

Hillside – Quadra Neighbourhood Action Committee Meeting
01 October 2018 – 7 p m 901 Kings Rd

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introduction: 28 Community Members, 0 Proponents, and Neighbourhood Coordinator Gary Pemberton
2. Approval of Agenda – Chair
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Chair
4. Invited Guests

Summit Park Playground Improvements

Leigh Campbell and Alia Johnson, Parks Department, City of Victoria.

Summit playground equipment will be renewed next year. Currently the last improvement was many years ago. There will be a survey to calculate what would go in there to fit in with the natural setting of the park. The survey will be available 05 to 26 October. Information signs and a hard copy of the survey will be available at the park. The Parks Department will email stakeholders, schools, and daycares for their input. Question: Designed equipment or simply replacement? Current equipment dates to 1975

Response: \$200,000 approved in budget will cover cost and labour

Question: Does old equipment have to come out?

Response: It would be an end of life issue.

Comment: Equipment still solid. No hyper-modern brightly coloured equipment – natural equipment for natural park.

The improvements to the Vic West Rayner Park, Quadra Heights Park, and North Dairy Park (nr Hillside) were used as examples of what could be expected.

Vancouver/Graham/Fifth Bike Lane

Sarah Webb, Engineering and Projects, City of Victoria.

A printed power-point presentation was handed out, “Graham / 5th, Traffic Calming & AAA Cycling Project.” Initial discussion re 2019 plan on traffic calming and bike lane. About a conversation when/where, objectives to provide slower/safer neighbourhood streets, key-safety is zero fatalities and zero injuries. Growth; manage new people moving in, as well as residents, walking, driving, or taking public transit.

Concerns from Quadra PAC: To move bike lane to Jackson as Fifth goes through the middle of Quadra School playground. Fifth is a cul-de-sac and should not be extended through the playground.

4. Invited Guests – Continued

Vancouver/Graham/Fifth Bike Lane/Sarah Webb

The City wants a collaborative discussion that will include the school, parents, and neighbours for this part of the corridor.

Comment: To not using Fifth St.

Response: City wants a collaborative project

Comment: 3100 Block were promised a lot of green last time and in fact lost green and parking. Too much dominance for cars, and too little concern for the children.

Reconnectivity of Hillside through to school

Comment: desire for more trashcans due to greater traffic congestion and use, Fairways, etc etc.

Comment: Summit, Jackson, and adjacent streets / Quadra School & Proposed Fifth Street parklane.

The “Graham / 5th Traffic Calming & AAA Cycling Project” power-point presentation will be available on line in the near future at Victoria.ca/cycling. Meanwhile this link provides information on all bike corridors.

5. Neighbourhood Updates

Topaz Park Improvement Plan

Design work but not construction - time line has not changed.

Field will be built first for 2020 upon Council approval of the 2019 Budget

Land Use Updates

Why did Evergreen Terrace drop Altira Management Co in favour of inexperienced Coalition to End Aboriginal Homelessness?

6. City Hall Updates – Neighbourhood Coordinator Gary Pemberton

Neighbourhood Grant time – if you have a creative or activity idea please apply. Program is still available to closing date 15 October. It is a matching grant and the City will match your contribution with up to \$5,000 for a project with a tangible outcome or \$1,000 if you want to do an activity. Check the City of Victoria website for more info.

For recruitment and maintaining volunteers for NAC a workshop is offered in conjunction with Volunteer Victoria on **Strengthening Community Participation** coming up on **13 October, 10am – 3pm at City Hall**. This

6. City Hall Updates – Gary Pemberton -Continued

workshop is **FREE** of charge and will offer coffee and snacks in the morning as well as lunch will be provided in the afternoon.

As the intention is to begin a constructive process for each neighbourhood association, participants will be asked to work with other members of their

Neighbourhood Associations. Each neighbourhood is requested to provide **3 participants** and can consist of either board members or community centre staff. Sharing sessions will provide for exchange of ideas amongst Neighbourhood Associations.

If a representative of your association could please RSVP to Michael Hill at mhill@victoria.ca to confirm the attendance for your group of 3 participants by **Monday 08 October** that would be most appreciated. Please indicate any dietary restrictions you may have as well. Outline of this workshop is available.

Hillside Quadra hosting Youth Counsel this year – Youth Counsel are doing the budget and they will advise.

Check Elections webpage: Vic High students have organized a School Board Candidates Meet & Greet – 11 October at 7 p m at Vic High.

7. Community Check-in – an opportunity for community members to share ideas and concerns

Alan Hoover requested traffic calming at Glasgow & Tolmie – vehicles tear along Glasgow. Traffic survey was done when school was out so not really effective. Wants to bring to attention of City again. Issue was originally brought up in 2008.

Response: Local neighbourhood plan has been postponed – Director of Planning left as well as two other people. Suggest a letter be sent to Mayor and Council

The Victoria Urban Food Table is a food policy council that helps the City of Victoria work toward its vision of being a food secure community. They have sent out a survey link to find out; a) if you grow your own food and how much, b) If not, why not. This request is posted on the “I Love Quadra Village” Facebook page. The link is to the survey is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/vicfoodsystems>

8. Action items from previous meeting(s)

Topaz Biking Free Instruction and Brochures – “Community Initiatives” more kids riding bikes more instruction and awareness is offered.
Topaz Bike Club at Topaz Park hosted by Yvonne Mendel.

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Reminder: Become a member of the Downtown Blanshard Advisory Committee

Next NAC Meeting: 05 November 2018, 7 p m, 901 Kings Rd

To **join the NAC email list** and receive neighbourhood updates contact
nag@quadravillagecc.com

Upcoming Events

09 October, CALUC Meeting for **2566/2570/2580 Fifth Street**

11 October, School Board Candidates, Vic High School, 7 p m

17 October, VCAN Meeting

22 October, DBAC Meeting