

Downtown Blanshard Advisory Committee (est.1974)

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DBAC Board Meeting

Monday, November 28, 2022 6:00 pm, QVCC Youth Centre

MINUTES

We acknowledge that we are on the homelands of the Coast Salish Peoples, and we thank the Lekwungen (Songhees) and Kwsepsum (Esquimalt) Nations for sharing this land on which we live, learn, work and play. Hay'sxw'ga si'em!

Board Members Present: Marina Aitcheson, Leni Hoover, Leslie Kenny, David Turner

Frankie Chao, Jesse Green, Cheryl Wolfe-Milner

Regrets: Dustin Alvarez, Muhammad Ghouri, Ed McClanaghan

QVCC Staff: Kelly Greenwell

Community Members: Rowena Locklin, Keith Davis

Minutes: Leslie Kenny

Quorum: 7

- 1. Welcome. Marina called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm
- 2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda Moved: Jesse Seconded: Leni

In favour, 7; opposed, 0; abstentions, 0

Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes of October 24, 2022

Motion to approve the Minutes of October 24

Moved: Leslie Seconded: Frankie

In favour, 7; opposed, 0; abstentions, 0

Motion carried.

- 4. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - i. Board Meeting Times
 - Discussed alternative meeting time options
 - Status quo for now
 - i. Board Executive Elections
 - Marina Aitcheson nominated for Chair, accepted

- Leni Hoover nominated for Treasurer, accepted
- Leslie Kenny nominated for Secretary, accepted
- Vice Chair no volunteers

Motion to approve the Board Executive

Moved: David Seconded: Cheryl

In favour, 7; opposed, 0; abstentions, 0

Motion carried.

iii. Committee Positions

Discussion:

- Written terms of reference for committees
- Personnel committee supervises the ED and consults on personnel matters
- Finance committee will work on procedures document
- Draft policies from 2022 are ready for review
- Ongoing recruitment for new board nominations open house this spring?
- Strategic Plan is in second draft; board retreat to review
- NAC (Hillside-Quadra Neighbourhood Action Committee) meets third Monday of the month, 7 pm, online, all welcome
- VCAN (Victoria Community Association Network) meets last Wednesday,
 7 pm, online. Associations can send up to four representatives.
- Fundraising committee in future

Motion to approve new committee members:

Finance – Leni, Leslie

Personnel - Leni, David, Jesse

Policy - Cheryl, Frankie

Equity – Dustin

Nominations - Marina, Cheryl, Leslie

Strategic Planning – Marina, Darrah De Groot (community volunteer)

NAC Liaison - Cheryl, David

VCAN Liaison - Leslie, David, Marina

Motion to approve the new committee members

Moved: Cheryl Seconded: Leslie

In favour, 7; opposed, 0; abstentions, 0

Motion carried.

- iv. Oasis Seniors' Park at S.J. Willis School
 - Letter of support completed and ready to send

5. New Business

- i. Topaz Park Improvements
 - Phase 2 plans have changed
 - Eleven pickle ball courts to be installed instead of a mix of tennis and pickle ball
 - NAC preparing a letter of acknowledgment with comments

6. Reports

i. Agency Report - Kelly

Events

- Halloween Event (Quivering Village Carnival and Creep-house) was a success, with approx. 400 attending
- Holiday Craft Fair Nov 19-20 at the Gym; fundraiser for The Crew and Youth Programs; 20+ vendors; over 300 attended
- Winter Dinner, December 8, 6-8 pm; 200 meals planned

Hiring

- Sasha Tompkins is the new Youth and Family Counsellor at Vic High
- Bernadette French is new at George Jay
- Avery Duncan is a new Out-of-School Care Worker
- Amber Bell is the new Youth Programs Coordinator

Program highlights

- Food Skills for Youth and Food Skills for Families in session
- Neighbourhood Small Grants new grants issued
- Second Q(ueer)VCC? Pride Night this month was a success

Facility highlights

- Gym and QVCC user groups are increasing
- Gym lease extended for another 6 months
- New furniture has arrived (club chairs, couches, loveseats); thanks to Greater Victoria Savings Credit Union

Changes to street parking

- Discussions with the City about traffic flow on Kings Rd.
- Lost two spaces near front entrance
- Congestion, safety concerns at Kings and Dowler

Funding Spotlight

- Over \$16,000 was donated to QVCC through Canada Helps this year.
- Gift of Good Food donations provided 25 weeks of produce for families

ii. NAC/ VCAN Report – Rowena

- Evergreen Terrace meeting with residents, BC Housing, in January
- Neighbourhood hub installed; looking for stewards to help maintain it
- Monitoring incoming changes to provincial housing legislation
- Council has appointed Susan Kim as the new liaison for Quadra-Hillside

7. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.