

**DRA Board Meeting**  
**January 16, 2024**  
**Location: ZOOM**  
**Time: 5:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Sandra Severs (President), Doug Boyd, Dianne Flood, Michael Demakiling, Ian Sutherland, Colby Young, Jordan Royer, Dawn Moorhead, Sherry Lee

**City Council Liaison:** Dave Thompson

**City Staff:** Kimberley Stratford

**5:30 p.m. Call to Order, Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Approval of Agenda**

**5:35 p.m. Councillor Update:** Dave Thompson

**Councillor Thompson provided following updates:**

- Budget in process, anticipating higher taxes due to prior year tax cuts and reduction of reserve funds.
- Council anticipates new and future changes in provincial legislation will impact City Council's decisions on housing/poverty/homelessness.
- Council considered DCC policy – decided not to waive DCC fees, but applicants encouraged to apply for grant.
- Council passed motion to ask the Mayor to write a letter to the Province asking that funding for a washroom on Pandora St. be provided. Adding washroom amenity is in alignment with provincial homelessness strategic plan re. washrooms for encampments.
- Treatment/removal of street encampments: Concern was expressed that bylaw is removing survival gear of those in encampments without adequate alternatives for shelter being provided.
- 937 View Street – Conversation about the decision-making process re. this application. Concerns expressed by Board focused on the livability of the proposal understanding that there is a desperate need for purpose-built rental housing in the city. The application has been referred to a public hearing to gain clarity from Victoria residents about whether this project should move forward.

**5:55 p.m. Downtown Update:** Kimberley Stratford

**Kimberley updated on changes to City's neighborhood liaison resources:**

- The Neighbourhood Liaison position is no longer funded, function will be integrated into another existing position. As a result, City staff will cease regular attendance at neighbourhood association meetings (VDRA included) but may still attend by invitation.
- Kimberley remains accountable to provide connections to responsible staff of each specific issue/project.
- Our Neighbourhood e-Newsletter will now be by subscription.

**Other updates:**

- The Local Champions Program training opportunity is now on the City website. \$250 registration fee. <https://www.victoria.ca/community-culture/neighbourhoods/local-champions-program>
- My Great Neighbourhood Grant applications will open in February 2024.

**6:10 p.m. Executive Report:** Sandra (report attached)

- **ACTION:** Kimberley will provide information on Base Grant funding report and Neighbourhood Coordinator Funding requirements. -DONE
- Sandra clarified LUC will have opportunity to review and provide feedback to OCP review report and recommendations.

**6:20 p.m. Standing Committee Reports – Q and A**

- **Urban Livability Committee (ULC) and Urban Ecology and Agriculture Committee (UEC):** Michael/Colby (report attached)
  - Discussion on proposal for 2<sup>nd</sup> community garden: members advised to avoid a “change of use” land use application and ensure description on “loading” does not exceed weight of cars for the roof top parking location.  
**ACTION:** Michael will coordinate points in time data collection re. # of people gathering/using targeted space.
- **Communications and Membership Committee (CMC):** Doug (report attached)  
**ACTION:** Members are encouraged to promote OCP consultation activities in the next weeks, including using PDF poster with QR code linking to survey.  
**ACTION:** Board will begin planning for April AGM.
- **Governance Committee:** Dianne (no report)
- **Land Use Committee (LUC):** Ian/Jordan (report attached)
  - Discussion on concerns for a lack of minimum unit size and minimum amenity contributions requirements set out by the City. The City is tolerant of higher density ratios compared to Vancouver and other cities. E.g., Victoria currently permits 7.5:1 density ratio and no amenities requirements for new developments, whereas in Vancouver requires 5:1 density ratio and amenities requirements.
  - Members indicated to Councillor that there is currently a lack to feedback from neighbours due to lack of information about opportunity to voice concerns, and currently lack of neighbours in the immediate surroundings, despite major violations to OCP and other planning requirements in some of the current development proposals.

