

## **VARSITY CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Due to a shortage of space in the newsletter, this article will be a brief overview and the full Civic Affairs Report can be found on the Varsity Community Association website, [www.vcacalgary.com](http://www.vcacalgary.com).

### **Housing and Affordability Task Force Recommendations**

Eighty recommendations from the HATF and City Administration were debated at a public hearing September 14-16. There were 162 speakers who addressed Council. Some of the recommendations were very controversial such as blanket upzoning throughout the city to R-CG (4 plex building with 4 secondary suites), eliminating on-site parking requirements, and eliminating public hearings for affordable housing projects. The recommendations were adopted by Council. A public hearing will be held in 2024 to change the Land Use Bylaw.

### **South Shaganappi Local Area Plan**

The Local Area Plan will provide important future direction for planning and development in our community. In particular, the Plan will identify areas where medium and high density development can occur. More information can be found on the City's website at [engage.calgary.ca/Shaganappi](http://engage.calgary.ca/Shaganappi). The City will host an Open House on November 30, 2023.

### **Playground Review Subcommittee**

Please email me if you are interested in serving on this committee.

### **University Innovation Quarter (formerly University Research Park)**

The University Innovation Quarter is a 76 acre site north of 32 Avenue, south of Crowchild Trail, and east of 37 Street. Go to [uiqcalgary.com](http://uiqcalgary.com) to view the plans and for more information. The STEM Innovation Academy, a public charter school, opens this fall and there are plans for more charter schools in the SMART Building.

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