September 20, 2022, 5-6 p.m.

BC Housing: Regrets

Business Community RepresentativeREGRETS **Caledonia Tiny Homes Representative x 2:** REGRETS

City of Victoria: REGRETS

North Park Neighbourhood Association: Sarah Murray – PRESENT Not for Profit Representative: Silver Threads - Tracy Ryan – PRESENT

Not for Profit Representative – Alternate: REGRETS

Our Place Society: Sarrah Boyer, Cathy Mingo & Leah Young - PRESENT

Resident Representatives: Adit Prasad – PRESENT Resident Representative – Alternate: REGRETS

Security, Paladin Security: Ewan Chesterley – PRESENT

Umbrella Society: REGRETS

Victoria Police Department: REGRETS

City of Victoria Councillor Liaison: Councillor Sarah Potts – PRESENT

Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness: Janine Theobald & Steven Crombie - Present

Territorial Acknowledgement

 Janine acknowledged that we are working and living in the homelands of the Lekwungen peoples, reminded us of the importance of reconciliation and noted opportunities for education provided by the local Nation members.

Approval/Introductions & Check-in

Agenda & Previous Minutes were approved and everybody introduced themselves

Tiny Homes Operational Update

- Rifflandia was a success.
- Was not informed that Beerfest was happening ahead of time, or about the bike valet.
 - No issues
- Non-residents camping nearby on the greenspace.
 - o Residents and Bylaw trying to move them along.
- It was brought up that there was a fire at the site.
 - Residents and community members came together to put out the fire that was contained to one unit and only lasted a few minutes with no injuries, and the person who started it was discharged.
 - Question: Is anyone else going to start a fire anytime soon?
 Answer: Everyone is an individual so it cannot be predicted, but this seems to have been a one-off incident that should not reoccur.
- Paladin Security for the site, over the two aforementioned community events, encountered no serious issues or security events.
- There has been progress on the camping as there is less of it now and security has been working with Our Place to find alternative solutions for people.

- It was asked for clarification on terminology and visitation policies for residents of Tiny Homes.
 - With the site being temporary, there is a want for the focus to be on finding permanent housing for people with the time available.
 - o There will be a return to staff and resident meetings.

Roundtable Discussion

- Not happy about camping happening outside of the building.
- Events are starting to wind down in the community now that the summer is over.
- The Lending Hub will be operating until the end of September, and then it will be moving to Balmoral.
 - Would like to see something like a Neighbor Hub to replace it that does not require staffing and provides emergency resources.
- Tiny Homes did get a temporary use permit extension as expected and there will be an additional consultation period between the housing provider and community around the future of the site.
 - Question: Does this mean there will be another three years after the next six months?
 Answer: Six month were requested but temporary use permits are issued for three year periods at a time, and what the site will be used for after that will be decided in collaboration with the community and housing provider.
- It was reminded that communication can still be facilitated outside of these meetings through email.
- Project ReConnect went really smoothly and there was a lot of feedback to build off of for the next event.
- It was brought up that the NPNA's newsletter will have any information and updates around What comes back from the city that is relevant for the community.
 - o NPNA Newsletter: https://npna.ca/newsletters/

Next Meeting & One Word Check Out

• November 22, 2022 – 5-6pm Zoom



