



Downtown Blanshard Advisory Committee (est.1974)

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DBAC Board Meeting

Monday, February 27, 2023
6:00 pm, QVCC Youth Centre / Zoom

MINUTES

We acknowledge that we are on the homelands of the Coast Salish Peoples, and we thank the Lekwungen (Songhees) and Kwsepsum (Esquimalt) Nations for sharing this land on which we live, learn, work and play. Hay'sxw'qa si'em!

Board Members Present: Marina Aitcheson, Dustin Alvarez, Frankie Chao, Muhammad Ghouri, Leni Hoover, Leslie Kenny, Ed McClanaghan, David Turner, Cheryl Wolfe-Milner

Regrets: Jesse Green

QVCC Staff: Kelly Greenwell, Sue McTavish

Community Members: Keith Davis, Susan Kim, JJ

Minutes: Leslie Kenny

Quorum: 10

1. Welcome

Marina opened the meeting at 6:15 pm.
Welcomed guest Susan Kim from Victoria City Council

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda
Moved: Ed
Seconded: Dustin
In favour: 9; opposed, 0; abstentions, 0
Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes of January 23, 2023

Motion to approve the Agenda
Moved: Cheryl
Seconded: Ed
In favour: 9; opposed, 0; abstentions, 0
Motion carried.

4. Agency Reports

4.i. Sue McTavish, QVCC Child & Family Services Coordinator

- Sue has been leading Family Outreach programs and Family groups since 2009
- Family ed groups include Nobody's Perfect (0–5), Family Food Skills, Mother's Mental Health Took Kit, and others

- Family services funded by MFC; most referrals through ministry social workers
- Similar positions exist at James Bay, Saanich, Burnside-Gorge and Esquimalt neighbourhood associations
- Needs: facility upgrades, grant writing help

4.ii. Agency Update from ED Kelly Greenwell

Mother's Mental Health Tool Kit

- New group at QVCC
- Support for women in the transition to motherhood
- Resources for physical, mental and emotional well being

Early Years Drop-ins (Playgroup and Kindergym)

- Programs are bursting at the seams!
- We are having to cap them

International Day to Eliminate Racism, March 21

- QVCC event on Friday, March 17, 1-3:30 pm
- Film (title tba), coffee and tea
- Community, board members welcome

Black History Month Education - February

- Social media posts, posters
- Staff members and ED attended workshops on anti-racism and bystander intervention

Lunar New Year Education

- Angela Lee (practicum student) created social media posts and a poster and facilitated Asian-style Lunar New Year decorations for the Centre.

Quadra Village Day Planning Committee – Sat, May 13

- The committee needs members
- Especially a Music /Entertainment Coordinator and someone to help with sponsorships

Borrow a Bike Lock Program

- QVCC a Victoria test site for the program
- City provides high-quality locks for cyclists to secure their with bikes while visiting the Centre
- Based on similar pilot in Vancouver

Seniors' Entitlement Service

- On-site service returns to pre-COVID schedule of 3 days per week

Youth Programs partnership with BeaYOUtiful Foundation

- Girls 8 to 14 years old
- Activities to build friendships, inspire positive body image
- BeaYOUtiful works with diverse communities throughout Canada

- Will integrate with Senior Social Group starting in March

Staff and Volunteer News

- Chloe Dufort, Community Programs Coordinator, is leaving after five years of service (starting MSW in September)
- Kayla Gruntman, Neighbourhood Small Grants Coordinator, is also leaving
- Hiring underway to fill both positions
- Volunteer Anne Topp leaving Seniors' Entitlement Service after 10+ years
- Emma Sullivan started as Out of School Care Coordinator
- Abraham Attes, Katie Deighton facilitating Youth Engagement and Senior Youth Drop-in on an interim basis
- Were unable to fill the Family & Youth counsellor vacancy for George Jay School, a reflection of the tight labour market. Revisit in September
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5. Q&A with Susan Kim, City of Victoria Neighbourhood Liaison

Topics discussed:

- Relationship of QVCC, NAC, and DBAC
- Land use committees
- Current city initiatives for homeless population
- Governance review
- Updating the city's strategic plan
- CRHD – 950 Kings
- Parks and greenspace
- Library services for Hillside-Quadra

6. Hillside-Quadra NAC Update – Keith Davis

- Keith, Rowena and Jon met with the traffic department
- Loss of post office services may have a partial solution, tba
- Ten active developments – variances and rezonings
- Next NAC meeting will be in April

7. VCAN Update – Leslie

- Still developing letter to council with ideas for improving CALUCs
- Community Supportive Housing Advisory Committees are meeting more regularly. New members welcome.

8. Upcoming Board Governance Workshop March 16

- Hosted by the Victoria Foundation
- Cheryl, Leslie, Leni, Marina, Rowena to attend

9. Evergreen Terrace Community Design Workshop at QVCC, March 15, 7-9 pm (tbc)

- No updates

10. Equity Committee Update

- Committee has been active, meeting every two weeks
- Working on a survey about celebrations and holidays

11. Adjourned at 8:10 pm