



ATTENDANCE
Board members – Chris Fleming, Alastair McCollum, Jenny Farkas, H�el�ene Baudvin
Individual members – Lorna Rennie, Darren Marr, Penny Bond, Dawn Goodwin
Business members - Magda Taylor, Women in Need (WIN)
City liaisons/ reps – Councillor Jeremy Loveday and Staff Liaison Mike Hill
Guests – Yvonne Mendel, Al Fowler, Sharmarke Dubow
Regrets – Katie Fillion, Pam Hartling, Allison Ashcroft, Paul Noble, Daniel Ferguson, Caroline Gisborne
AGENDA AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL
Amendments: modification to Standing Committee names (reflected below) Motion: First – Penny Bond; Second – Jenny Farkas
PRESENTATION(S)
<p>Yvonne Mendel – Proposal to build a bike park at Topaz Park</p> <p>Yvonne has been working actively to promote the concept of a bike park in Topaz Park. In anticipation of the release of a master plan for this park in the coming weeks, she wanted our neighbourhood association to understand why a bike park is much-needed and a great fit. This past year Yvonne has been building awareness and capacity through bike education clinics for young riders. She received a neighbourhood grant from the City to run these clinics – a good example of the kind of “small but mighty” initiative this grant supports.</p> <p>More info: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1844825765773039/ https://www.facebook.com/events/463073507408122/</p>
<p>Mike Hill – City of Victoria neighbourhood liaison</p> <p>The Neighbourhoods Department at City Hall has been exploring way for neighbourhoods to have more meaningful input into the capital expenditures component of the budget/budgeting process. Mike gave a brief presentation that included information about the annual budget cycle, the factors that influence the capital budget (e.g. community input, deliverables in master plans and strategies, priority considerations such as facility age/condition, coordination with other projects and capacity need). Specific input sessions regarding the 2019 budget scheduled for December 2017 and Feb/March 2018. More details coming soon.</p>

Question: From Jenny Farkas to Mike Hill and Jeremy Loveday re Local Area Plan update budget – Why is this upcoming year’s budget for LAP updates less than it was for previous updates. North Park wants to make sure we get our fair share.

Response: From Mike and Jeremy: Assume the process is streamlined due to learning from early LAP updates. Jeremy committed to advocating on our behalf if we find there isn’t enough in the budget to support the process and desired outcomes.

LAST MEETING’S MINUTES AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL

Amendments: n/a – see comment below

Motion: n/a – see comment below

Minutes of October 2017 AGM – reminder to Daniel and Chris that they need to review the minutes and make a recommendation to approve with/without amendments at our next AGM.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Motion: n/a – see comment below

No formal report due to transition from outgoing Treasurer Pam Hartling, and incoming Treasurer H el ene Baudvin. Informal report: we have roughly \$6000 in the bank, after contributing \$4000 to the WIN/Logan’s mural.

REPORTS

President – Chris Fleming has replaced Jenny Farkas as President.

Land Use – Pam Hartling continues to Chair this standing committee.

The Land Use Committee aims to meet monthly starting this November – meeting date, time, location and agenda will be distributed to membership list at least a week in advance.

One rezoning application in the works to rezone from residential to mixed residential/commercial at the corner of Bay and Vancouver.

One temporary use permit application in the works for the Trees cannabis storefront at 1040 North Park Street.

The rezoning application for the cannabis storefront(s) in the CannaMall (1625 Quadra) have been denied by City Council. The Green Ceiling (smoking lounge) remains in situ and the City is looking at taking legal action to shut it down. The cannabis storefront at 1719 Quadra (BC Pain Society) has moved.

The City’s Development Tracker is a good way to stay up on rezoning applications, proposed developments, etc. You can search on our neighbourhood.

<http://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/planning-development/development-tracker.html>

Communications & Outreach – Katie Fillion continues to Chair this standing committee.

[Npna.ca](http://npna.ca) website homepage updated to make it easier to get on the resident member list, business member list and general email list. Reminder to use #wearenorthpark hashtag when mentioning North Park on social media, and follow Katie’s great tweets on Twitter and Instagram @wearenorthpark

We are now using MailChimp to send out bi-weekly e-newsletters – feedback on how this new system is working is appreciated – email Jenny Farkas at secretary@npna.ca

Placemaking & Public Art – Jenny Farkas now Chairs this new standing committee

Grant submitted last month to Great Neighbourhoods Grant Program to continue mural and placemaking efforts on other buildings on the corner of North Park and Cook Streets.

Events - Hélène Baudvin and Chris Fleming are the active members on this new standing committee

They met recently with Jim Swanson from the Harbour Cats baseball team. Together they are exploring synching our neighbourhood festival with next year’s home opener game (roughly June 2018). More details to follow in the new year.

The suggestion of a winter/holiday party for our neighbourhood was floated around the table and received an enthusiastic response. More details to follow.

