

Minutes of NAC meeting: Monday October 18 @7pm - via Zoom

DBAC 1 QVCC 2 NAC 3 Presenters 2 Community 6

1 Welcome and territorial acknowledgment.

2 Approval of Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes

Agenda and previous minutes approved as circulated.

3 Villages and Corridors Plan for Hillside Quadra City of Victoria Senior Planner Marc Cittone

Marc walked all through a presentation and sought feedback on the draft neighbourhood plan. Marc indicated that Quadra Hillside has more children and families have lower incomes, which are concentrated near to the Quadra Village.

The key wishes the City gleaned from their engagement were: preserving existing green spaces, such as school district spaces; increased recreation and connection to nature; that amenities and open space keep pace with growth; need for indigenous cultural spaces; concerns about Hillside traffic speeds and cut through traffic.

There is a sense of two communities in Quadra Hillside, West below Quadra Street, and North, where there are more single-family homes. The Quadra Village Community Centre is seen by Northern residents as a source of family services but not recreation.

Marc summarized the proposed plan would: preserve existing green spaces, thus working with the school district; expand north-south network for parks access; expand and develop a community hub; daylighting rock bay creek; provide space for indigenous gathering and outdoor practice, as well as space for events and activities. It calls for a revitalization of Hillside Ave with improved crossings and a better walking experience, as well as improvement for Bay St.

Highlights from the Q&A were:

*Request for granular data about who has provided feedback.

*Concern that the focus of the missing middle is on corridors will place quite a burden on the northern neighbourhoods. As a homeowner I would buy into the missing middle IF greater Victoria also buys into it, not just City of Victoria, so that it is distributed across the region. Note some areas do not even allow suites.

*Concern that if 950 Kings is developed our density will go up and our green space will go down.

*Marc notes that the City anticipates that Strata units will continue to be about a car per unit.

4 Comfort Inn Housing (Muncey Place) 3020 Blanshard Update

The monthly September Community Advisory Council meeting did not occur nor has one for October. They may seek to combine the Muncey place and City Centre Hotel CACs. Trying to get some supportive housing residents onto the CACs.

5 Summit Noise CRHD Meeting Oct 6 2021 Update on Proposal from CRHD to do no further mitigation

The CRHD staff report indicated there was no noise issue, and even if there was one it did not need to be addressed, and the ventilation supplier indicated there was nothing more they could do. A good number of residents attended the meeting and wrote to the CRHD and others and a motion was made to direct the staff to conduct up to 50k to determine what the problem is and what solutions there may be. The sense is the directors are starting to understand the impact on residents. While the CRHD directed ongoing engagement with residents through the process, there is no plan is currently in place for resident engagement.

6 Updates from Council Liaison Ben Isitt/ Neighbourhood Coordinator Gary Pemberton

Ben noted the budgeting process starts next week and this is a key window for expressing needs. This can include traffic and improvement of quality of life. Introducing an item year after year can be effective. NAC has delegated Kelly to flag a few issues by Monday AM, such as a mid-block crossing at the 2600 block of Quadra, support for the community association work of the QVCC, a marked crosswalk around Kings and Fifth due to increased pedestrian traffic to the mall.

7 Correspondence updates: VCAN - Letter to City of Victoria Regarding Developer Responsibility and response

The question was what does the city do when a developer does not do what they said they would do? City provided a preliminary response that VCAN will review and follow up on.

8 Community Updates

No provided.

9 Upcoming CALUC's

None so far.

Meeting adjourned 8:53 PM