

**Hillside - Quadra Neighbourhood Action Committee Meeting
3 April 2017**

Draft Minutes

1. **Welcome and Introductions. 6 community members plus QVCC staff, neighbourhood coordinator and council liaison in attendance.**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Review and approval of February and March 2017 meeting minutes**
4. **All wheels park/bike park at Topaz Park (Tara Skobel – Quadra Village Community Centre)**
Tara provided information about the Skate Park group (comprised of representatives from Burnside Gorge, Fernwood and Oaklands) and the work to date on advocating for a skate park in the “northern neighbourhoods” of the city. Tara is presenting to council requesting funds for an installation at Topaz Park. Gary P mentions that historically in the 1990s Topaz was to be the site of the skate park but neighbourhood concerns about noise meant the park was created in VicWest. Noise concerns have again been flagged in informal discussions with DBAC. Ben suggests asking for a capital budget allocation for 2018, and that this item not be included in the Topaz Park Improvement Plan budget. Norm from the Victoria Skateboard Association mentions that this installation could be a micro-park, the installation does not need to be large. It would be self-policing (this works in VicWest) and built to accommodate all wheels (skateboards, BMX, scooters etc).

ACTION: NAC supports an all-wheels park in the north end of Victoria.

5. **Community Check-In - an opportunity to share ideas and concerns**
 - Resident reports success at using PW work flow contact form to have unsightly fire hydrant repainted on Graham
 - Unmowed boulevard at Bay/Graham who is responsible? If it's untaxed the owner is responsible, if it's taxed the City of Victoria provides maintenance. More here: <http://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/parks/boulevards-program.html> If a property is unsightly it can be reported to bylaw.
 - Neighbours have been painting over graffiti tags in the Queens/Vancouver area. For more information on anti-graffiti measures and to access FREE paint and supplies contact Victoria Together Against Graffiti vtag.paintover@gmail.com More info here: <http://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/downtown/downtown-beautification/anti-graffiti.html>
 - Cars parked on street without moving; can anything be done? Phone the police non-emergency number to see if the vehicle is stolen/abandoned.
6. **City Hall Update (Councillor Ben Isitt & City of Victoria staff liaison Gary Pemberton)**
 - The City of Victoria is investigating short term vacation rentals and looking to restrict anything that is not a licensed B&B. Issues need to be carefully considered
 - Visual Victoria draft report is coming to council in two parts—Wayfinding Strategy (April 27th) and Downtown Public Realm (May 25th).
 - The Great Neighbourhood Grants Ideas Fair is April 19th. Grants have been expanded this

year to include a category for grants up to \$1000 which can include activities, celebrations (other than street festivals), education programs. Placemaking grants qualify for funding up to \$5000. There is a requirement for matching neighbourhood funding. If you have an idea, contact Gary for a pre-application meeting. Grant deadline June 4th, 2017.

<http://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/neighbourhoods/my-great-neighbourhood-grant-program.html>. Grants must be supported by a not-for-profit organization (like DBAC).

- Ben mentioned preserving greenspace in the neighbourhood by having the city obtain a license of occupation for the CRD owned field at CDI
- Question from resident regarding Biketoria (Bike Master Plan) implementation in the neighbourhood, and concern that intersection of Kings Road and Blanshard has been removed from the plan. Implementation is scheduled for 2018; will there be funds?

7. Update of action items from previous meetings

- Summit Park Maintenance Plan—Gary received an email stating no additional work was scheduled for 2017. Additional follow-up is needed to determine the future work flow for items identified in the plan. Gary and Ben to follow-up. Janis will send them a short summary of items identified.

8. Brainstorming: Hillside Quadra submissions to Resilient Communities or My Great Neighbourhood grant programs

- Possible Blackwood Park improvements (need to follow-up with Vincent)

9. Land Use Update

- Deferred to May meeting

10. Community news, business news

- Yvonne is organizing a cycling day with Alex the Coordinator of the Gym at the QVCC

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

Next NAC meeting: 1 May 2017 at 7:00 p.m., 901 Kings Rd.

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