



## **Mission**

*Strengthening the Oaklands community by providing programs, services and resources for its residents, businesses and visitors.*

## **Oaklands Community Association Land Use Committee October 29, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

**Location:** Oaklands Neighbourhood House - 2629 Victor Street

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### **Development proposals**

1. Development Proposal Community Meeting: 1210 Haultain

The applicant presented their plan for a side by side duplex in place of the existing house. The proposal requires a rezoning and a variance for the lot size.

Mitigation measures include the entrances set back on the side of the house, and dormer-style second floor.

The immediate neighbour to the west attended and was pleased to hear that the west setback will be 10 feet.

There was a lot of positive feedback from the residents in attendance. Residents specifically emphasized that the design is sensitive to the surrounding neighbourhood.

Some questions that were asked included:

- Is there a requirement for a level accessible entry?
- Would the city allow secondary suites in the basement?
- What are the requirements for parking in front of the house?

### **Other Items**

2. Discussion and Brainstorm on Parks and Greenways Projects for 2019

The Land Use Committee and members of the board facilitated a discussion on parks and greenways in the neighbourhood, and potential opportunities for community projects. Attendance was great with about 20 people staying for a circle discussion.

Some members of the Oaklands Rise Woonerf Group were in attendance and shared their experience gathering support for a people-centred street design.

Traffic was a recurring theme in the discussion, specifically the danger of car traffic using local streets as shortcuts through the neighbourhood.

Some ideas and thoughts that were shared in the discussion:

- Demonstrate cutting edge projects from other cities to test if they will work in our context.
- Update the series of signs in the park around the neighbourhood, and expand the educational component.
- Re-examine and rejuvenate the network of greenways in Oaklands as described in the Official Community Plan (2012) and the Greenways Plan (2003).
- Host a guest speaker to speak about active transportation or boulevard gardening. There was a lot of discussion about the benefits of boulevard gardening, and also challenges with wildlife.
- Design a series of Oaklands-themed natural signage and plant identification markers that can be used in front yards and boulevards.
- Discussion of connecting people in the neighbourhood who are propagating plants. Perhaps one way of doing this would be a 'Garden Club' or something similar - there seems to be lots of interest in sharing plants and knowledge around gardening.
- Connect to pathways and greenways in adjacent neighbourhoods in Victoria and Saanich. Specifically connect the Kings Road woonerf to Kings Park (BC Hydro lands in Saanich), and to Quadra Village. Recognition that many people ride and walk through our neighbourhood to and from other parts of the region.
- Traffic calming measures throughout the neighbourhood, with a neighbourhood approach to avoid simply displacing the issue and not solving it.
- Parks & transportation initiatives need to be considered in context of all stakeholders & the future neighbourhood plan.

Next Steps

- Invite City staff to a future meeting to provide an update on planned infrastructure projects for cars, bikes, and pedestrians.
- Explore the possibility of a neighbourhood walk and mapping exercise coinciding with the Oaklands Winter Market on December 1<sup>st</sup>.