Bay to Tolmie.

e. 1301 Hillside – Jon gave an update – located at the corner of Cook and Hillside which was a payless gas station in the past and is now proposed as an apartment building development. Six stories now increased to 50 units, with only 24 parking stalls, and 3 live-work studios on ground floor. Concern about parking spillover for Oaklands to Quadra Hillside has increased as it has now changed from rental to strata.

7. Aryze Developments on Fifth St presentation, Luke Mari: This is another information meeting in advance of CALUC, on 01 May, to cover significant changes since the last meeting. Major change is to increase underground

parking. Rotated design to give street frontage to VISA (Vancouver Island School of Art). Unit mix changed and now includes 3-bedroom units. Solar panels, green roof on one-part, increased size of interior courtyard. Affordability now defined by city so committing 10% affordable in perpetuity and another 10% for five years.

8. Neighbourhood Planning Group – discussion

James Bay/Oaklands/Quadra-Hillside with Gillian and Kelly convened by Ben. Terms of reference have yet to be established. Trevor Hancock of One Earth could be involved. Meeting of the three neighbourhoods this Wednesday to discuss ideas. Outcome of the plan would hopefully be reflected in our renewed neighbourhood plan.

9. See Announcements Item No. 4 - CALUC

10. City Hall Update - Neighbourhood Coordinator Gary Pemberton and Councilor Liaison Ben Isitt

Bike network workshops and survey. Input on design from Bay to Tolmie connection. NAC could invite staff to the May meeting or a walking tour in April. Consider inviting SD61 representative re: Finlayson crossing.

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

Ryan will be applying for a parking variance for Café Fantastico to continue to use some of its parking for storage as it is not readily accessible to customers. May come to May NAC meeting to discuss.

Adjourned at 9:10

Reminder: Become a member of the Downtown Blanshard Advisory Committee

Next NAC meeting: 06 MAY 2019, 7:00 p.m. 901 Kings Rd

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