



DATE: Nov. 22, 2018

ATTENDANCE
Board members – Jenny Farkas, Katie Fillion, Mel Groves, Sean Kahil
Individual members – Jane Storrier, Darren Marr, Jen Kyffin, Penny Bond, Charles Joerin, Anne Moon, Tristan Trotter, Yoka van den Berg, Sheila Potter
Business members – Neil Campbell, President, Victoria Curling Club
City liaisons/ reps – None
Guests – None
Regrets – Allison Ashcroft, Alastair McCollum
AGENDA AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL
Agenda approved. Motion: Sean (1 st) Katie (2 nd)
PRESENTATION(S)
None.
LAST MEETING’S MINUTES AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL
Held over until next monthly meeting.
TREASURER’S REPORT
Held over until next monthly meeting.
REPORTS
<p>President Territorial acknowledgement.</p> <p>We are having an abbreviated meeting tonight in order to attend the Council meeting at 8 p.m., where a motion on the Crystal Pool project will be presented.</p> <p>Update on Crystal Pool Project We have been working to request that the City do a fulsome assessment of what the new pool and recreation facility could look like, and where it would be located.</p> <p>NPNA did a preliminary cost/benefit analysis for four potential sites, and took a position favouring the arena parking lot and curling club site. This position was supported by the Downtown Neighbourhood Association and the Hillside Quadra Neighbourhood Association. One of the most compelling reasons to locate the pool near the skating rink is the potential for district energy, which will allow for significant cost savings in heating/cooling over the lifetime of these buildings. (The operating costs for the current pool are the highest utility costs to the City.)</p> <p>Yesterday, a motion from the Mayor was received to do a full site analysis and consultation. Tonight one of our board members (Sean) will address Council in support of this motion, representing the NPNA and also the Friends of Central Park group.</p> <p>Comment from Neil Campbell, President of the Victoria Curling Club:</p>

The Club has been here 67 years. We own the building but lease the land from City. We have been trying to renew our lease but the City has said it's going through a strategic land process. We have 700 members and we cost the City nothing.

We want to be part of the Crystal Pool but have no money to bring to table. We always thought the Crystal Pool plan should be a multi-use facility. The energy savings to have the pool and rink together makes sense – there is opportunity for public/private partnerships. We're supportive of the larger concept for the pool, curling rink, housing, parking etc.

We're grateful to have the NPNA at the table and hopeful that something bigger and better will happen. You're more than welcome here for meetings, and our lounge is open to the public. We're your neighbours. Spread the word.

Comments from members:

- Is the NPNA considering renovation of the existing Crystal Pool building as an option? One of the reasons this project has been going so quickly is that pool users have won a concession that no disruption to pool users will happen. If the funding doesn't come through for a new facility, then a renovation could be a possibility.
- City Hall is siloed. There needs to be oversight from Planning.
- They are calling it a regional facility but need to acknowledge that North Park, Downtown and Hillside Quadra have particular needs.

Land Use

- **Redevelopment of 919/923 Caledonia:** Please visit the City Development Tracker to see what has been proposed. We have been trying to find out if the proposal is considered good urban design, especially from the perspective of heritage infill. Former Councillor Pam Madoff may be willing to help on the issue of best practices for heritage infill projects. The project will go to an advisory design panel next Wednesday at noon.
- **Redevelopment of St Andrews property** by Bosa: This project is moving along. Modifications are happening to Mason Street around the park between Cook and Vancouver. Due to concerns from the owners of Yoka's Coffee, the City is reconsidering placing a large traffic-calming bump-out in order to preserve the short-term parking in front of Yoka's commercial building. There was agreement in the room that this sounded like a reasonable resolution.
- **Speed reader:** It is proving challenging to find a good location for placing a speed reader, as just about every street in our neighbourhood is a 50km/hour street, and everyone who is wanting this speed reader on their street wants the traffic to be moving slower than 50! Pembroke east-bound between Cook and Quadra was suggested as a possibility.
- **Vancouver Corridor Bike Survey:** A request was made to delay this project until after the Bosa project has been completed. Jenny will contact Sarah Webb at the City to discuss options.
- **First Metropolitan Church** is getting close to having plans ready for a heritage rehabilitation with an additional housing component. Board members will meet with the First Met team in December.
- **Cook/Queens strata proposal:** Toddy Doherty is submitting a proposal for the property on the south side at Cook and Queens. It is currently the site of a VIHA house for adults with developmental challenges. The proposal would subdivide the lot, retain the current multi-unit dwelling, and add a 3-unit strata development in place of the current garage on property. The

