

Minutes of the Hillside-Quadra Neighbourhood Action Committee Meeting

4 November 2019

7 p m

1. Welcome and Introductions.

There were 27 in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated with the addition of a brief update from a DBAC liaison from the last board meeting to start item 5 off.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the October meeting were approved as circulated.

4. Neighbourhood Cycling and Pedestrian Corridor Infrastructure Conversation with

City of Victoria Staff, Active Transportation Project Coordinator Amelia (30 minutes)

Amelia introduced planner Charlie and Engineer Tim. They gave a brief introduction of the plans so far for the Haultain-Kings area and invited comment and discussion to identify key aspects, concerns and opportunities for place making. The cycling corridor to Finlayson has been routed via fifth then Jackson so does not go past Quadra School. Feedback was heard mainly on the Haultain-Kings route though was accepted on the Fifth-Jackson even though it is considerably advanced. Feedback was recorded by city staff and on stickies.

5. **NEW: Local Area Planning** Malcolm MacLean Community Planner City of Victoria

Jaimie gave a summary of the recent DBAC board meeting where the new local area planning approach for the Quadra village was discussed. The next step in community planning will include North Park, Hillside-Quadra and Fernwood villages. The city anticipates approximately a 1% annual increase in population, and are reviewing land use and zoning in terms of this anticipated population growth to consider how to respond to any mismatches. They will also look at the city wide strategies as well – such as urban forest, affordable housing, and others. The goal is for a clear yet flexible OCP framework. Local area planning will now be focussed on urban villages (places) rather than specific residential neighbourhoods. There will be an opportunity to include other topics if areas identify them. Timeline – currently in pre-planning phase, background analysis, and

stakeholder meetings. The will arrange issues and opportunities meetings starting in December, along with a focus group, continuing until February. March-April will have charrette processes. The result will provide key priorities and design elements which will be presented to council for direction for drafting new LAPs. Design guidelines will be developed then adopted as bylaws as part of the OCP and model/template zones (zones that do not yet apply to a property but may be sought via rezoning). Also pre-zoning may be considered by council.

The city is seeking members for working groups to assist and provide advice on how best to undertake a diverse engagement. Community associations will each get \$10k to support them in this preplanning process. Expenses should be relevant to local area planning, support diverse engagement. Terms of reference are available. Hillside-Quadra may submit a letter of intent for the funds.

Questions were then asked of Malcolm and Lauren. Definition of an urban village is based on land use designation, so either the large and small urban village land use (different than zoning). Quadra and North Park are large urban villages whereas Fernwood is a small urban village. Another use is urban residential, such as apartment buildings, then traditional residential. They are hoping to bring forward a report for November 21st for council to discuss the 'missing middle' housing.

The engagement process intended for the residential areas is likely a city wide process. This iteration of the LAP will not focus on residential traffic calming. The LAP process will give direction for 950 Kings.

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

Gary reported that neighbourhood grants have closed, with 34 applications and 3 place making applications received, 3 being from Hillside-Quadra. The Neighbourhood Summit has been postponed to the New Year. Toronto, Edmonton and Seattle speakers will give webinars about their community activities to a half day VCAN meeting soon that will in turn inform the 2020 Neighbourhood Summit.

Ben noted that in addition to the LAP we should consider how the \$10k can best be spent. Budgeting is underway with the budget open house schedule for November 21. Traffic calming would seem to be the next ask for budget and in person requests are best.

7. Budget Priorities:

Traffic calming Conversation – bring you ideas and tell us your priorities as we plan to send a letter to the city to be included in their budgeting process. The NAC Executive have identified:

- Safe travel for students to Quadra School
- Traffic Calming for Quadra-Hillside bike route
- Traffic calming for cut-through traffic in residential neighbourhoods
- Slow down/enforce speed on Hillside – note promise of a speed reader has not been honoured

Feedback included the need for stop signs, speed humps for downhill traffic – summit and fifth. Cut through traffic in Topaz, Basil, could use speed bumps.

Generally agreed to use wording ‘seeking a comprehensive program of traffic calming in the neighbourhood – stop signs, speed humps – as promised but never delivered’.

It would be good to include funding for a Community Hub with library.

8. 950 Kings Road / Community Hub Update – funding request?

No update. Could be an ask for Nov 21st budget meeting.

9. Crystal Pool Update

The city continues to look at sites. Council has committed to locate it in North Park or Quadra Village.

10. Community Check-In.

Shout out for the Jen of the HQ Collective for the chilli pumpkin event at Summit Park.

Adjourned at 8:54 PM