- Councillor Thompson advised that concerns re. 937 View Street may be submitted to Council.
- **Community Engagement Committee (CEC):** James (no report)

**6:25 p.m. External Meeting Reports – Q and A**

- **Victoria Community Association Network (VCAN):** Sandra/Ian (no report)
- **900 Pandora Good Neighbour Group:** Sandra (report attached)
- **Greater Victoria Harbour Authority Community Liaison Committee:** Doug (no report)

**6:30 p.m. Other Business**

- Board discussed human resource and budgetary issues. A decision on the issues is deferred until Gaming Grant funding status is confirmed.

**7:30 p.m. Meeting concludes.**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 5:30pm**

## **Executive Committee Report – January 2024**

**OCP Review** – The planning committee, made up of members of the Board and the Land Use Committee, have met three times with Wiser Projects in preparation for our response to the OCP 10-year review.

We will host the neighbourhood engagement event from 6-8:30pm on Wednesday, January 31 at the Victoria Event Centre. The event will consist of the following:

- 6:00: doors open (participants arrive and mingle, look at tables with questions/info)
- 6:30 – 6: 35: Welcome by DRA
- 6:35 – 6:45: Event overview by Wiser
  - Why we're here/What's an OCP
  - Format for the event
- 6:45 – 7:45: Structured group discussions and simultaneous self-guided process at the back of room for those who prefer to give input that way
- 7:45 – 8:00: Wrap up: summary (from facilitators) and next steps (DRA or Wiser)
- 6:00 – 8:00: Tables with questions and post-it note exercises for participants to provide input in an individual, self-guided way

Doug and James have been working on the communications strategy with postering and social media posts happening this month. Board members are encouraged to share information about the event on their social media feed. Mayor Alto and Councillor Thompson have been invited to participate if they are able.

**Executive Director Job Posting**- A final draft of the job description for an Executive Director for the DRA is complete. The position will be circulated this week.

**Request for ongoing grant funding** – A letter was submitted to Mayor and Council asking for a renewal of the DRA's funding to help the DRA continue our work of building organizational capacity.

**Gaming Grant application** – James and Sandra submitted a request to the provincial government for gaming grant funds to support our work in community building. The deadline was the end of November and the funding decision will be released at the end of March.

**Letter of Support** – In response to a request from Councillor Dell, a letter was sent to Mayor and Council supporting an increase in the Festival Investment Fund.

**Victoria Community Association Network** - A special meeting of VCAN was held at the beginning of January to talk about the OCP review and to express concern about the limited window for community engagement. Concern was expressed that community associations have a level of knowledge and experience that will not be intentionally explored during the review process.

### **Census Data by Neighbourhood –**

The long awaited census data broken down by neighbourhood has been received and posted on the city's Open Web Portal. The data breakdown per neighbourhood is a special data request from Statistics Canada, with help from the Capital Regional District. Data were adapted from the 2021 National Household Survey (short form census questionnaire). This is raw data, by counts not percentages.

<https://opendata.victoria.ca/datasets/2021-short-form-census-100-sample-broken-down-by-neighbourhood/explore>

**Urban Livability Committee  
Urban Ecology and Agriculture Committee  
Report**

Victoria Downtown Residents Association  
January 16, 2024

## **Updates**

### **Urban Livability Committee**

#### **Breakfast Club – Saturday, January 20, 2024**

The Urban Livability Committee and the Neighbourhood Solidarity with Unhoused Neighbours (NSUN) are organizing a Breakfast Club event. During this event, Michael, the Co-Chair of the Urban Livability Committee, and his partner will lead a baking and cooking activity. The aim of this pilot project is to encourage the community to come together and support each other. By sharing baking and cooking skills, we hope to provide food for our neighbours in need and build a stronger sense of community, particularly during the cold winter months.

#### **Mural at 1030 Yates St (East side wall of the Yates Street Community Garden)**

Murals significantly impact a community's well-being, serving as an expression of public art that can fulfill multiple purposes in a community. They can add beauty, tell stories, engage the community, and offer social commentary. Murals can create a sense of identity and place within a community, often reflecting local culture, history, and values. Additionally, they can provide economic benefits by attracting tourism and promoting local businesses. They can also help to reduce graffiti and vandalism by creating a sense of pride and ownership in public spaces. Therefore, it's great news that the Strata Council at 1030 Yates Street has given the go-ahead for the VDRA to apply for a grant to have a mural on the east-facing wall of their building (the side facing the Yates Street Community Garden).

