



HANSON RANCH-HVCA MEETING

Wednesday October 24 2018 at 7:00 pm
 Hidden Hut 10504 Hidden Valley Drive NW

ATTENDANCE	
HANSON RANCH RESIDENTS	
Arleen Beckett	Mike Robinson
Dugane Quon	Michelle Kempthorne
Bruce Fahlman	Dwight Boehm
Sonia Quon (Zaurillo)	Jeff Glass
Shay Thirkell	Kelly Jones
Dave Thirkell	
HVCA BOARD MEMBERS	
President – Emery Pritchard	Director At Large 1 – Jennifer Crack
VP – Brad Morris	Director At Large 2 – Neill Coad
Treasurer – Brian Pearson	Secretary – Karla Williamson
Cst Randy MacDonald – CPS	Rob Dickinson, Neighbourhood Partnership Coord (NPC)
Ward 3 office – Barb Fleet , Jyoti Gondek, +1	Paul Frank, plus assistant
HR in the notes= Hanson Ranch, HV=Hidden Valley	

Counc. Jyoti Gondek opened the meeting, as facilitator, to listen and get some feedback. Many HVCA board members are here tonight too to ensure Hanson Ranch is heard. She suggested we need to do this more often. **Jyoti** mentioned how Northern Hills went through something similar in the past, merging Harvest Hill with NHCA.

Then we did introductions.

Kelly: I have just moved from the community of Martindale to Hanson Ranch. I have spent much time working on various traffic calming in Martindale. From my experience, it can take a very long time to get traffic calming measures in place. The playground zone there is a disaster, the speeds clocked there are phenomenal.

Jyoti: Coming up/down the hill in Hanson Ranch is one of the challenges. Also, the road/hill going over the creek – should be single lane+ a parking lane and people use it as 2 driving lanes.

Someone (missed who) also said that people are also cutting down Hidden Creek Rd to avoid the big hill on Hidden Creek Blvd.

Michelle: Plus Hidden Creek Way – there was a traffic study – people speed here too depending on the time of day. The volume is just way over capacity. So it's not just speeding, but sheer volume as well. It just doesn't work.

Dwight: the level of frustration is very high. Please try not to take it personally, let's just try to deal with the facts. Regarding the extensions (curb bumpouts) at Hidden Creek Green and Hidden Creek Dr – was trying to

take it down to a single lane (see Jyoti's comment above), why did it get taken down. Also, in 6-8yrs, nothing has been done, it's very frustrating. The City can't even paint lines.

Sonia and others: It wasn't always this way – before Panorama Hills, Beddington Trail, Stoney Trail, Evanston, Nolan Hills. They weren't there when Hanson Ranch was first build. None of our roads are built for all of that. Also - traffic calming=short term solutions.

Jyoti: What I've seen at the City level – new communities are built, and are looked at in isolation. New=Greenfield. City transportation, the way it has been done - Let's look at infrastructure that is needed, but they don't look at how it's all connected. They don't look at human behaviour. Take 14 St/Stoney Trail for example. People from Panorama Hills intuitively travel downhill through Hanson Ranch rather than looping back onto Stoney Trail. Looping is actually faster, so in my opinion, we need to change people's behaviour pattern, by door knocking, putting up temporary barricades, signs to educate people.

For those of you who attended the traffic safety meeting at Vivo on Oct 10. Remember that lady from Country Hills – the playground zone near CH Blvd – want to shut down access, but can't do that now. People are cutting through the area to 96 Ave/CH Blvd.

We don't think of how it all connects. We look at neighbourhoods in isolation.

Why?

City Councillors sit on various standing committees. I have changed my focus to chairing the Urban Planning and Dev. Committee. We are looking at retrofits. Greenfield vs established communities. By being on that committee, I can change the way we do it in the new communities. But also take care of the 'orphans', the established communities that are still having infrastructure issues.

On a more local level – the traffic bump outs on Hidden Creek Dr – there are policies in place (right or wrong, they are in place). 2 different things are in play here – this one at Hidden Creek Dr/Beddington leads up to an intersection. The ones up by the horse playground – are not.

So let's focus on the things we CAN do.

Dwight(I think?) said Hidden Valley is a circle, people drive slower in a circle. The road through Hanson Ranch is straight through=speedway, speeding past homes. Also, can't we paint the lines so that we have only one lane on Hidden Creek Dr?

