

VICTORIA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NETWORK

MEETING NOTES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2018

General Discussion based on agenda topics:

- Secretary for tonight's meeting
 - Burnside Gorge. Going forward notes will state decisions / recommendations only , not verbatim with exception of some guest speakers comments.
- Secretary for all other meetings
 - Will be rotating alphabetically with Downtown for next meeting
- VCAN terms of reference
 - A subcommittee was formed to draft up a TOR for review. The subcommittee consists of Don Monsour, Paul Gandall, Alison Ashcroft, and Wayne Shillington.
 - Comments that the City has no TOR or Memorandum of Understanding, engagement policy for VCAN as to how we are engaged nor our authority.
- Number of Reps from each Assoc.
 - Discussions ranged from a possible maximum of 3 reps per association including at least one CALUC rep to an agreed open door with one contact point/ person per association. This would be based on one email address per association with the designated contact having the responsibility of the distribution of information throughout the individual associations. There would be an annual review of the email list.
 - On issues where VCAN speaks to the City there would be one vote per association.
- Confirm where meetings are held
 - Agreement to stay in Songhees Room, City Hall
- Contract to use city hall
 - Approval was given for Don Monsour to sign the city contract
- Date and Time for meetings
 - Will be held on third Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm
- Dinner or no dinner
 - No dinner.

- Discussion on possibility of an ask from the City for funding for resource (note taker) and a possible central repository for notes, etc. Letter to be sent to Ben Isset re: funding.
- Appointment of Vice Chair
 - Paul Gandall of the Downtown Residents Assoc. volunteered and was appointed.
- Guest speakers
 - Agreement that there was no benefit to having councilors as guest speakers. If they are invited it would be a Q&A basis with a 2 minute time limit per question / answer. A volunteer appreciation meeting with all councilors was discussed.
 - Possibility of having mayor as guest on a quarterly schedule.
 - Desire to have City Manager as guest as well as specific planners.
 - Desire for a speaker re the new Societies Act and Privacy Act Conflicts.
- Collective voices on issues
 - Agreement VCAN could formulate letters for signing by those associations who choose to do so after confirmation by each association board.

Round Table

Going forward consensus was to present the round table at the start of the meeting with 4-5 minutes per association.

Hillside-Quadra: VCAN attendees wished Janis La Couvee well on her departure from VCAN and thanked her for all her dedication to the community at large. This was reciprocated as Janis thanked all the volunteers in the community. Ongoing discussions with SD61 re the JS Willis lands.

Burnside Gorge: Conflict with Cool Aid proposal and new LAP site designation. New agreement between BC Housing and housing operators being developed to mitigate neighbourhood problems. Agreement to be used as a framework for other locations.

Oaklands: Developments currently quiet. Community Garden initiative waylaid by opposition from some residents. Ongoing issues with membership disclosure procedures. New executive Director making positive difference.

Fairfield: October 22 is AGM. Fall Fair Sept. 22. Residents opposed to Large Urban village designation around United Church site. Decision to keep Board and CALUC together with an advocacy resolution forthcoming. Continue working on Privacy / Society Act issues.

Downtown Residents: Community garden initiative positive. Transfer of densification zoning causing negative issues. Lack of consistent planning / enforcement of Heritage designation status resulting in inappropriate developments.

Fernwood: Use of Vic high site and old fire hall site not determined, ongoing public engagement. Ongoing Crystal pool development issues. Bylaws being revised to comply with Societies Act.

James Bay: LAP pushed back to 2020, so JB started their own LAP preparations. Residents preference for small village designation. Conflicts over additional bike lanes. Developers presentation of 5 unit complex angered residents over “better quality residents” quote. Micro Grant applications being applied for. Staff liaison has been helpful. Membership list issue also.

North Park: All candidates bingo well attended. Ongoing Crystal Pool location discussions with council. No community centre included in plans. Use of Central Park location discussions open. Heritage Wellburn building redevelopment has mixed opinions. Alison has had no response to document request re Crystal Pool. No Engagement strategy for \$90 million project.

Vic West: Vic West corn roast successful. Working with School Division re daycare, SD approved \$900,000 for portables with no planning re location, etc. All candidates forum Oct 2nd.

North Jubilee: Have developed new website. New seniors residential development proposal, unfortunately lose a medical centre /clinic. No LAP date . Proposal for 3 lot tiny house not supported by residents. Council approved it over recommendation of planning to reject it

Next Meeting: Wednesday October 17, 2018 5:30pm at Victoria City Hall, Songhees Room