## **Urban Ecology and Agriculture Committee**

### Yates Street Community Garden

Number of people on the waitlist (as of January 13, 2024): **260**

### Tobacco Box Project

Raven, a member of the community garden, grew tobacco in the YSCG as part of the Tobacco Box Project. Her aim was to donate the tobacco to organizations that support urban Indigenous people, to give back and support Indigenous culture. With the support of Janet and the community, Raven grew the tobacco and donated it to Victoria Native Friendship Centre and Surrounded by Cedar Child and Family Services. Raven expresses her gratitude to everyone in the community for allowing her to grow tobacco and for welcoming her into the community garden.

### Second Community Garden in Downtown Victoria

The ULC and UEA committees continue to work together to establish a second community garden in Downtown Victoria. Further updates will be provided once we get them.

## **Communications and Membership Committee Report – January 2024**

Update on Committee activities since the November 2023 report:

- **Newsletter / Other Communications to Members:**
  - The November newsletter was issued on November 23 and the December newsletter was issued on December 13. Statistics from Mail Chimp indicate that they were opened by 33.4% and 38.6% of subscribers, respectively. The items receiving the highest number of clicks were the Lights of Wonder, the City of Victoria Development Tracker and the Queer Open Stage events.
  - We also sent notifications and calls for volunteers re the upcoming OCP review event, and the Breakfast Club event.
  - We intend to put together a newsletter by January 18 and welcome contributions from Board members.
  
- **Web site**
  - We continue to add posts to the News page and add events to the Events page of our new website.
  - 348 site sessions for November (up 24% from the previous month) and 276 site sessions for December (down 21% from the previous month). The most viewed posts were the Naloxone training and Queer Open Stage events.
  
- **Social Media**
  - The number of posts over the past 2 months, and the current number of followers are:
    - Facebook - 9 posts, 1040 followers
    - Instagram - 3 posts, 1004 followers
    - Twitter - 4 tweets, 1159 followers
  
- **Other**
  - 3 new members since the last report. As a note, we send welcome letters to all new members inviting them to become involved with DRA activities, and, where applicable, to become an ambassadors for posting notices of our events in the buildings where they live.
  - 30 new newsletter subscribers since the last report

Submitted by  
Doug Boyd  
Chair, Communications and Membership Committee

**Land Use Committee Report – For Board Meeting  
16 January 2024**

City of Victoria Development Tracker: <https://tender.victoria.ca/WebApps/OurCity/Prospero/Search.aspx>

**Current**

1. 836 Yates – Chard Properties

Heritage Alteration w Variance for approval of fence and gates, variance for height of the fence. Council declined the previous HAP w/V on 09 Dec 21. As of Mar 2022, all fencing and gates have been removed from the property. (Note: this application, in combination with any application from neighbouring 848 Yates, will effectively remove all or part of the pre-existing mid-block walkway that was presented with expansion and improvements as part of the application for Chard's development at 848 Yates St and identified in DCAP as part of the pedestrian network.) Status: New Application Review by City 07 Mar 2022 for the HAP w/V of fence & gates, variance for height of fence. Plans posted on the Devt Tracker. Status: **updated application received Jan 12**

2. 1050 Yates – Chard Properties

Development Permit with Variance application for a mixed use development which includes purpose-built rental housing and ground oriented retail and shared amenity spaces. The proponent is asking for a variance of 24.22m or eight storeys, reduction of setbacks throughout and a reduction of 173 parking stalls. Status: **approved at council Jan 11**

3. 1244 Whart St – Salient Group

Rezoning for the guild building to accommodate two additional storeys, with heritage designation. Building will be a limited service hotel. Status: **CALC held December 11**

4. 586 Johnson Street – Liquor License – Forged

Application received for permit application at 586 Johnson St for liquor license. **Letter sent to the City Jan 8.**

5. 851 Broughton – Concert Properties

CALUC meeting to consider development of YMCA/YWCA site to include 225 condominiums and 150 market/affordable rental homes. Pre-CALUC booked for October 30<sup>th</sup>. Held, application will come mid-2024 at the earliest.

