

Hillside Quadra Neighbourhood Action Committee Meeting
05 November 2018 – 7 p m 901 Kings Rd
MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introduction: 13 Community Members, 0 Proponents, Councillor Ben Isitt, and Neighbourhood Coordinator Gary Pemberton

2. Approval of Agenda – Chair: Vincent Gornall. Approved: Leni Hoover

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Rowena asked for website updates on the agenda and the meetings once approved to post on Quadra Village Community Centre web page

4. City Hall Update: Councillor Liaison Ben Isitt and Neighbourhood Coordinator Gary Pemberton

Councillor Isitt told us that approval in principle might be given to his recommendation for the city to purchase land for affordable housing units when City Council goes back to business after the election next Thursday. He also foresees the public sector getting increasingly involved in providing housing infrastructure for the city. He provided an example of Vienna as having 30% of public housing being provided by the public sector. Whereas, Victoria's investment is approximately 5% (CRD and BC Housing). Mostly it has always been the private sector that provides public housing in the past in Victoria for profit. For profit most often results in more expensive units being built which is not suitable for current needs.

This new direction where public housing operates outside of the private market was referred to as "decomodified". He outlined the process which would be first, approval in principle, strategic planning, and then the development of funding. He said it would be important to protect the City's financial interest in picking parcels of land. Therefore, camera sessions would be used when discussing land purchases.

Jeremy Loveday with Lisa Helps will host the Housing Meeting on Co-ops – 29 November 2018. There are twelve co-ops in the city – one at 1657 Fort St was a regular rental building that became a co-op.

Gary Pemberton: Leaf pick up is coming again in mid-November and later in December. Neighbourhood grants are now closed. There were 27 applicants and two from Quadra Village. The grants were oversubscribed which is a good thing that neighbourhoods are using funds being made available. Evaluation reviews to do and recommendations will go to Council in December. There will be a 120K reboot in the Spring.

5. Neighbourhood Updates

- Speed Reader
Will be on Hillside (hilly area) between Graham and Prior Sts
- Traffic Calming
George Jay school is going to have a meeting on Thursday, 22 Nov at City Hall, to talk about traffic calming and neighbourhood led transportation planning. The 2019 Budget has enough money. Do not pitch neighbourhood against neighbourhood. Each neighbourhood should have funds and a process for traffic calming. Bring support and ideas to Council to make it easier for Council to say yes.
City study not done – where is it?
There should be a public “ask” for traffic calming particularly the cut-through traffic.
It was agreed that City Hall would be questioned as to where they are in the traffic study.
Discussion of who will be Champion.
- Small Lot Rezoning – 1302 Finlayson: next CALUC 28 November 2018

6. Community Check-In: An opportunity for community members to share ideas and concerns (All)

L Hoover distributed a five-page document she received from North Park, “Supporting document with rationale for recommendations related to 04 October motion of Mayor Helps re Central Park.” A North Park resident spoke on the Crystal Pool and surrounds redevelopment. A draft copy of letter to Mayor and Council, 29 Oct 2018, and a document on “Crystal Pool and Central Park Redevelopment – A valuable and unique opportunity that should not be missed.” All documents available upon request.

Victoria Community Association Network (VCAN) is looking for three community members to provide networking and info sharing among all neighborhoods. These gatherings would be held the third Wednesday of every month Vince and Rowena both offered to attend. Terms of reference would be developed during these meetings. There would be one vote for each community when discussing public matters by VCAN. This Organization has been around since 1990’s.

Executive for DBAC is Corrie Orenstein, David Turner, Leni Hoover-Treasurer.

An update was provided on the traffic diverter on Kings. It has been pushed back by other priorities also they are waiting on some custom bricks that were recommended by our neighborhood for use on the project.
it was suggested that a request be submitted, for time, to the City from 6:30 onwards on 22 November to promote our agenda with traffic calming. It was stated that historically our neighbourhood and all neighbourhoods in the north receive less money than the rest of Victoria for traffic needs.

6. Community Check-In - Continued

Jenn Neilson started a petition for a library in the Hillside Quadra area. So far there over 100 signatures on the petition she has circulated. She is looking for support along with Oakland in developing criteria for placement of this potential new library in the area.

Petition link:

<https://www.change.org/p/city-of-victoria-victoria-needs-a-hillside-library>

Weblink:

<http://hillsidelibrary.strikingly.com>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/VictoriaHillsideLibrary>

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Reminder: Become a member of the Downtown Blanshard Advisory Committee

Next NAC Meeting: 03 December 2018, 7 p m, 901 Kings Rd

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