

Report of the Phase 2 Security Review Team

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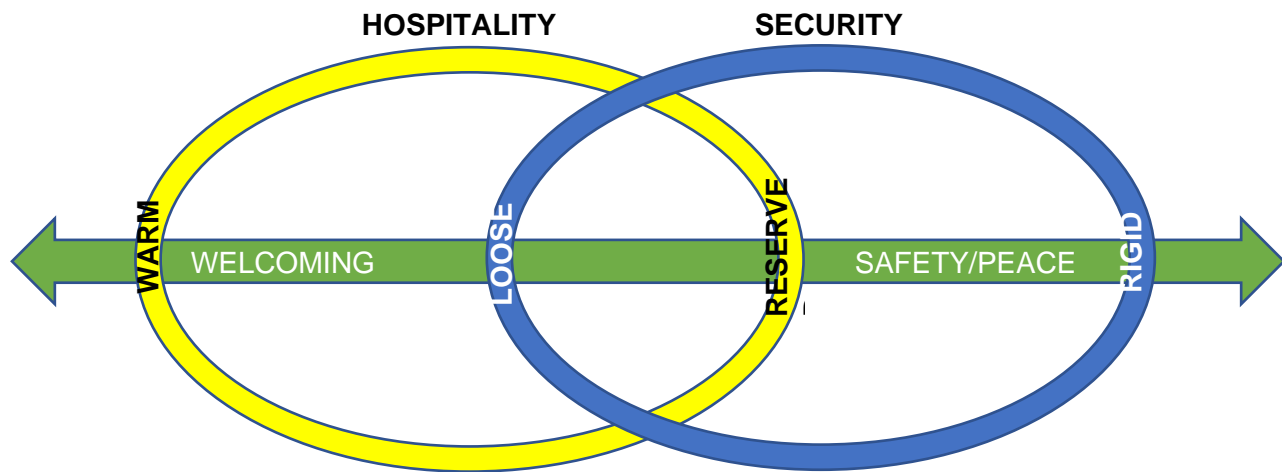
The Team (Susan Bansgrove, Joel Durkovic, Kelly Somogyi, Heather Baker, Anne Moon and Bill Huzar) met on Tuesday, June 23 at 2pm in the Denson Lounge.

Each reported on the tasks that they had agreed to undertake at our meeting on June 9th.

Susan completed a review of the recommendation in the Security Review Final Report completed by Graeme Brown, Pat Anderson, and Andrew Gates.

In her review she looked at the possibility of combining some of the suggestions with consideration of tenant and parishioner security and expression of hospitality of the Church/Court garden

Joel did a similar examination of the security/hospitality dichotomy and how we might bridge the gap between those seeking security with those seeking an open, hospitable environment.



The value of SECURITY:

Residents of St. John Court deserve to enjoy a home where they experience reasonable *safety* and *peace*.

- **Safety** – residents' properties and the garden space are not vandalized; the property is not used for illicit activity, a toilet, or a garbage dump
- **Peace** – residents can rest peacefully without being disturbed, especially in the evening, by unnerving or illicit activity.

The value of HOSPITALITY:

Our church reflects through its theology and mission a stance of *openness and welcome to all people*.

- **Openness and welcome** – Even though it is *people* who reflect hospitality, this value of hospitality extends to a desire/hope/belief that the property and grounds need to also express openness.
- **To all people** – the architecture and grounds reflect a message that all people are humanized and valued equally, and as such, we take measures to invite and protect the vulnerable, the addicted, the oppressed, and the disenfranchised.

Kelly looked at the issue of environmental design addressing security. Relevant to this was a document that Anne Moon found and shared with the Team: **Crime Prevention Through**

Environmental Design (CPTED). *CPTED is a multi-disciplinary approach of crime prevention that uses urban and architectural design and the management of built and natural environments. CPTED strategies aim to reduce victimization, deter offender decisions that precede criminal acts, and build a sense of community among inhabitants so they can gain territorial control of areas, reduce crime, and minimize fear of crime.*

Heather contacted the Victoria Police Department and was able to get a detailed incident report from the Privacy Officer at VPD.

Anne had contacted First Met, Baptist Church on Pandora, The Synagogue, and the Conservatory to see what the reaction was to fencing. In each case, there was initial hesitation, but the results had been positive. The synagogue is considering fencing. The Conservatory which is busy building a big fence around its property on Johnson St had been given advice from Vic PD which said that CPTED analysis suggests that fencing cuts intrusions by a large percentage.

Bill spoke to Ian Rye at POV and found that they had been given advice to fence and post as a private garden the area which will constitute its new ramped entry on Balmoral.

There was considerable discussion about what the next steps should be. The Team believes that there should be a three-phase approach to the issue.

Phase One would be the immediate implementation of the security improvements already approved and budgeted by Parish Council (fencing of alcoves, improving sight lines through the garden, removal of part of the wall on Quadra and the brick wall at the church back entrance). Added to this would be the removal of the benches in the Church/Court Garden. The Church/Court need to clarify the role of Paladin. It is recommended that this be completed by the end of July and that the effects be monitored in August. Vic PD recommended the posting of Private Property sign in the Church/Court Garden which allows them to take action with intruders.

It is further recommended that a professional security firm be contracted to report on CPTED improvements that would address our security/hospitality dichotomy. Kelly Somogyi who has dealt with BC Housing and security analysis will seek out security firm recommendations.

Phase Two would be developed after the analysis of the results of Phase One implications and developed from the security firm report with its recommendations.

Phase Three would be developed after the implementation of Phase Two recommendations.

A sign at the entrances to the Church/Court Garden (Quadra and Parking Lot) should be welcoming but indicate that this is private property.

E.g.

***Welcome to the Private Garden
of
the Anglican Church of St John the Divine
and St John's Court Seniors Residence
Enjoy Peace, Calm, and Safety***