6. 1885 Government Street – Pooni Group/ Nicola Wealth Real Estate

CALUC meeting to consider an OCP amendment, Rezoning and Heritage Alteration Application to the City for site at 1885 Government St. Pre-CALUC booked for October 30<sup>th</sup>. Cancelled

7. 1011 Fort Street - Wild Coast Construction

CALUC meeting to consider a rezoning application to amend Zoning Regulation Bylaw #80-159 Part 6.55, 1(1)(k) & 2(2) – which currently prohibits dwelling units on the first storey and also requires that retail uses occupy not less than 75% of both street frontages – in order to allow the conversion of two small commercial suites facing Meares Street into residential use. Commercial units on Fort St. will be maintained. **Went to council.**

8. 1215 Langley St – Heritage Alteration Permit – Francophone Society

HAV application received for 1215 Langley St for Francophone society redevelopment of bastion square building; adding a balcony to the exterior. **No response sent as no committee input received.**

9. 825/827 Fort Street – Development Permit Variance – Salient Group

Previously Fairfield – now within downtown, currently under construction. Requesting an additional storey. Application closed to responses – skipped public input.

10. 539-545 ½ Fisgard & 16-18 Fan Tan Alley - Temporary Use Permit – Salient Group

Temporary Use Permit for short term accommodation. **Responses overdue – note that transient accommodation was just announced to not be allowed.**

11. 937 View St – Nelson Investments w/ de Hoog & Kierulf –

Development Permit with Variance to build an 19-storey (over the 10 storey permitted) 60.2 m (over the 30m permitted), 266 studio and 1 BR market rental units with 0 vehicle parking and 317 bikes spots on R48 land and located in Fort St Heritage Corridor (using pre- fabricated components?). Proposed FSR 7.97. The applicant is not proposing to rezone away from the R48 zone but is requesting a height variance. Updated Status: **Revised drawings received on July 19**

12. 579-585 Johnson St – Hartwig Industries w Studio 531 architects

Heritage Alteration Permit with Variance & Devt Permit applications to construct a new mixed-use building while retaining the heritage building at 579 Johnson in 2 phases (new buildings: P1, Cameron building: P2). “The project proposes to amalgamate 2 sites.” The existing 1F building on Johnson will be demolished. The proposal includes three buildings (new 4F on Johnson, existing 2F heritage on Johnson and new 5F behind others)

with one storey below grade. 25 residential units with a mix of 1 BD and 1 BD+den. FSR of 2.72:1. No vehicle parking is required or proposed and 49 bike parking proposed (48 required). Declined by both HAPL and ADP at their final meetings in 2021. Revised plans were posted on Development tracker April 27, 2022. Status: HAPL meeting was held July 14 to confirm Municipal Heritage designation on 579 Johnson St.

13. Delegating Minor Variance

Council is requesting CALUC feedback on allowing minor development variance permits to be delegated to staff.

14. 533 Chatham St – LeFevre Developments

Development Permit with variance application for a mixed use building and through block walkway and subdivision of property with existing heritage building. The proposal requires variances for height of building and on-site parking. Variance is for height (5.7m) and parking reduction of 13 stalls (from 92 to 79). Status: **Heritage Advisory Panel meeting held April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

15. 780 Blanshard/ BC Power Building – Reliance Properties

Rezoning to construct/add an 18-storey tower (proposed uses 17F residential + 1F amenity) above the existing 4- storey heritage registered building (proposed hotel use) with a total FSR 4.6. The heritage designation is proposed to be concurrent with the Rezoning and the Heritage Alteration Permit approvals. No on-site parking proposed but offered that they may have access to 25 off-site spots. The hybrid CALUC with concurrent in-person and online attendance was held on 21 March 2022 with in-person at The Parkside Hotel. The CALUC letter was submitted 27 April 2022 reflecting the community's concerns regarding the poor quality of the in-person presentation (audio and visual deficiencies) with a request for a second properly planned and executed CALUC meeting. Status: **Revised Drawings Received by City March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.**

