

DBAC Board Meeting
Monday, October 24, 2022
6:00 pm, QVCC Youth Centre

Minutes (Draft)

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'qa si'em!

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

Regrets: Frankie Chao, Jesse Green, Muhammad Ghouri, Ed McClanaghan, Cheryl Wolfe-Milner

QVCC Staff: Kelly Greenwell

Community Members: Rowena Locklin, Keith Davis

Minutes: Leslie Kenny

Quorum: No quorum (6 required). The motions will be sent out for voting by email.

1. David called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm.

Additions to/Approval of the Agenda

Two additions under item 6: Canada Post closure and Board liaison to NAC.
Agenda approved by agreement.

2. **Approval of the Minutes of June 27, 2022**

Moved: Leslie

Seconded: Marina

Results of email vote: in favour, 8; opposed, 0; abstentions, 0

3. Agency Report - Kelly Greenwell

- Quivering Village Carnival and Creep-House
Free Halloween event at the Gym, October 28
Fun activities planned. Volunteer spots still available
- Pride Night
First adult Pride night held in September
Well attended and well received
- Quadra Village Allotment Garden
Jarrett James new coordinator, lots of energy
Organized a composter building workshop
Good to see community members growing food close to home
- Camptastiq and Licensed Camp
Another great season of camp
Greater freedom this year post-Covid
Outings on public transit
Many subsidy requests

- Seniors Entitlement Service
New agreement with Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre (VIRCs) to provide service to seniors not born in Canada
Comes with \$10,000 in funding
- Housing Outreach
City of Victoria approved year-two funding of \$45,000
Complements \$30,000 from Victoria Foundation
35 hours weekly of housing outreach support
- Neighbourhood Small Grants
Funds being distributed and some projects are underway
Fall application period is still open
Now includes a stipend for the organizer
- Youth Programs
Fun, busy summer: Out Trip Mondays, Art in the Park Tuesdays, Beach Wednesdays.
The Crew hosted a movie night in the Gym, will help with Halloween Carnival.
Food Skills for Youth is popular and over capacity.
- Child, Youth and Family Outreach
Welcome to Emily Mann, new Youth and Family Outreach Worker
Food skills for families group is underway
- Q-V Gym and Community Centre activities are in full swing. Rental income resuming after Covid. Rental groups include:
Wong Sheung Kung Fu Club
Community Food Support weekly food hampers
ICNA Sisters (Islamic Circle of North America) Arabic language classes for children and women
Marty's Roller Parties recreational roller skating on Sundays
Little Kickers children's soccer skills classes
Alter Arts: Art Hub
Narcotics Anonymous
Al-Anon
Pokémon League

4. H-Q Neighbourhood Action Committee (NAC) Update - Rowena Locklin

- Canada Post Office closure
Different versions as to why it was closed
Declining revenues, or preference maybe being given to larger retail chains
In contact with Laurel Collins (MP) for solutions
- Neighbourhood Hub
Decision reached to locate the hub in the parklet by Wark St. Commons
It will be a nice amenity
City will manage the care and upkeep
- Evergreen Terrace community meeting in September
Good attendance from different types of residents
Many residents experiencing anxiety about the development
Changes coming at BC Housing
Greater outreach support to residents would be helpful, from BCH or else fund QVCC to do it.
- Comfort Inn/Muncy Place group to resume, date tbc
Group has expanded to include other housing sites and service providers
Need a Board member to be a liaison to this group

5. Approval of Board Executive Job Descriptions

- Discussion:
Developed by the Policy Committee to clarify roles
Some contain more responsibilities than in the past
Descriptions include provision of ED and staff support
Goal is a more engaged BOD
May be a deterrent for some Board volunteers

Motion to Approve the Job Descriptions:

Moved: Marina

Seconded: Leslie

Results of email vote: in favour, 7; opposed, 0; abstentions, 1

6. New Business

i. Check-in re: Board Meeting day and time

Deferred to future meeting.

ii. Election of Board Executive: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary

- Discussion:
Vice-Chair and Treasurer spots are open
Leslie could move to Treasurer if someone else can take Secretary
Leslie and Marina will reach out to Board members to explore solutions for filling these roles.

iii. Review of Committee and Liaison Positions

- Deferred for now.

iv. "An Oasis at Last: Seniors-Friendly Park at S.J. Willis." Guest presentation by Terry Dance-Bennick and Anne Duggan.

- Seniors in our area are lobbying for a new park on the school field at S.J. Willis School.
- They are requesting a letter of support and, if possible, for the Centre to be a sponsor for grants they are applying for.
- Offering mutual support for 950 Kings advocacy
- See the Oasis Park proposal and drawings attached

Motion: Whereas the well-being of thousands of seniors residing in the Blanshard/Hillside/Quadra area falls within the mandate of QVCC, and whereas the specific need of seniors for outdoor settings that include wide pathways, elder-friendly benches, and other special features has not been accomplished in the Centre's recent and current green space initiatives,

Be it resolved that the Board is in favour of providing a letter of support for the Oasis Park project and, further, is agreeable to having QVCC act as a sponsoring

agency for project grants obtained by the Oasis group, subject to the grants aligning with QVCC priorities and capabilities.

Moved: David

Seconded: Leslie

Results of email vote: in favour, 8; opposed, 0; abstentions, 0

7. Adjourned at 8:17 pm.