

Board Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2022

6:00 pm, Zoom call

We acknowledge that we are on the homelands of the Coast Salish, 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!

DBAC Board Members: Cheryl Wolfe-Milner, Darragh De Groot, David Turner, Dustin Alvarez, Frankie Chao, Jelena Pavlovic, Leni Hoover, Leslie Kenny, Marina Aitcheson (Chair), Nat Karpovskaia, Muhammad Ghouri

Regrets: Ed McClanaghan

QVCC Staff: Kelly Greenwell

Community Members: John Munn, Keith Davies, Rowena Locklin

Minutes: Leslie Kenny

Quorum: 6:03 pm

Marina called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

MOTION to approve the AGENDA as circulated.

Moved: Dustin

Seconded: Darragh

All in favour: 9; against: 0; abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

MOTION to approve the MINUTES of November 29, 2021.

Moved: Jelena

Seconded: David

All in favour: 9, against: 0; abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

1. Agency Report - Kelly

- Gift of Good Food fundraiser
 - QVCC team raised \$3,842; Norgaard Foundation contributed \$15,000.
 - Families receive a bag of groceries each week for the term of the funding.
 - Enrolment in progress; hope to get thirty families.
- Holiday dinner
 - Over 350 takeout meals served and over 80 stuffies gifted.

- Great to welcome new volunteers to the crew this year.
- Capital Daily/United Way campaign for the Coalition of Neighbourhood Houses
 - Over \$170,000 raised.
 - QVCC share will go to Youth and Family Outreach.
- Eight-week policy project underway
 - Staffed by Mariel Cooksey, Canada Summer Jobs student.
 - Focus on staff, community social service, human resource, equity/diversity/inclusion, and other policies.
- Quadra Village Day planning
 - The event is set for the week of June 6, 2022.
 - Next meeting is **Monday, February 7, 11:30 am**, via zoom.
 - New volunteers welcome.
- COVID-19 plans redeveloped and reformatized.
- UVic meeting on community charter for equity, diversion, and inclusion (EDI)
 - Kelly attended on behalf of Coalition of Neighbourhood Houses.
 - Hosted by Dr. Moussa Mougassa from UVic Office of Human Rights and Equity.
 - Agencies gave a breakdown of EDI in local services. Seems like UVic has capacity that we can benefit from.
- QV allotment gardens
 - Beds built and irrigation in place.
 - New garden coordinator, Maddy.
 - Beds (approximately 26) have all been taken.
- Welcome mural
 - Brianna Bear is creating a mural in the reception area, with support from Gordy Bear and one of the youth volunteers.
- Stan Hagen Centre (Salvation Army)
 - Centre is closing after 20 years in the neighbourhood.
 - Services moved to church sites in Vic West, Swan Lake and West Shore.
 - We'll need to assess what gaps this creates for our families, if any.
 - Property is being sold. No news yet on the new owner or development plans.
- Quadra Village Neighbourhood Gym lease is extended through the end of June.

2. Committee Updates Part 1

- a. Neighbourhood Action Committee/CALUC – Rowena, Jon, Keith
 - Took a break in Dec and Jan; **next meeting Tues, Feb 22, 7 pm.**
 - Hope to bring someone from BC Housing to talk about Evergreen Terrace.
 - Two concrete planters are available from the city for us to use.

- b. VCAN - Rowena
 - Mayor Helps attended November meeting.
 - Committee is preparing a letter of support to the province for a fund to purchase rental stock.
 - Muncie Place (Comfort Inn) Committee meeting postponed. Organizer may set up a shared meeting with the other short-term-housing facilities.
 - Next VCAN meeting, **Wednesday, February 23, 7:05 pm.**
- c. Villages and Corridors - Dustin
 - No updates.
- d. Equity Committee - David/Dustin
 - We are a subcommittee that supports inclusion and addresses EDI issues that arise in Quadra Village.
 - All are welcome to attend our **Virtual Open House, Wednesday, February 2, 4pm, on zoom.**
- e. Strategic Plan - Darragh
 - Next meeting is on January 25.
 - Will push the strategic plan survey out again, including SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats).
 - Will sign off on mission statement.

3. New Business

- a. Correspondence from Friends of Bowker Creek - Leslie
 - Letter from FBC and the Camosun Community Association re sale of a section of Lansdowne School property.
 - Letter raises concerns over public process, potential loss of sensitive ecosystem.
 - ACTION: Leslie will reply, offer to share any updates on our socials.
- b. Ability to appoint new board members – Kelly/Leslie
 - Received interest from someone wishing to join our board.
 - Discussion re role of nomination committee.
 - ACTION: Marina, Cheryl, Leslie will work with Kelly on a process for bringing on new board members.
- c. Community Centre Operating Agreements – Kelly
 - In talks with Parks and Rec Dept. over operating agreement updates.
 - The agreements cover building lease, utilities, gas, maintenance, custodial services, improvements, etc. – a significant package.
 - Some centres concerned about possible downgrade of services.
 - Need strong advocacy right now, and a reminder of the history behind these agreements (consider putting some of this history on the website).
- d. BC Housing redevelopment of Evergreen Terrace – Cheryl

- Tenants have received notice of intent for the redevelopment of the ET site.
- Two- to three-year planning window.
- May include increased density, mixed-income.
- It's a major change for the neighbourhood, requires a coordinated response.
- Cheryl volunteers to be a liaison for QVCC on the tenant advisory committee (to be formed).
- ACTION: Working group to be formed with Kelly, Cheryl, and David. First meeting on **Monday Feb 7, 7 pm**. All are welcome.

MOTION to table discussion of agenda item 4, "Committee Updates Part 2," to the next board meeting on February 28, 2022.

Moved: Cheryl

Seconded: Leni

All in favour: 8; against: 0; abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

4. Committee Updates Part 2

- a. Finance Committee - next meeting February 10
- b. Personnel Committee
- c. Nominations Committee
- d. Policy Committee – next meeting February 7

5. Adjourn - time: 8:31 pm.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Darragh

Seconded: Leni

All in favour: 8; against: 0; abstain: 0

Next meeting Monday, February 28, 6:00 pm.