<p>neighbourhood Land Use Meeting about this proposal is scheduled for Thursday December 13 from 7-8pm at the Curling Club (basement boardroom).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellburn's: The original proposal did not include the correct parking requirements, or follow heritage guidelines for the façade and building setbacks. The architect is looking at reworking the proposal based on NPNA feedback. Comments: Wellburn's is not protected as a heritage building. The location in the Pandora district allows for a special discount on parking.
<p>Communications & Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The poles for the additional banners in the village have been installed. Banners will be installed later. • Please follow NPNA on Twitter and like or share the Tweets. A lot of City Councillors follow NPNA and see the Tweets as well.
<p>Placemaking & Public Art No report.</p>
<p>Events No report.</p>
<p>Good Neighbour Meetings (Nov. 20) <u>Our Place/900 Block Pandora</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Place is working hourly with VicPD and Bylaw officers to keep activities both on the street and within the drop-in centre under control. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two special duty officers are on a walking beat in the area. ○ New Bylaw Director, Barrie Cockle, has begun attending GNA meetings. • Supervised Consumption Site (SCS) has about 166 visits daily; some are repeat visits. They have 1,000 people on their registry. They have prevented 125 ODs; some referrals have been made to detox. • Victoria Conservatory of Music (VCM) has discussed concerns about street activities on and near the 900 block with business owners, construction managers and others in the area. Before the municipal election they met with the mayor and council. Next step is a petition to the BC government. • Next Steps to Employment, managed by Our Place at 1625 Quadra St., has resulted in jobs for 18 people to date. • In September, Central Baptist Church, partnering with Living Edge, began a neighbourhood market initiative, providing free fresh produce for low income people, on Mondays, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. They have about 80 people using this service and can accommodate up to 100.
<p>City of Victoria – Council Liaison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the municipal election, it is not clear who will be the Council liaison to North Park. Mr. Dubow has been suggested, and we have indicated our appreciation for his interest, but have asked that we might be provided with a councillor with more experience – particularly to help us stay effectively engaged in the Crystal Pool/Central Park redevelopment discussions. NPNA previously had two brand new councillors (Councillors Loveday and Gudgeon) who were wonderful to work with, but who understandably needed time to understand the working of City Hall. We feel North Park could benefit from a more seasoned councillor for the next few years.

<p>City of Victoria – Staff Liaison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are delighted that Mike Hill will continue as the North Park staff liaison.
<p>VCAN – Victoria Community Association Network</p> <p>No report.</p>
<p>Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have 169 resident members, 56 business members and 91 non-resident members.
<p>Place of Worship Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Rev. Shelagh MacKinnon began her one-year contract at First Metropolitan United Church in September. She, and some members of the congregation, recently expressed significant interest in exploring ways that NPNA and FirstMet might work more closely together, including ideas about sharing space. Penny Bond is the coordinator of the Angel Gifts program for Our Place. If you're interested in participating this year talk to Penny.
<p>OLD BUSINESS</p>
<p>None.</p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>
<p>None.</p>
<p>MEETING ADJOURN TIME</p>
<p>8 p.m.</p>
<p>THIS WEEK'S MINUTE TAKER</p>
<p>Mel Groves</p>
<p>NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION</p>
<p>Date & Time: Thursday December 13, 7pm – Land Use Meeting to discuss development proposal for 2220 Cook Street</p> <p>Location: Victoria Curling Club, Basement Boardroom</p>