



ATTENDANCE
Board members – Helene Baudvin, Chris Fleming, Pam Hartling, Jenny Farkas
Individual members – Penny Bond, Dawn Goodwin, Alex Kerr, Christine Warde, Lorna Rennie
Business members – Christine Warde, North Park Cycle, Magda Taylor, Women In Need Society/Store
City liaisons/ reps – Regrets from Mike Hill and Jeremy Loveday
Guests - Jim Swanson, General Manager, Harbour Cats
AGENDA AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL
Amendments: None Motion: First – Jenny Farkas, Second – Helene Baudvin
PRESENTATION(S)
Jim Swanson, General Manager, Harbour Cats (HC) Jim provided an overview of the upcoming year, including the re-signing of Claire Eccles, the league’s only female pitcher. This is the HC’s 6 th season, and they lead the league in attendance (70,000 last year). They are working with the City to host the nationals next year – a 4 day event. Next year’s schedule will have more weekend games, more special events (including a ‘street fair’ partnership with the NPNA – details TBA). There will be four fireworks nights: June 2, June 30, July 20 and August 6.
LAST MEETING’S MINUTES AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL
Amendments: None Motion: First - Pam Hartling, Second – Jenny Farkas
TREASURER’S REPORT
Attached at the bottom of this document Motion: First – Jenny Farkas, Second – Pam Hartling
REPORTS
President - Chris Fleming New meeting location: We will now hold our monthly meetings at the Save On Foods Memorial Arena Community Meeting Room. We will be dropping off a thank you note to the North Park Manor acknowledging their generous donation of meeting space for the past few years. Crystal Pool update: Recently met with project lead Thomas Souillier and Director of Parks Jeff Brehaut. Takeaways: we will have storage space, we will be able to use flex meeting space, and the City has committed to giving the Neighbourhood Association some sort of visibility in the new building (e.g. notice board, opportunity to post on digital notice board). More public consultation re programming for the new facility in the New Year.
Land Use - Pam Hartling Off street parking requirements: The City is updating these requirements (last updated 1981). The NPNA Board has discussed these changes and finds them to be supportable, in particular because they are in part meant to facilitate more affordable housing. http://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/planning-development/off-street-parking-review.html

Cannabis storefront rezoning application for 1040 North Park Street: The North Park Land Use Chair has submitted a non-support letter to the City due to this storefront’s proximity (next door) to Island Health’s new housing development for vulnerable populations.

Other cannabis news: CannaMall is entirely shut down, new storefront next to Wellburns also has shut down.

Stay on top of new developments in our ‘hood via the City’s Development Tracker. Just google “Development Tracker City of Victoria” and then search by neighbourhood.

Communications & Outreach - Katie Fillion (Jenny Farkas reported in Katie’s absence)

North Park t-shirts and ball caps for sale at ShatterBox coffee on Pandora. Only larger t-shirt sizes left so if you want a smaller size email secretary@npna.ca and we’ll place an order (Island Blueprint does small print runs – as small as 1 tee).

Redesign of our bulletin board at North Park and Cook Streets coming soon. The goal is to make it more eye catching and user friendly.

Follow us on twitter @wearenorthpark and make sure to use #wearenorthpark when reporting on something going on in the neighbourhood.

Placemaking & Public Art – Jenny Farkas

The NPNA submitted a grant to the City’s Great Neighbourhoods Grant program to extend the mural onto two other buildings/corners at the Cook Street and North Park intersection. We are hoping to secure the final building/corner in the spring.

