

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.

Housing and Affordability Task Force Recommendations

The recommendations of the HATF will be debated on September 14 and 16. They can be viewed at engage.Calgary.ca/HATaskForce. A few of the 33 recommendations are very controversial as they include blanket rezoning 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 as well as R-CG.

South Shaganappi Local Area Plan

The Local Area Plan will provide important future direction for planning and development in our community. More information can be found on the City's website at engage.calgary.ca/Shaganappi.

Enmax Transmission Line – 53 St & Varsity Est Drive – Request to Maintain Overhead Structures

Enmax has submitted an application to maintain on a permanent basis the current overhead transmission lines running through Varsity along 53 Street and Varsity Estates Drive. A number of residents and businesses are opposing the application and a hearing will be held this fall. For more information go to enmax.com/varsitynorthwest.

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 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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