16. 530 Chatham – Reliance Properties w D'Ambrosio

Rezoning application to permit residential uses, retail, commercial, arts and cultural facilities, high-tech, office, assembly, studio, small-scale commercial agriculture, parks and open space, and to designate two heritage-registered buildings. An OCP amendment is required for the addition of residential uses and for height. Proposal includes buildings with 2-6F podiums and 3 towers of 10F, 13F and 17F with a density of 3.0:1. Heritage buildings will be preserved and adapted for reuse. Public Amenity Contributions include open spaces and land for a proposed new art gallery. Online & in-person CALUC meeting with Burnside Gorge and Downtown residents took place on 21 Sept 2021 with comments open until 03 Oct 2021. Approved at Heritage Advisory Panel on 10 May 2022. Revised drawings were received 1 February which precipitated a second CALUC Status: **CALUC waived by DRA and Burnside Gorge due to limited changes**

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**Special Council meeting on February 16th: 3rd reading of zoning and OCP amendments. Council indicated support for the application (6-1). Motion to adopt zoning amendments, bylaw amendments, and housing agreements was postponed. Motion to approve development permit with variance was postponed.**

19. 2621-2629 Douglas Street (**BURNSIDE**) - Merchant House Capital

Pre-application CALUC for rezoning and DP. Applicant is seeking to rezone parcel at 2621 Douglas - near the former Times Colonist Building. 12-storey purpose-built rental building. 160 units ranging from studio to two-bedroom. No on-site parking.

**LUC: Ongoing and Active**

17. . 1045 Yates St, Harris Chrysler (Phase 1) – Starlight

Development Permit with Variance concurrent with a Rezoning Application related to area of 4.9 acres over two sites. Proposal includes: 5 & 4-storey podium with 23 & 22 storey towers with a 6.18:1 FSR. Rental for 518 residential units, including mix of studio, 1, 2, 3 BRM, & TH with 7 Ground-oriented and 10 podium units with 348 onsite parking stalls & 674-bike parking. Proposal includes 484m<sup>2</sup> for Daycare. **Special Council meeting on February 16th: 3rd reading of zoning and OCP amendments. Council indicated support for the application (6-1). Motion to adopt zoning amendments, bylaw amendments, and housing agreements was postponed. Motion to approve development permit with variance was postponed.**

18. 1205 Quadra/911 Yates – Starlight

Rezoning and OCP Amendment and Devt Permit for two sites on the south side of Yates between Quadra & Cook: 1.35 hectare full 900-block Yates and the 0.63 hectare eastern half of the 1000-block Yates, 1045 Yates. Revised proposal includes: 5 & 4-storey podium with 34, 31 and 30 storey towers with an overall FSR of 6.06, 1584 new rental apartments, including 27 ground- oriented units and 30 podium-level units with 1291 parking spaces, and 2125 bike parking. Proposal now includes reference to a 2109 m<sup>2</sup> “public park” “play areas” & “dog park on View St” for the 900 Yates block. A 484 m<sup>2</sup> Daycare is also noted as included. Status: Revised drawings were received on August 8th.

19. 919 Douglas – Strathcona hotel – Liquor license

Liquor license application received to change to a complete liquor primary license for Strathcona hotel. Status: **letter sent to council on August 23**

20. 727 Yates – Saint Franks

Liquor license application to change location from broad st to yates st location received for Saint Franks received. Status: **Letter sent to council July 20**

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21. 1205 Blanshard/Capital Six – Jawl Properties with D’Ambrosio –Rezoning & Devt Permit applications for 15,792 sqm total/commercial floor area, with an FSR of 5.89:1, 44.35 m/10 storeys, 144 onsite parking stalls, 117 bike spots. Online alternate CALUC meeting took place on 13 July 2021. Revised plans posted 13 Jan 2022. CALUC letter submitted 01 Feb 2022. Status: Bylaw Adopted

22. 603 Pandora Avenue –Hampton Inn Development – Held an Open House September 28<sup>th</sup> indicating a fall/winter development application. Application will include height and density variances.

