

Annual General Meeting of South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association

Our AGM was held at 7:00pm on Monday, 20th June, 2011 at Victoria College of Art, 1625 Bank Street with approximately 17 attending, including a representative of one South Jubilee area business, Maria Lyons of 10,000 Villages on Oak Bay Avenue.

Meeting was opened by our coordinator, Carrie Ann Taylor, with introductions and presentation of the Agenda.

Annual Report: Carrie Ann with input from others. Included in the report:

- VCA continues to let us use their space for SJNA meetings
- Report on Last year's Streetfest held at Redfern Park
- Denise Dunn gave a report of April SJNA meeting, attended by 35 with guests from Gorge-Tillicum Urban Farmers. South Jubilee Urban Farmers has formed since, with 15 people on the email list.
- Report by Dave White on changes and progress with plastic recycling
- Tom Sellgren, input from Heloise Nicholl, reported on meetings they attended regarding the Victoria Official Community Plan. Discussion ensued on the possibility of higher density housing and higher buildings along Fort Street. There is a document online, Shape Your Future Victoria.
- Report from Tom Sellgren on the hospital, RJH, which is in the process of developing a 'master campus plan' with input from Victoria. Both South and North Jubilee are pushing for access to this plan, with North Jubilee having been granted a dedicated office space in the new hospital tower.

Treasurer's Report by Dave White. Moved by Roger Smeeth, seconded by Denise Dunn, all in favour of accepting the report as presented.

- Moved by Tom Sellgren, seconded by Maria Lyons that SJNA give the sum of \$500.00 as a bursary to Victoria College of Art, to be presented to a needy and deserving student or students as chosen by VCA staff. All in favour.

An apology was offered by Ruth Nicholl to Member at Large, Jens Kiefer ('Kief', who was not present at the meeting) as his name had inadvertently been omitted from the list of Board members that appeared in the June South Jubilee News.

Elections were held. As no new members were nominated, the present Board was accepted by acclamation. The five members of the Board are:

- Carrie Ann Taylor, Co-ordinator
- Dave White, Treasurer
- Tom Sellgren, Land Use Chair
- Denise Dunn, Member at Large
- Jens Kiefer, Member at Large

Carrie Ann Taylor reminded the meeting that any residents of South Jubilee are welcome to form any positive organization they wish to; however, any funding requests must be made at a regular SJNA meeting.

StreetFest was discussed. Concern that the number of volunteer planners has decreased so that each one has had too much to do; without more people, the event will be smaller. However, several people, expressing appreciation for StreetFest and the work of the committee, stepped forward (Garry and Charlene Antoniuk, Nicola Oldham, Maria Lyons), so a larger committee has started to form.

Amphion Street update was presented by several residents of that street: Amphion is a wide street with no boulevards. Most or all residents agree it is unsightly; street surface and sidewalks sunken and rough, a safety issue for many, especially those with walkers or wheelchairs; flooding; fast traffic cuts through; unkempt appearance a magnet for delinquent behaviour.

City has suggested boulevards and other improvements several times, giving the residents the belief that such would be done, but nothing happens. Many years of concerted volunteer efforts by present and past residents have all come to naught. People are discouraged and very concerned. Can the Neighbourhood Association help? Suggestions were made, including: attend the Mayor's Open House (many present indicated they would be glad to attend in support of Amphion Street people); go to the media; paint 'Sharrows' on the street and other diagrams of what needs to be done; Roger Smeeth recalled that once the city superintendent of land use (Mr Joy?) offered trees to be placed in 'bulbs' such as we have on Leighton, but no 'bulbs' were built so no trees – this could be followed up.

It was decided that SJNA Land Use Committee (Tom Sellgren) will write a letter, with the Amphion Street residents, to the city, noting that councilor Geoff Young is responsible for our Neighbourhood.

All appeared to agree that this issue must not be forgotten (should be reviewed at the next meeting) and the discussion concluded on a hopeful note.

Local Resource List: Roger Smeeth reported on the survey taken at June Plastic Recycling. 32 SJNA residents indicated interest in being on such a list. Liz Hoar volunteered to begin setting this up using the social networking site 'ning' as a contact. Moved by Tom Sellgren, seconded by Paul Roberts that \$200.00 be released to Liz to get the Local Resource List set up using 'ning'.

Mitchell House: Maria of 10,000 Villages plans a second annual fundraiser one Saturday in December, with 10% of purchases made by residents of South Jubilee going to support Mitchell House, as was done last year. Maria will report on this at the next meeting.

Meeting dates: a request that meetings be moved to second Monday of the month. Moved by Dave White, seconded by Kevin Ziegler that this be done. Carried.

Emergency Preparedness: a discussion of what our neighbourhood can do to start setting up a system that will enable us to help each other in catastrophes, such as earthquakes. The discussion will be ongoing.

The meeting adjourned at 9PM