Jyoti: Painting lines will look into it. Also, just so you know, the lines in Hidden Valley was a pilot project, an idea put out by the City transportation department and then brought to the HVCA. The City wanted to try something to ease speeding in all those school zones.

General: We are constantly an oversight

Jyoti: HV/HR being separated by Beddington Trail is a big issue.

Sonia: 2012 – met with the traffic HVCA rep, brought a petition. I followed up with them - it was gone. Also – HV residents are cutting through HR. I never do it, I always go around. It's courteous not to cut through neighbourhoods.

Jyoti: we need public education, signage, to encourage people to stop cutting through neighbourhoods. But I also suggest a reset. The HVCA consists of completely different people from 2012. New NPC, new councillor. Concerns are the same, frustrations are there. But let's work together moving forward.

Sonia: Absolutely. But we want to see concrete things actually happening. Lines were supposed to be painted on Hidden Creek Dr to make it show one driving lane, the City came out and street swept the area in the summer. Then it never got done

Action item: Randy and Jyoti will check why it wasn't done, what exactly was promised. Either Karla or Jenn will communicate the answer out to the group via email.

Michelle: HR/HV pedestrian crossing – could we move the red light camera from Beddington Trail/CH Blvd to Bedd Tr/Hidden Creek Dr? Where tons of kids cross every day to go to/from school in HV. 2 accidents at this intersection just in this past week alone.

Jyoti: this intersection doesn't warrant it, it doesn't have enough activity (policy, right or wrong, it's the policy). Here's an example of a policy – the crosswalk by Dwight's house, they've looked at the crosswalk there and there's not enough activity there to warrant any changes. But there's no one crossing there because cars drive too fast.

Here's another idea – why don't we put a right turn onto Beddington Trail where pedestrians use it
Then we got into a discussion about that intersection (Beddington/Hidden Creek Dr intersection)

Dwight/General: Why is it only one right turn only? Why is there two left turning lanes onto Beddington Trail?

Jyoti: Rationale – because the traffic volume warranted it. But slowly the City is changing. Looking at the sociological aspect – WHO is travelling.

When infrastructure is being looked at, being built, how come Transportation planning gets to have the decision first and then everything gets planned around it? What needs to be looked at is what is GOING to be there first before transportation decides.

This is being addressed with new communities being build. Now what do we do with communities ALREADY built (like HR), we have got to do things differently.

Dwight: Can reverse just about anything. (Talking about taking out of blvd at Beddington/Hidden Creek Dr to make wider intersection/2 left turning lanes). It sure didn't take long to make something bad, how come it's taking so long to make something good? Put boulevard and trees back in. People are racing down the hill to catch the right/left turning light. Now people can even do u-turns at this intersection. They used to not be able to because there was a boulevard with trees blocking them from doing so. Glass offices – they don't know what's going on. Plus HR residents were never notified, no blue signs, no letters. HR used to be so quiet

Kelly: took island out to make a left turn.

Jyoti: Structure is not working for people living there, kids are unsafe. We've flagged this, people are coming out to look at it.

Jennifer: this new traffic safety education grant is a really good possibility to address a lot these issues. Meeting on Oct 30 at 7pm at Hidden Hut, 10504 HV Drive. Could also use community room at any Servus credit union.

Jyoti: people need visual – painting lines is one way. Encourage people to call 311

Dwight: circle slows people down. People don't bother calling 311 anymore.

Barb: Calling 311 worked. Big hill in Hanson Ranch has been reclassified with the snowplough drivers as a P1 snow clearing route (after 11 buses got stuck at the bottom of that hill). Barb went to Roads dept to help reclassify this route from P2 (sometime later clearing) to a P1 (snow clearing priority route)

Sonia: have seen people driving on sidewalks in HR when it's slippery. Dangerous!

Michelle: changing people's behaviours needs to be done. What about public transit/school buses – huge amount of volume of this type travelling through HR on Hidden Creek Way. The volume has gone up.

Jyoti: pedestrian safety is important

Michelle: maybe transit should be looked at

Sonia: transit/school buses – this is legitimate uses of the road. Maybe speed bump or bus trap? Speed bumps might be an issue for fire trucks/emergency vehicles

Jyoti: I will never advocate for the use of a bus trap. We need to fix the problem in a way that makes sense. Change the behaviour of people cutting through there.