23. 1030 Fort – Jawl Properties w Cascadia Architecture – Rezoning and Devt Permit with Variance for a 6-storey (22.28m) market rental project with CRUs at grade and 30 residential units (20 x 1BD+den and 10 x studio) with FSR of 4:1. No onsite parking is proposed (24 req) with 56 bike parking spots (44 req). An online community meeting was held on 31 Aug 2021. Approved at ADP on 23 Feb 2022. Status: Revised application received on July 5<sup>th</sup>, a letter response was sent to the city on July 20<sup>th</sup>. The project received 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on August 4<sup>th</sup> with a referral to public hearing once the following conditions are met: arborist report, housing agreement, transportation demand measures secured legally, park provisions secured, public hearing fee paid and notification signs erected.

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  27. 710 Caledonia – Chard/ProvBC – Rezoning and Devt Permits to develop three buildings over a shared commercial podium that includes office, grocery store, childcare and public plaza. Burnside Gorge LUC invited DRA LUC members to attend the Zoom meeting on Mon 07 Feb 2022. Status: Revised plans submitted to City on June 15<sup>th</sup>
  28. 700 Government St – HAVN Experiences Ltd/Nicholas Van Buren – Rezoning to permit personal service uses (sauna) in the Inner Harbour & Devt Permit to convert a barge into a floating sauna structure. Status: Revised plans sent to City June 3rd.
  29. Fairfield Gonzales LUC (on DRA border): 846 Broughton – Parc Living – Rezoning and Debt Permit to increase density and allow for a 10-storey mixed-use building. Status: Staff Review of Revised Plans 02 Mar 2022.
  30. 516 Discovery (Burnside Gorge border) – City-initiated rezoning as part of the Rock Bay Plan to rezone to the M2-I Zone. The M2-I Zone – Douglas-Blanshard Industrial District permits limited light industrial uses, high-tech, service-commercial & limited retail. The following uses are the only uses permitted: high-tech, call centre, professional services (including architects, engineers, & surveyors), retail sales of home furnishings, home supplies or sporting goods, and retail sales & offices as accessory uses incidental to, and less FSR than, principal use. Limits on FSR of each use per building or by portion of site. Status: Only activity is City doc posted on 14 Sept 2006. Item added to follow in relation to “Innovation District” related proposals at our northern border.
  31. Municipal Alcohol Policy – Staff provided update on progress on the policy with request from council on direction on several items at daytime Council 09 Dec 2021. Much time spent reviewing context and suggestions to expand the scope of the policy. Work will continue with direction given from council on all items brought from staff. No new information on this file to date.

32. 1244 Wharf – Salient Group – Heritage Alteration Permit and Rezoning File for exterior alterations (changes to existing windows and addition of new windows, changes to entrance door locations, building material changes, and an addition of a new rear balcony). Concurrent Rezoning File: REZ00739 concluded with approval to add hotel use. Status: Review of Revised Plans 24 June 2021.

33. 450 Swift St. Craft Beer Market Victoria Harbour. Liquor License Application. Notice of Application to combine two existing Liquor Primary Licences into one Liquor Primary Licence and Change Hours of the resulting Liquor Primary Licence.

33. Combine the two existing liquor primary licences that currently total 315 persons to one licence. Two liquor primary patios are proposed of 80 persons and 75 persons from the existing 315 persons to be licenced on the patio under the liquor primary licence. Align the liquor primary hours with the existing approved food primary hours: 9.00am – 1.00am, Monday – Saturday and 9.00am – midnight Sunday. New Liquor Primary would run from 9AM – 1:00AM every day, aside from Sunday which would be 9AM-MIDNIGHT. Current Liquor Primary runs from 11:00AM – MIDNIGHT Monday-Sunday. Letter Sent December 29th.

