

DATE: Thursday, February 20, 2020
 LOCATION: Community Room Save on Foods Memorial Arena
 CALL TO ORDER: 7:02pm

ATTENDANCE
Board members – Mel Groves, Sean Kahill, Katie Fillion, Harold Stanley, Al Gallupe
Individual members – as per attendance sheet
Business members – as per attendance sheet
City liaisons/ reps – Sharmarke Dubow
Guests –
Regrets –
AGENDA AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL
Amendments: none Motion to adopt: First – Al Second - Mel
PRESENTATION(S)
Meeting in a Box
LAST MEETING'S MINUTES AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL
Amendment: It was also said that if a temporary permit is accepted, it should be for a one year, and not a three year maximum.
Motion to adopt: First - Al Second - Katie
TREASURER'S REPORT
Motion to accept: First - Al Second - Robert
REPORTS
President- NA
Land Use - SOLID's rezoning application is now up on the City Development Tracker, and will be reviewed by City Staff before going to Committee as a Whole with Public Hearing. NPNA recommends rejection of SOLID application. Concerns about the new housing strategy were discussed relating to affordability and supply; citing a “missing middle” in terms of both architectural scope and price range. Specifically discussed was a lack of town house development and density concerns about high rise development in Harris Green. The City will be presenting Phase 2 of the Housing Strategy at the NPNA monthly public meeting on March 19, 2020 (7-9pm) Council is looking toward a temporary Recreation Centre in place of the Crystal Pool. The funding breakdown to pay for temporary recreation facilities will become more clear once this facility is designed. Council is exploring social housing opportunities as well, either with or

without a pool. Decisions should be forthcoming within the next 100 days.

Fernwood is interested in collaborating with N.P. in hosting all Candidates Meeting for upcoming election.

More City Staff have been hired to address traffic calming issues.

Public Hearing for Wellburn's development has not been announced yet, there has been no movement on Development Tracker, and it has not been recently discussed by Committee as Whole. Shadow Studies have been taking place. It was discussed at the December 12, 2019 Committee of the Whole. [See application on Development Tracker here.](#)

MOTION to adopt: First: Al Second: Charles

Communications & Outreach

Katie reported that feedback on recent NPNA newsletter has been extremely positive, and the NPNA's instagram account has also been well received.

Placemaking & Public Art

The University of Victoria's Community Mapping Class has embarked on an Outreach Mapping Project. Three students will be interviewing North Park's leading service providers and stakeholders and will incorporate these interviews with their final map. Suggested contacts are welcome. This project is due to be completed by the end of April.

MOTION to adopt: First - Al Second- Robert

Events

NPNA is now planning events for 2020:

- 4 work parties at Franklin Green Park
- Jane's Walk in May
- Family Physical Literacy Day
- North Park Festival at Franklin Green Park (August)
- Family Picnic at Franklin Green Park
- Collaborating with ICA to provide food at events.
- Basketball tournament in collaboration with City of Victoria, ICA and Masjid Al-Iman mosque will be held Saturday, March 28 in Central Park- 11am-3pm (950 King St. if raining)
- Fernwood will be hosting an All Candidates Meeting which North Park will cross promote.
- Annual point in time count is approaching and needs volunteers. This year there will be a follow up point in time count the following day.

Good Neighbour Meetings- Penny's Report (submitted)

Our Place/900 Block Pandora

- Since the resignation in December of Don Evans as CEO of Our Place, Alf Eamers, CFO, now also is Acting CEO. A national search is underway for a new CEO.
- BC Housing funding for the VicPD special foot patrol ended on December 31.
 - Camping and street activity continue to be major challenges.

