

Hillside - Quadra Neighbourhood Action Committee Meeting

5 June 2017

Meeting starts at 7 p.m.

901 Kings Road (enter by the glass door on the left)

Minutes (draft)

1. Welcome and Introductions

In attendance 8 community members, proponent 1023 Tolmie + 3, Councillor Isitt & Gary Pemberton,

2. Approval of Agenda (Chair)

3. Review and approval of May 2017 meeting minutes (Chair)

4. Preliminary Meeting small lot development 1023 Tolmie Avenue

The proponent, Samantha Wood, first proposed a small lot subdivision in 2008/2009 and is reviving the application. The original house was built in 1949 and fronts Tolmie. The second lot would front onto Fifth Street. There is a small variance requested on the front—2.75 m vs 6m--, one on the back of 1.75 m and one on the back of the north house of 1.5m. There are no variances requested for a reduction in size of the two small lots. There are no impacts on trees or services. The old house is not being raised. There is no basement suite (not allowed in a small lot zone). The existing house has yard space in front. The new house would fit with the character of the neighbourhood. Owner has consulted with properties adjacent.

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

Yvonne:

- A neighbour has been painting over graffiti; mention was made of VTAG (Victoria Together Against Graffiti) where this neighbour (or any community member) can obtain free supplies.
- Had a family garage sale and would like to do it again at CDI in the Quadra Village Gym
- Was successful in getting the yellow line painted close to a fire hydrant on her street
- Question about the replacement of BC Hydro poles
- Has concerns about cut-through traffic (Graham Street between Kings and Bay)

Rowena:

- Has not yet heard when work will begin on the Graham Street crosswalk

Janis

- When will the Wark Street sewer project (originally scheduled for summer 2015) begin?
ACTION: Gary to find out

6. Hillside Quadra WalkShop (All)

- Decision to hold the WalkShop on Thursday June 22nd due to staff schedules.
- There was good discussion, based on information from the feedback from Quadra Village Day and input at the meeting, on the route.
- Staff from Engineering, Planning and Parks will also attend along with our Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Gary Pemberton. Everyone is welcome.

7. City Hall Update (Councillor Ben Isitt & City of Victoria staff liaison Gary Pemberton)

- Create Victoria (Arts and Culture Master Plan) will be released at the end of June. Janis has attended a number of events.
- The Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan has been approved.

- Applications are now open for Block Party permits.
- The City of Victoria is recruiting for several committees.
- Engagement Strategy—the new head of Citizen Engagement is Bill Eisenhauer. The Engagement Framework is currently being prepared and will be presented soon to citizens who attended sessions in February for feedback.
- Ben mentioned preliminary discussions by the landowners concerning the “precinct” lands close to the intersection of Blanshard and Hillside (CRHD, SD 61 and BC Housing). An ad-hoc committee of community members will meet in June to brainstorm potential community response.

8. Update: Land Use (Jenny F.) deferred

9. Update: Topaz Park Improvement Plan (Janis L.)

- Nothing new on the Topaz Park Improvement Plan. **ACTION:** Laura to inquire with staff.

10. Update: Crystal Pool (Laura T.) deferred

11. Update: All Wheels Park Update on All-Wheels Park (Yvonne/Tara)

Yvonne reported that she is still pursuing the idea of a bike park (perhaps in the area close to the former location of the tennis courts). There were questions from community members about the impact of bikes on the tree roots, and whether or not it was possible to situate it on the lower slope.

In addition, Yvonne has been granted money through the My Great Neighbourhood Grants for several clinics for small children.

12. Community news, business news (All)

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

Next NAC meeting: 11 September 2017 at 7:00 p.m., 901 Kings Rd.

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