

Board Meeting Minutes

March 28, 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 Wensum (Esquimalt) Nations for sharing this land on which we live, learn, work and play. Hay'sxw'qa si'em!

Board Members Present: Marina Aitcheson (chair), David Turner, Jelena Pavlovic, Jesse Green, Leni Hoover, Leslie Kenny, Nat Karpovskaia, Dustin Alvarez, Muhammad Ghouri, Cheryl Wolfe-Milner

Regrets: Darragh De Groot, Ed McClanaghan, Frankie Chao

QVCC Staff: Kelly Greenwell

Community Members: Rowena Locklin

Minutes: Leslie Kenny

Quorum: 9

1. Meeting called to order

Marina called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the AGENDA as circulated:

Moved: Nat

Seconded: Jelena

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

Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve the MINUTES of February 28, 2022:

Moved: Dustin

Seconded: Jelena

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

Motion carried.

4. Agency Report - Kelly

- Staff update
 - Monica Roncato is hired as our new Youth and Family Counsellor
 - Will cover the Reynolds Family of elementary schools (pilot project)

- Carol Porteous, Youth and Family Couns. at Reynolds School, is retiring after 30 years. Our thanks to Carol for her service and for making a positive difference in the lives of students.
- COVID-19 updated plans
 - Masks required in group programs until April 4
 - Recommended but optional in main Centre spaces
 - Removal in meetings by mutual consent
- Centre volunteers
 - Recruitment ramping up as the Centre reopens
 - Over 100 volunteers involved in operations and events
 - Pre-covid up to 180
 - Good to be building things back up again
- QV Allotment gardens
 - Large soil delivery this week
 - Getting ready for planting
- Licensed School-Aged Care fee increases
 - Monthly fees to increase by \$40 per month now and by \$80 in September
 - Several years since the last increase
 - Not covered by the ministry subsidy – will be looking for options for families who receive the subsidy (about one third)
- Housing
 - New fund for emergency rental support
 - Created by Avodah Social Action
 - Will flow to QVCC monthly
 - Plans underway to extend the Housing Outreach position
- Neighbourhood Small Grants
 - Grants open April 1
 - Up to \$500 available for community enrichment, beautification
 - Simple application process
 - Details at neighbourhoodsmallgrants.ca/our-communities/victoria/

ACTION: Please everyone spread the word about Neighbourhood Small Grants.

- Neighbourhood Houses Fundraiser
 - Organized by Capital Daily and the United Way
 - Has funded \$20,000 toward our youth outreach for two years in a row

5. Committee Updates Part 1

- i. Neighbourhood Action Committee/CALUC – Rowena
 - March meeting focus on food security

- April meeting to focus on the missing middle initiative
 - Vancouver has adopted missing-middle zoning but with an affordability component
 - May 16: In-person meeting to discuss BC Housing's plans for Evergreen Terrace
 - Planning meeting for above on April 12, 7 pm
 - Village banners will be hung March 30
 - City has some concrete planters -quite large; Looking for businesses who can use them.
- ii. VCAN – Rowena
- Our letter regarding preserving older rental stock received a reply from the Ministry of Housing and an invitation to meet with Minister David Eby at the end of April.
 - Rowena to attend with reps from Burnside-Gorge, Fernwood, North Park and Oaklands community associations.
- iii. Villages and Corridors project
- City is still working on the draft plans
- iv. Equity Committee - Kelly
- Looked at a draft employment equity policy
 - The Compliments and Suggestions pamphlet (in different languages) is now circulating
 - Regular equity and diversity discussions at staff meetings
 - Committee meets every two weeks
- v. Strategic Planning - Marina
- Committee has been meeting for a year or so
 - Last meeting looked at SWOT analysis and finalized mission statement options (listed below).

Option 1: Nurturing community well-being while providing services and programs essential to the diverse people and needs of our neighbourhood.

Option 2: Nurturing community well-being while providing welcoming spaces, services and programs essential to the diverse people and needs of our neighbourhood.

A third option was put forward by a board member:

Option 3: Nurturing community well-being by providing open and welcoming spaces and responsive services and programs essential to the diverse people and needs of our neighbourhood.

The three options were discussed, and Option 2 was the preferred choice.

Motion to approve the following as DBAC/ QVCC's new mission statement:

Nurturing community well-being while providing welcoming spaces, services, and programs essential to the diverse people and needs of our neighbourhood.

Moved: Dustin
Seconded: Nat
All in favour: 9
Opposed: 1
Abstain - 0

The Board wishes to thank SP Committee members Darragh, Claire, Tara, Autumn, and others for their hard work in guiding the mission statement process.

6. New Business

- i. Community Hub sign campaign
 - o Slogan ideas re Evergreen Terrace / 950 Kings redevelopment
 - o Signs or posters that promote QVCC's vision for the neighbourhood – greenspace, amenities (gym, library, health services), quality of life
 - o Early stages - to be developed
- ii. Quadra Village Day June 11 – Call for Board volunteers
 - o Looking for Board members to help staff the welcome table and QVCC table
 - o 10 am to 2 pm

ACTION: Please contact Kelly if you're available to help out on QV Day.

7. Committee Updates Part 2

- iii. Finance Committee – Leni
 - o Fiscal year-end is March 31
 - o First reports will be ready by early May for review
- ii. Policy Committee - Jelena
 - o Committee has drafted some changes to the Conduct and Code of Ethics policy
 - o Looked at best practices from other community associations, BC Public Service

ACTION: The Policy Committee will keep working on the revisions based on feedback from tonight's discussion.

- iii. Nominations Committee – Marina
 - North Park Multicultural Festival – May 8, July 24, Oct 23, Dec 18

- Vendor table reserved for all four dates
 - First one is May 8, 10:30 – 1:30 pm, Royal Athletic Park
 - Working on materials for Board recruitment and promoting QVCC/ NAC
 - All board members, staff and volunteers are welcome to participate
 - View the Festival webpage here
- Board Election Planning
 - Outreach will begin by early June
 - Board members whose terms are ending should declare by then whether they plan to continue
 - A tour of QVCC for new Board members will take place April 5 at 4:14 pm

ACTION: Marina and Kelly to notify the centre about the North Park Multicultural Festival on May 8, and invite folks to participate.

ACTION: Board members to notify Kelly and Marina by June whether you plan to run for election at the next AGM.

- iv. Personnel Committee
 - No updates

8. Adjourn – 8:05 pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

Moved: David

Seconded: Leni

All in favour: 9

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Motion carried