34. 27-560 Johnson Street. Artemis Whiskey Bar. Extending Liquor License Hours. The application is to change hours of liquor service for an existing liquor primary license and proposes to increase hours on Friday and Saturday only by one hour each day from 12am to 1am. The occupant load is 110 people and is not proposed to change. All licenced areas are interior as the establishment does not have exterior seating.

35. 910 Government Street. Axe and Grind. Liquor License Application. The application is for a new liquor primary licence having hours of operation from 9am to 2am daily with an 80-person occupant load. The application does not include any outside seating. Letter Sent December 14th.

36. 854-880 Pandora Avenue (**NORTH PARK**) - Townline Development

A twelve-story building with a varied unit mix of apartments and townhomes, including: 36 studio units (28%), 24 one-bedroom units (19%), 15 one-bedroom + den units (12%) , 51 two-bedroom units (40%) , Two three-bedroom units (2%), Large podium-level indoor/outdoor space with varied programming tailored to the needs of the building and its residents, Rooftop lounge and outdoor social space. The project constraints are approximately 7,100 ft<sup>2</sup> of ground-floor commercial space. Density of 4.5 FSR. **This is a development occurring in North Park, but is right on the border of the Downtown Neighbourhood. The project is not yet on the Development Tracker. The NPNA has invited the DRA to attend a CALUC meeting dated February 28th, at 6:30PM, in the BOSA Building Community Room at 1008 Pandora/1025 Mason Street.**

#### Archived or Inactive or Cancelled

1. Zoning existing City parks as parks. Why has the City not committed to this? What can our committee do to advocate for protection of these community amenities? Discussed at 06 July 2020 DRA LUC meeting.
2. Develop a draft doc outlining guidelines for Heritage Corridors as referred to in the OCP, and as relevant to Fort St, etc. Discussed at 12 Aug 2020 pre-CALUC meeting. Quinn is reviewing supporting docs.

3. Rapid Deployment of Affordable Housing – City-led initiative to consider an application to amend the Land Use Procedures Bylaw to delegate development approvals for non-market affordable housing to the Director of Sustainable Development and Community Planning in all Development Permit Areas. Additionally, Council is considering an application to amend the Zoning Regulation Bylaw and the Zoning Bylaw 2018 to establish a maximum floor space ratio for qualifying affordable housing developments. Approved at Public Hearing on 14 Apr2022.
4. Neighbourhood Boundaries – Non-statutory public hearing at Council 27 Jan 2022. City proposal to change boundaries between Downtown and Fairfield to include DCAP plus other lands outside DCAP. DRA board and LUC sent letters not supporting change as proposed. LUC posited suggestion that only DCAP area should be considered for inclusion in Downtown but nothing else. Council amended the motion as advised by LUC and approved. Will come to Statutory Public Hearing as some changes require OCP amendments. Status: Report to Council on 17 Feb 2022.

## 900 Block of Pandora Good Neighbours Group -January 2024

**Washroom on Pandora** – A motion was made and passed by Mayor and Council to send a letter to the province to request funding for a temporary washroom on the 900 block. No response has been received as yet.

**By name list** – Our Place has redeployed the Dandelion outreach team and tasked them with the job of compiling data about those who are unhoused and living on Pandora. The Dandelion Team’s mandate is to support people without nearby supports or who struggle with isolation. Two full-time people will be working on the data collection and searching for housing for people on the block during the next year. The goal is to build relationships, ask people what they need and attempt to meet the needs. The demographic data, while gathered at a particular point in time, is interesting.

Information summary to date:

Gender ♂: **36** ♀: **57** other: **1**

Age under 19: **1** 19-30: **17** 31-45: **43** 46-60: **28** over 60: **4**

Time on Block under 1 yr: **18** Over 1 yr: **53** 6-10 yr: **18**  
over 10 yr: **5**

Among the needs expressed, access to housing/shelter which makes space for dogs, “sober” camping sites, and addiction