

Minutes of the October 19, 2020 Hillside-Quadra Neighbourhood Action Committee Meeting Start at 7:00 PM and conducted via Zoom

1. Welcome by John Hall (who chaired the meeting until Jon Munn arrived)
2. The agenda was approved as submitted
3. Minutes of the September meeting will be posted for review when the new website is ready.
4. Barb Clausen presented an update on the creation of parklet on Kings at Wark Commons: funding from the My Great Neighbourhood Grant has been approved, a carpenter has been identified, and signage from the city will be installed this week. We are trying to get the city to provide better garbage and recycling service at the site.

Pam Gaudio, who is a descendent of John Work, the original owner of 600 acres in the area including what is now Wark Commons, offered information about her family's heritage and requested information from our archives about that and possible signage indicating the original ownership of the property. Leni was asked to check the archives.

5. Zack Simon presented an update on his plans for a "Community Garden" (he calls it a "Berry Patch") at Blackwood and Cook. He proposes to let the space "meadow" and add some trees, bushes and a small central plaza. He has a plan to consult the immediate neighbours, and it was suggested that he do this in person, possibly with coffee.

6. Joanne Newell provided an update on the Summit noise issue. Since our last meeting there was a conference call on October 8 with Michael Barnes, from the CRD, and several Island Health personnel. There are plans to meet with a mechanical engineer and an acoustical engineer to try to solve the problem of tonal noise, but no date for that yet. Many neighbours are affected by this, and Joanne has names and contact information of about 50. Some suggestions: to prepare a petition, to get this issue on the CRD agenda, to invite Michael Barnes and a City Noise Bylaw person to our next meeting. Joanne will work with Kathy on these issues.

7. 2920 Prior Street: this has been through the rezoning process, as it exists these days, and been rezoned to accommodate a subdivision that includes a garden suite.

8. Update on Local Area Planning/Villages and Corridors Process (Jon Munn)

Three sessions have been held with an invited group. This will have a large impact on the neighbourhood and there was not broad visioning. The possibility of meeting and process change is up for discussion. Mark from the City says there is more engagement coming but there is no clear planning and a different timeline and a different kind of engagement are required. The large question about public lands and local community needs (such as an expanded Community Centre) as included in the

Strategic Plan was not addressed.

The LAP is a flawed process, should include Villages and Corridors, the Missing Middle and should not have three neighbourhoods ganged together. It was suggested that we invite Mark to address a combined NAC and DBAC meeting in person. Kelly will look into space for that.

9. Save the Date! CALUC 1120 Hillside Ave rezoning Thursday October 29

10. Missing Middle Housing: surveys were distributed, with a deadline of October 19. No mention was made of the proposal about zoning larger lots, but the City's FAQ indicates what they propose to do. Members indicated this was a disingenuous survey. One suggestion was that a "housing conversion" bylaw might be a more efficient way to go about this.

11. Council Liaison Ben Isitt and Neighbourhood Coordinator Gary Pemberton were not present.

12. Future priorities for NAC were not discussed.