Great article about our urban village’s new mural in the Fernwood newspaper:
<http://fernwoodnrg.ca/story-line/>

Events – - Katie Fillion (Jenny Farkas reported in Katie’s absence)

No holiday party this month, but conversations are underway to do a formal ‘launch’ of the new mural in the spring. Want to help organize? Get in touch secretary@npna.ca

Good Neighbour Agreement (GNA) Meetings – Penny Bond reporting on two GNA

Our Place - November 21

Don Evans presented a report on his recent visit to Portugal and Italy to learn more about national strategies and therapeutic recovery communities (TRC). He also described what is being considered for a TRC, run by Our Place, at the View Royal location that currently is Choices shelter. TRC at View Royal would include some renovations, which would be done by the residents. TRC would use seven different therapies. Twelve Steps would be offered at a later stage of the Our Place program. Residence in TRC would be a minimum of one year, up to two years. Through the criminal justice system, people are mandated to go to TRC. In this case, motivation may be less than with people who choose to go to TRC. The Nanaimo TRC is based on the Italian model. The employment program has been launched, with 13 participants.

My Place shelter, on Yates St., re-opened. Residents from “Club Met” shelter will move there, freeing up space at FirstMet for others.

The annual fundraiser, a dramatic reading of Dickens' A Christmas Carol will take place on Thursday, December 14, 7:00 p.m. at FirstMet.

JSC (844 Johnson St)

Nothing to report

City of Victoria – Council Liaison

City of Victoria – Staff Liaison

VCAN – Victoria Community Association Network

City's new Director of Engagement Bill Eisenheier will be coming to VCAN every 3 months.

Membership – 98 members on our membership list; 53 businesses on our email list (1 removed as Kung Fu for you moved out of the neighbourhood), 20 people on our information email list (non-residents or non-members)

Place of Worship Updates – Penny Bond/First Met

FirstMet

The Christmas Craft Fair and Art Sale on December 2, with participants from Our Place, Anawim House, Pacifica Housing and Cool Aid did very well. Over 400 people attended and some participants sold out. It is anticipated that this will become an annual event.

Redevelopment Task Group (RTG) expects to have ideas for the future of the Fellowship Hall ready to present to the congregation in January. These plans would be in conjunction with the United Church's BC Conference Property Resource Team (PRT), supported by Colliers Consulting.

Penny has recommended that once the congregation has approved a plan, then the RTG should approach NPNA's LUC sooner rather than later to begin discussing how the plan will fit in with the neighbourhood's views on development.

Ivy Thomas, the interim minister at FirstMet, would like to explore relationship-building between FirstMet and North Park. In its current transition period following many staff retirements, the church has a Transition Team looking at potential changes. One of these is for the church to be more outward-looking and finding ways to be a better neighbour. This cannot happen unless the church can connect with as many people from North Park as are willing to engage in a conversation about what the neighbours need and how the church might serve those needs. Since Ivy will be at FirstMet for only nine months longer, she does not want to impose her ideas on the new minister who will be hired. However, there is a willingness to begin some kind of engagement process to find out if both the congregation and the neighbourhood are interested in building a better relationship. The next steps would be to see if NPNA is interested and also to find a way to connect with others in North Park who are not part of NPNA. [Conversation ensued around the NPNA meeting table on this topic. Interest was expressed in meeting with Ivy and others from First Met, and the suggestion was made that First Met organize a lively neighbourhood engagement event – including snacks! – that will draw people to attend.]

There will be many special event at FirstMet over the holiday season. More information is available at www.firstmetvictoria.com/

OLD BUSINESS
Nothing to report
NEW BUSINESS
Nothing to report
MEETING ADJOURN TIME
8:30pm
THIS WEEK'S MINUTE TAKER
Jenny Farkas
NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION
Date & Time: 7pm Wednesday January 3, 2018 (aka first Wednesday of the month) Location: Save On Foods Memorial Centre Community Meeting Room (north east corner of building facing big back parking lot).
Don't forget to look on next page for Dec 2017 budget report!

Treasurer's Report - NPNA

STATEMENT OF CASH

Opening balance		\$10 096,00	October 6, 2017
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Expenses			
Web hosting		\$73,30	
BC Societies Registry		\$40,00	
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Mural		\$4 000,00	
Liability insurance		\$850,00	
Total expenses		\$5 003,30	

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Income			
Total income			

Current balance		\$5 092,70	
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