

Hillside - Quadra Neighbourhood Action Committee Meeting
October 2, 2017
Meeting starts at 7 p.m.
901 Kings Road (enter by the glass door on the left)

Draft Minutes

1. **Welcome and Introductions. 8 community members and Councillor Isitt. Regrets: Gary Pemberton, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator**

2. **Approval of Agenda (Chair)**

3. **Review and approval of September 11th meeting minutes (Chair).**

Note regrets from BC Housing.

4. **New executive members for NAC**

Joining NAC this year are Zac May and Vincent Gornall. Laura Taylor has stepped down. Continuing members are Jon Munn, Jenny Fraser and Janis La Couvée

5. **Discussion of items from previous meetings**

- September 11th NAC meeting about the precinct at Blanshard & Hillside.

Councillor Isitt states that there is a risk all the public land could be sold-off for redevelopment (even for social housing). His preference would be to see 950 Kings (currently owned by CRD) become a community centre and park, which would allow the Quadra Village Community Centre to expand into the space and even add day care. There are mechanisms via the tax sale reserve fund. It would require the CRD to sell and the City of Victoria to purchase.

It's important to keep the discussion going with a neighbourhood, grassroots approach.

- UBCM Union of BC Municipalities meeting

There were 7 resolutions from Victoria, some of which address the issues of tools to curb housing speculation. There was an announcement from the province of \$322 M for treatments beds over 3 years; the CRD is not mentioned specifically

Cannabis—the province might not look at a one-size-fits-all model but rather take a hybrid approach in regards to medicinal and recreational users. In Hillside-Quadra the application for MeltTown at 2650 Quadra has been postponed until the application for AAA 2639/2641 Quadra goes through its rezoning. Temporary use permits might be a better way of dealing with applications for cannabis dispensaries since they have a time limit and do not rezone a property in perpetuity.

Cycling Master Plan—is there any way to work with Oaklands to get the Haultain/Kings route expedited? The same applies to Vancouver/Graham, working with the North Park Neighbourhood Association. ACTION: get financial numbers from staff and also ask about traffic calming measures at Prior and Kings and Fifth and Kings. **Janis**

6. Community Check-In - an opportunity to share ideas and concerns (All)

Jon Munn suggests starting a list of the amenities we would like to see in the neighbourhood and that could be funded by future amenity contributions from developers.

7. City Hall Update (Councillor Ben Isitt)

- The City of Victoria is currently working on the 2018 financial plan. ACTION: Janis to speak with Gary Pemberton about the proposed spending in Hillside-Quadra
- Crosswalk and bike corridor improvements—Graham/Hillside (signal posts for cyclists are too far away); crosswalk design at Bay/Graham (the bike route is askew across two streets) and Cook/Haultain (will there be a pedestrian controlled stop light). ACTION: Jon to write letter ACTION: Vincent to obtain data on bike corridor costing and Janis to write letter asking for inclusion in 2018 Financial Plan

8. Update: Land Use

- Quadra Villa has gone to the Advisory Design Panel and plans have been re-submitted to the City of Victoria planning department based on their recommendations.

9. UPCOMING at November NAC Meeting—presentations on the Topaz Park Improvement Plan and the Crystal Pool

Reminder: Support the Downtown Blanshard Advisory Committee by becoming a member

Next NAC meeting: November 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., 901 Kings Rd.

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