

Hillside Quadra Neighbourhood Action Committee
MINUTES
03 June 2019

1. Welcome and Introductions

Neighbourhood Action Committee (NAC) Members Present: Jon Munn (Chair), John Hall and Gillian Hillidge (Minute Takers)

The chair welcomed those present. 11 were in attendance for this meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda (Chair)

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Chair)

The minutes were approved as presented.

4. Presentations and Invited Guests – NONE

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

Gary gave the update.

- There will be a Town Hall Meeting 6:30-8:30 PM at City Hall this Thursday, June 6, 2019. It will be an open forum for anyone to speak to council on any topic. The plan is to have four Town Hall meetings per year with different themes. This one does not have a theme. The council has initiated two hours of free childminding for all council meetings.
- Cheques will be issued soon for the My Great Community grants, three grants are for Hillside Quadra.
- Crystal Pool: The footprint for the current development plan includes a 50 metre pool. Is there an idea of having community centre expansion as part of any development across the street or a single unit? Kelly would need to consult with the Board about preferences, needs and aspirations. Also retention of the gym space.

6. Standing Items

a. Quadra Village Days

Kelly Greenwell (Quadra Village Community Centre) reported it was a success, with a few minor hiccups, and ongoing we will be looking for people to join the planning committee or volunteer.

b. Neighborhood Planning Group - TOR Update

NAC representatives indicated they have not heard back from Ben Isitt or the other two neighbourhoods.

c. 950 Kings Road Community Hub

Kelly reported out that the council meeting considered a motion to direct staff to draft a bylaw to restrict the uses of the current zoning to better reflect current uses. About 20 speakers presented in favour of continuing to have 950 as a community amenity.

A second part that was added to the motion allowed for discussion about shared use of the site with current CRHD proposed uses. The council voted unanimously in favour on directing staff to draft a bylaw. There is still a long way to go in having a bylaw passed. The Chair summarised 5 legal steps for the bylaw to be passed (4 readings plus a public meeting with proper notice).

d. Correspondence Information

2566, 2570 and 2580 Fifth Street - Aryze - CALUC, 01 May re: revised plans
The Chair reported that we have sent a letter to the City reporting on the CALUC meeting of May 1st which may go forward to public hearing in the near future.

1301 Hillside, (Hillside and Cook) two emails on parking
This development by Abstract is in technically in Oaklands, community members have voiced concern about parking and traffic impacts due to its immediate adjacency to Hillside Quadra.

April 27 CALUC 2740/2742 Fifth St
Proposal to put a house in the back of a duplex lot.

2713 Quadra St, Victoria Academy of Ballet, Elise Wren – email correspondence
Proposal for a development variance permit to decrease required 37 parking spaces to 8. Elise was present and spoke about the wish to move from their current location at 716 Johnson to the building next to San Remo, 2713 Quadra St.
Elise has met with six councillors. A traffic study showed peak times for the school is Wednesday evening and Saturday morning, as well as potential parking and traffic impacts. A postcard drop was done around the neighbourhood for feedback, and a request to council to move forward with the proposed renovation. The school is seeking rental of current business spaces to allow parking for employees to enable the spaces to accommodate drop-offs and pick-ups at Monarch furniture. Proposed parking drop-offs are off street, they cannot be on the road due to the bus stop adjacent. For younger kids classes are 30-90 minutes long so ideally parents drop-off then go shopping in the neighbourhood until pick-up.

The building may not be fully utilized until required parking is provided. Program accessibility is addressed by fundraising for those not able to afford the fee. Also a free Boys Can Dance program is in their school program. Suggestion of a girls can dance free program to address access for girls, though their plan is to use their \$25,000 in fundraising which covers about 25 students. Kelly said community centre is open to discussing collaboration.

e. Crystal Pool

John spoke about the idea of placing the new crystal pool replacement at 950 Kings
This may be a broader modern recreation facility with more amenities. The North Park Neighbourhood Association (NPNA) is in favour of Council applying an equity lens decision making process to decide on the facility location. NPNA has prepared an equity lens document which they will present to council. NAC is seeking comment on placing the facility at 950 Kings.
Rowena gave a brief history of the Crystal Pool replacement planning process so far. The recent city announcement which proposes a new location at Central Middle

School has drawn concern both about process and equity. Several cities use an equity lens for developments. Central Park was a large green space park before the Crystal Pool was built there. The current Crystal Pool would likely cover the 950 Kings site, though a more vertical design could provide more open space. Kelly spoke to the possibility of the City buying the site and achieving many of the objectives for a community hub, discussed previously.

John asked those present if they would support bringing the 950 Kings site to the city for the recreation facility as part of a community hub as part of decision making using an equity lens. There was broad support for discussing these options and ideas. There was concern about traffic impacts of a facility here.

f. VCAN update – Rowena Locklin

Last VCAN meeting she sought letters of support from the VCAN associations for the 950 Kings community hub initiative, and also brought forward the idea of needing protection for park and school lands where they are currently zoned for residential and institutional. So far as she knows only Beacon Hill and Central Park have protections. There was a letter from VCAN to council about stronger respect for the OCP. A beyond the basics social media camp is being planned.

7. Upcoming Meetings and Activities

a. CALUC 30 May, 2920 Prior

This meeting took place last week and was well attended. A letter will be forthcoming to the city.

b. DBAC Meeting May 17

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

Brief question about what is going into the VISA building, sounds like must SD61 offices. There had been some basic discussions about community amenities, such as child care, on that site. Worthwhile talking to SD61 about possible future uses for the site, such as complementary services.

Meeting adjourned 9:12 PM.