Good Neighbour Meetings – Daniel Ferguson and Penny Bond continue to attend these meetings

Penny Bond’s report about Our Place/900 block’s Oct 17/17 meeting

- Now on winter hours, 8:30 am - 9:00 pm, until end of March.
- OD prevention POD expanded to seven stalls on October 10. On site there are two paramedics, one outreach worker and one harm-reduction worker.
- ID Clinic with pro bono UVic law students is being held once/month at the public library.
- Seven nursing students are offering foot care clinic twice/week at Our Place.
- Partnering with Camosun College, computer training is offered twice/week.
- Smart recovery program is in place for residents of Our Place transitional housing.
- Art therapy and ecotherapy programs have been started for transitional housing residents.
- Neighbours report that over time there has been no change on the block.

- Concerns about persistent boulevard camping, theft and drug activity on 1100 block Pandora.
- Increased drug activity in 1100 block Mason St.
- Central Baptist is continuing its engagement programs with the street community, 6:00 – 9:00 or 10:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- A business is considering offering cart storage in a building they own on Cormorant St.

Penny Bond's update on Johnson Street Community (844 Johnson St)

- At August 16 meeting a sub-committee was formed to deal with priority issues Next full committee meeting will be determined by results of sub-committee.
- Recent contact by Penny with Portland Hotel Society resulted in offer to meet one-to-one if there was any NPNA issue requiring attention. It appeared that no full committee meeting was planned for the near future.

City of Victoria – Council Liaison

Jeremy's report largely based on the City's November Update for our neighbourhood:
<http://npna.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/North-Park-November-2017-Update.pdf>

Question: From Jenny Farkas regarding recent news that Silver Threads will be occupying 2,500 square feet of proposed new Crystal Pool facility. How did this decision get made? How has this decision influenced the denial of our neighbourhood association's longstanding request to have a permanent space (small but ours) in the proposed facility?

Response: Jeremy Loveday will look into this.

City of Victoria – Staff Liaison

Great Neighbourhood Grant program may start using a spring and fall intake period to make things predictable for neighbourhoods.

This year's Neighbourhood Ideas Fair is in the planning stages – will build off of what worked last year and including some examples of project funded through this grant program.

The Public Realm plan mentioned in the November Update (link above) includes half of North Park so we all might want to have a look at the approved plan through that lens!

VCAN – Victoria Community Association Network – Chris continues at Chair, representing North Park

Meetings 3rd Wednesday of every month. Each meeting now includes a 15 minute presentation by a City Councillor. Next VCAN meeting is November 15 and Councillor Geoff Young will be in attendance.

Last VCAN meeting hosted Councillor Ben Isitt. After his presentation there was a hearty discussion about affordable housing – a great concern to neighbourhood associations.

The first VCAN meeting to host a City Councillor saw our very own Jeremy Loveday in attendance, fielding a wide variety of questions from neighbourhood association reps.

Membership

One new person added to our membership list. As mentioned, membership sign up form now on homepage of npna.ca. The sign up process is streamlined now that we have removed the \$5 annual fee (resolution at last month's AGM).

Place of Worship Updates

St John the Divine – Rev Alastair McCollum reported that the Out of the Rain night shelter for street youth is now open. The shelter is hosted three nights a week by St. John's. Other organizations, in partnership with Beacon Services, host the other nights. This program runs from October to April.

He further reported that the shelter is much needed and well run, and the youth are being well looked out.

First Met – Penny Bond's update below

- Al Fowler has offered to work with Penny on looking at ways that the neighbourhood and FirstMet might collaborate.
- Redevelopment Task Group (RTG) is exploring a redevelopment approach for the church that involves the United Church's BC Conference Property Resource Team (PRT), supported by Colliers Consulting.
- One option of a feasibility study is considered viable and the PRT supports this proposal.
- The proposal has two primary components:
 - Demolition of the Fellowship Hall and Social Suite and construction of a six-storey affordable housing complex that would be managed by a housing society set up by BC Conference
 - Renovation and upgrading of the Heritage Building/Annex and the Christian Education Wing. This would address much needed work that has been deferred for many years, including seismic upgrading and heating systems.
- The project is designed to generate an income flow to pay for the renovations and eventually serve as general income for First Met. Management would be the responsibility of BC Conference, although FirstMet would have considerable input.
- This currently option is being considered; no recommendation has yet been presented to the congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Met: Next movie is *Hidden Figures*; showing Tuesday, November 14, 1:30 and 7:00 p.m.
<http://www.firstmetvictoria.com/events/movies-at-the-met/2017-11-14>

First Met & St John the Divine are putting on their second annual all ages Big Band Dance Cabaret Refugee Fundraiser with proceeds to support refugee resettlement in Victoria (more here: <http://www.firstmetvictoria.com/events/big-band-dance-cabaret/2017-11-18>)

When: Saturday November 18, with St. John the Divine.

Where: FirstMet hall; 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:40 p.m.)

Cost: Tickets are \$15 (\$35 per family - 2 adults plus children under 17). Available from FirstMet or St. John the Divine church offices, or at the door.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MEETING ADJOURN TIME

8:30pm

THIS WEEK'S MINUTE TAKER

Jenny Farkas

NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION

Date & Time: Wednesday Dec 6/17 at 7pm

Location: Crystal Pool Meeting Room (look for sign on front door for meeting room #)