Back to city planning – there are 3-5 departments that weigh in on new builds/infrastructure. They each look at it separately – fire/parks/transportation/planning, Not everyone agrees, but I propose we (all depts) should all have conversations together. Re: speed bumps – there’s ways to do this, but we have to look at policies. Some don’t work.

We will fix things.

Kelly: Speed bumps in Martindale. Very time consuming. It is a 700pg document. Spent over 2yrs trying to put bumps in a playground zone in Martindale, Eventually I gave up.

Sonia: One solution isn’t the end all be all

Jyoti: our process are flawed. Ruled by federal and provincial regulations (Rapid flashing beacons, crosswalks-certain numbers for example). But I’ve built relationships with people that know the processes. I propose we look at ways to reduce traffic in HR, number of people coming through from Panorama, HV.

One of the answers is a 14St bridge at Stoney trail. How to pay for this? We had 12 new communities proposed to the City. We approved 11 of them. Why? Because this development will help kickstart the economy and help trigger the completion of things like the 14 St interchange. Levies will be collected and help pay for projects like these.

Jennifer: in the meantime, we can also use traffic safety education grants to encourage people to go different ways

Dwight: There’s lots of people don’t live here, who cut through. You will never get through to them. What are the things we are going to DO. If we banded problems, there gets to be too many bandaids

Sonia: I’m all for anything that helps, but make sure it’s not slow – rolling out of 1 idea/year is too slow. It has been 8 years since I’ve been working on these issues. Even when Panorama Hills was being built – they had construction access through HR. Many BIG trucks accessing Panorama Hills through Hanson Ranch. There are cracks in the houses along the route. We need to make a plan and form a committee.

Jyoti: Is HR willing to work with HVCA?

Sonia: Yes , as long as our needs are seen as a critical priority. Page 1 – is today’s meeting/ Page 2 is the next step. We are frustrated.

Form a sub committee within HVCA. Brian said he’s willing to sit on that committee (has been avoiding all things traffic up until now)

Sonia: We feel like we have been neglected.

Jyoti: You’re not neglected now, park the tensions now. New start.

Jenn: offering to head up the sub committee.

Randy: started talking with Sonia about 2yrs ago. Also started talking to Road Safety office – see all of HV/HR as a whole package. What can we DO. I’ve done photo radar in HR. I’ve sat in front of Dwight’s house, and yes I’ve seen the high volume, but not so much speed (**Sonia:** but the drivers know when you’re there; **Dwight:** also try coming at 8-9pm in the summer on a Fri/Sat night, you’ll see speeders)
(conversation circled back to painting lines, see action item above in red regarding looking into it)

Jenn: Bridgeland – lessons learned from them. Why don’t we learn from other communities to see what they’ve done that has been successful. Will leverage FCC. For example, planting trees on a blvd to slow people down, we can use the grant for this. We need to all get in a room together to figure out these ideas.

Brian: pace cars, Royal Oak for example

Jyoti: It’s 8:30 so we need to wrap it up. If it’s money you need, talk to me. If it’s processes you need to know about, ask me. We are all working together.

Jenn: we need to put together the top projects, some of the ways we can accomplish things.

Jyoti: I will liaise with Jenn/Emery, please don't call my office 50 times a day. I will be updating you through Emery/Jenn on what I find out from the City.

Action item: **Jenn** to send out any updates from Jyoti's office to the email list of people here tonight.

Jenn: we could also use the HVCA website to make announcements. We have a really good new webmaster. The HVCA FB page could be used too. (**Action item:** Jenn and Karla will attempt to join the HR FB neighbour page). **Karla** can also email it out to the HVCA members who live in HR and are in our database.

Action item: **Sonia** to write a newsletter article about HR and this meeting, and getting more HR people out and engaged

Kelly: we are ONE community. We have become alienated and we need to get that back – ONE community. Now we need to let HR know that HVCA is committed.

Action item: **Karla/Emery/Jenn** Will look for a venue for an even bigger HR event. Hopefully before the Nov 26 budget meeting. The City will be looking at its next 4yr budget cycle, and we can do a group submission (5min max) letting council know our main HR/HV issues. See some of you on Oct 30 for the grant meeting.

Action item: **Karla** to send out minutes to those in attendance and hopefully on HV FB page (if they accept my join request!)

~ THE END ~ for now 😊

Whew that was a lot of typing. And a lot of reading for people to get through too! Hopefully people will actually read to the end. Hi to you if you did! - *Karla*