

SOUTH JUBILEE NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

Minutes

Monday Nov 10th, 2014 , 7pm

Victoria College of Art

Present: about 10 residents, Ron George, coordinator, Dave White, treasurer, Shellie Gudgeon, councillor

1. Municipal Election Reminder

Sundance school is not our polling station. Reason given was that the school is no longer insured.

2. Liquor Store

There was a residents meeting on October 15th with the people wanting to change the O'Bean's Coffee shop location at the junction of Oak Bay and Fort St.(1609 Fort St.) to a Liquor Store. Residents were generally okay with the proposal. A letter was sent on behalf of SJNA. (see end of minutes)

Comment by Liz Hoar about development in the neighbourhood. Development at 1082 Richmond (corner of Oak Bay and Richmond) is at final public hearing stage on Nov 27th. We have not been involved in the development process for this building and have missed opportunities to have input at early stages.

3. City Construction

Fortis is involved in replacing gas mains in the neighbourhood. They are finishing up on Lee Avenue and will be on Duchess.

A new house is in process on Amphion

House raised on Duchess

New building on Belcher

4. Herowork

Graham Kelly from Threshold Housing talked about the success of the work on the 4-plex at Davie and Oak Bay Avenue. Paul Latour from Herowork oversaw the project. There was over \$350,000 in renovations done by local businesses and over 300 volunteers. Graham said it was a great community effort and the result is four beautiful spaces – three suites that accommodate two people each and a fourth suite for administration and small meetings.

5. Pizza

Pizza was provided by Shellie (well, money donated by Shellie for Streetfest which didn't happen so Ron bought pizza for this meeting). Ron said goodbye to Shellie on behalf of the neighbourhood.

Shellie gave us information about how we could get effective in bringing attention to our neighbourhood. Her thoughts were:

- some neighbourhoods are more active in the selection of their city liaison councillor. We could send an email to the city with our list of our top 3 picks for our city liaison. Assignment of councillors will probably happen at the inaugural meeting of council December 4th.
- List top 3 priorities for the neighbourhood. Send to mayor and council plus city manager. (city manager is important to create history of our priorities)

- Don't let Kasapi Park or interest in other park land die. If we want it, there has to be a constant push to maintain attention on our request. There will be (or is?) a new director of Parks so make sure we meet her.
- North Jubilee and South Jubilee are being seen as a unit by planning. That means any development would have to be vetted by both neighbourhoods. There is a city staff meeting planned for February where this will be discussed.

6. Sundance School

Ron contacted the school board about using the garden beds at Sundance school. The school board said no, as the school grounds are private property.

Future of the school is still in question. It was suggested that an email go to the school trustees who voted for the closure of Sundance to see what they see as the future of the property. Those trustees are Tom Ferris, Elaine Leonard, Peg Orcherton and Bev Horsman.

Shellie suggested a letter be sent to the City (mayor, council and city manager) to let them know we want to be alerted if there is any action on the two lots the City owns on the Sundance school ground. It is possible for the City to swap these lands without us being alerted. North Jubilee has already sent a letter.

7. Bank Street Fire

No one seemed to know anything about this. Not on our side of Oak Bay Avenue.

8. VCAN report

VCAN (Victoria Community Association Network) is a revival of the old CAN organization. All neighbourhoods in Victoria are included. The organization started with the meetings organized by Ben Isitt and Shellie Gudgeon to discuss traffic and the 40km speed limits on certain roads. It has since morphed into a forum for all communities to get together and discuss their priorities and issues. City councillors are not present. North Jubilee and South Jubilee were not at the last the meeting. Shellie said it was important that we are involved in this organization.

9. Other Business

- Don asked where the glass covered bulletin board we've talked about in the past would be situated. Ruth suggested it be placed at the southwest corner of Kasapi park (NE corner of Bank and Leighton). Kevin suggested it be placed beside the existing bulletin cylinder on the boulevard rather than replacing it. Motion by Ruth: that new bulletin board, when obtained, be placed by existing cylinder near the south west corner of Kasapi Park. Don seconded the motion. Carried unanimously. Don volunteered to look after the board for the first year. Ron to contact Kimberley Stratford at City Hall about matching funds for purchase of bulletin board.
- Ruth moved we have a meeting before our regular meeting in February to have a strategic planning session to discuss Shellie's suggestions in item #5. Diana seconded. Carried unanimously. Cindy and Liz volunteered to put out a bulletin to advertise. Date to be Monday Dec 1 – potluck at 6pm , strategic planning meeting at 7pm. Ron to contact city councillors, Peter Such.

- To promote our meetings, Shellie suggested we put signage on what we are going to talk about at the meeting. E.g. if we're talking about Kasapi Park, we put a sign on the park with time and place of the meeting, saying we will be talking about Kasapi Park.
- Liz suggested we have a Facebook page but need regular contributors. Suggestion was moved but no vote taken.



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October 21st, 2014

Mayor and Council
City of Victoria
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Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: 1609 Fort St. rezoning request by Midalta Investments

I have met twice with Ross Borland of Midalta Investments regarding this proposal. I have also discussed the proposed private liquor store with local residents via email, telephone and at a planning meeting held on October 15th. One local apartment manager surveyed her tenants about the proposal.

The proponent assured residents at the meeting:

- That the open and closing hours would be limited to approved Provincial hours
- That the proposed store would not sell single serving products attractive to street people
- That the proposed store would be promoting local craft brewery and BC Wine products
- That the proposed store would not become a redemption site for empty cans and bottles by limiting redemptions to 12 cans/bottles per person per day.

The proponent was not able to assure the meeting:

- That there would not be significant noise from increased car traffic (starting/stopping, car doors slamming)
- That the proposed store would not attract street people or teenage residents of Youth in Peril housing in the neighbourhood.

Based on our discussions to date, the South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association has no objections to the proposed rezoning, viewing the proposed liquor store as a physical improvement to the existing vacant storefronts. We also view increased commercial activity as preferable to the existing vacant storefronts.

Regards,

Tom Sellgren
South Jubilee Neighbourhood Development Committee

CC: Ross Borland, Rockland Neighbourhood Association, North Jubilee Neighbourhood Association