- Many of those who congregate on the boulevard are inhalation drug users.
- Renovations at The Harbour, Supervised Consumption Site, are completed. These changes have improved security and flow of clients through the site.
 - The Harbour cannot operate an inhalation site but will support others who can.
- Solid Outreach Society has begun sending a representative to the Pandora GNA meetings.
- Seventh Day Adventist Church, at Vancouver St. and Pandora Ave., is moving out of its premises in May. A developer has purchased the church's property, along with the neighbouring property, former location of Fotoprint.
- Victoria Conservatory of Music is raising funds to repair and renovate its Johnson St. parking lot. This should improve security.
- "Coldest Night of the Year" fundraising walk is on Saturday, February 22, with options for a 2Km, 5Km or 10Km walk through the streets of Victoria, starting and ending at Our Place Society on 919 Pandora Ave. More information at cnoy.org. Registration 4:00 – 6:00 pm; walk begins at 5:15 pm.

City of Victoria – Council Liaison

Councillor Dubow reported that MyPlace Shelter's contract has been renewed for another year, and that MyPlace has integrated successfully with the surrounding community.

Annual Municipal Budget, including Police budget has been passed by Council.

Concerns were voiced about the inefficacy of Mason Street traffic calming. Speed bumps were requested, but rejected in favour of a weave. This resulted in lost parking and made no difference to speeding problem. It was suggested that Franklin Green Park should have slow down signs and a playground speed zone. Also that parking enforcement in the area is too short staffed, and the fines are too low compared to the high cost of pay parking to sufficiently deter people from infraction. Multiple voices called for City to adopt more policies, and to systematize procedures rather than constantly responding to the greatest pressure, dealing with particular crises as they arise, and working toward the least negative effects. Also discussed was a traffic light on Mason Street which is on all night.

Parking on the opposite side of Pembroke Street from the park poses a pedestrian safety issue, with children, crossing the street to the park in a 50km zone after their parents drop them off from these parking spots.

Councillor Dubow was requested to ask his fellow Councilors and Staff if it is realistic to operate the city in such a way. He agreed to communicate with the Parking Manager and cc NPNA in the conversation. He also suggested that he and Tristan should take a walk around the area so Sharmarke may better understand the issues.

City will hire two new staff for traffic calming. The Director of Public Works is moving to Tofino. A traffic calming representative will be attending Oaklands' April meeting and should be approached to attend NPNA's April Public Meeting as well. Members re-iterated to Councilor Dubow that the Mason St. traffic calming project is a work in progress with limited success, and that the NPNA desires ongoing collaboration with City Hall on the matter.

MOTION: To Discuss Local Area Plan First: Al Second: Katie
City of Victoria – Staff Liaison No Report
VCAN – Victoria Community Association Network No Report
Membership No Report
Place of Worship Updates <u>FirstMet United Church – Penny's Report (Submitted)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FirstMet hosted an ecumenical service on December 6 in recognition of the National Day of Action on Violence Against Women. NPNA was asked to participate and Katie Fillion was one of the readers/candle lighters. • FirstMet hosted a free Community Carol Singalong on December 15. About 90 people attended and response was very positive. • The “Weird Church” team hosted a Valentine’s tea party for the members of the seniors’ program from Our Place. It was very successful and follow-up events are being proposed. <p>2. <u>Masjid Al-Iman</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mosque has children’s soccer and cricket games on Sundays, 10 a.m. – noon in the gym at the former Canadian College on Kings Rd. Everyone is welcome.
OLD BUSINESS
LAP: City is in process of LAP update and doing it differently this time. Working group of 20 members are working as liaisons, and conducting full day Public Workshops in the Spring. (April 25, May 2, May 23) The working group's focus is on long term needs and objectives, policies and design guidelines. This will result in updated plans and zoning regulations, and City Strategies for Climate Leadership Plan. The first phase deals with North Park, Quadra Village, and Fernwood. More information is available on the city website engage.victoria.ca
Crystal Pool: Temporary Recreation Centre proposals are being considered by Council. At some point there will be a referendum for the borrowing of funds for new pool, and there will need to be a location for that.
NEW BUSINESS
Meeting in a Box Presentation.
MEETING ADJOURN TIME
20:57:00
THIS WEEK’S MINUTE TAKER
Julian Cervello
NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION
Date & Time: Thursday, March 19, 2020 7-9pm Location: Save On Foods Arena