

SOUTH JUBILEE NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

Minutes

Monday Feb 9th, 2015 , 7pm

Victoria College of Art

Present: about 10 residents, Ron George, coordinator, Dave White, treasurer, Pam Madoff, councillor. Liz Hoar took minutes.

	Action
<p>1. Lee Avenue Traffic Survey A complaint letter about traffic on Lee Avenue was sent to the Ben Isitt by Lee Avenue resident Christina Nikolic on behalf of residents of street. Ron discussed this issue with councillor Ben Isitt and thought a traffic survey was underway for Lee Avenue. Pam Madoff was not aware of any traffic survey for the area. Pam to followup with Ben to see if anything is happening.</p>	Pam
<p>2. Development at Richmond + Oak Bay Avenue Development was approved. No further knowledge of what's happening</p>	
<p>3. Deer Safe Ron mentioned the DeerSafe flyer that came in the mail regarding the deer cull in Oak Bay. Exchange of deer stories.</p>	
<p>4. City Hall Meeting Ron attended a meeting in December to discuss neighbourhood issues with the new mayor and council and representatives of other neighbourhoods in Victoria. Ron talked about Kasapi Park which many councillors were not familiar with. Ron to send email to new councillors with information about Kasapi Park.</p>	Ron
<p>5. Daycare Proposal Background: Alison Colbert owns Sundance Daycare on Bank Street between Leighton and Fort. She is planning to enlarge her daycare from 8 children to 16. She is applying to the city for a rezoning from R1B to Group Daycare. She was not present at the meeting.</p> <p>Carol Anthony lives directly behind the daycare. Her house fronts on Duchess. She is concerned about the noise generated by 16 young children out in the backyard. Carol is an active gardener and uses her yard a lot during the day when the kids are most likely to be outside. Also she thought the backyard of the Bank Street property was quite small to accommodate 16 children.</p> <p>There was a community rezoning meeting in January. The meeting was attended by a few residents. Discussion was about noise and parking. Ron said he gave neighbourhood approval at that meeting.</p> <p>A question was raised about the rezoning to Group Daycare and whether that would result in a generic zoning that could then be used by some other business if the house was sold. Also there was discussion about the back yard being too small by provincial daycare standards and how or if that affected the city rezoning. Pam to investigate meaning of Group Daycare zoning.</p>	Pam
<p>6. Downtown Victoria Business Association Ron noted that the DVBA used 33% of the money it receives for management. Pam</p>	

explained that commercial properties in the downtown area pay a surcharge on their properties that goes to Business Association to fund promotion of downtown business. Ron suggested that there be a 'out of downtown' business association. Pam said property owners had to agree to the formation of a business association and that there used to be one in the Oak Bay Village core but she wasn't sure if it was still active.

7. Blue Bridge

Ron attended a City Council meeting where financing for the Blue Bridge was discussed. Nothing new really.

8. Earthquake Emergency Preparedness

Discussion of earthquake preparedness. Ron says nearest earthquake depot is at George Jay School not at the Jubilee Hospital as we thought. Liz raised possibility of buying the earthquake container for Sundance school. Ron appointed Carol Anthony to meet/call whoever looks after earthquake preparedness for the City. Pam said she would followup and find the contact person.

Pam

9. CRD Sustainability Strategies

The CRD is interested in getting feedback on their Regional Sustainability Strategy. Murray said it took about a half hour to fill out and is worth doing. Must be done on or before Feb 15th. Here is the link - <https://crd.bc.ca/project/other-projects-initiatives/rss>

10. Liquor Store Proposal

Ross Borland of Midalta Investments talked briefly about his Liquor store proposal at 1609 Fort Street (it will occupy space where O'Bean's café was plus the Hair is You salon). The proposal will go to the Landuse Committee March 5th.

11. Other Business

- Roger visited several native plant gardens – Rockland Woodland Garden on Joan Crescent, Oak Bay Native Plant Garden on Beach Drive and the Lokier garden on Estevan. He suggested we think of places like Kasapi Park as heritage where they are the last vestiges of the area's natural heritage.
- **Sundance School**
 - Pam said she had met with the school board prior to the last election to talk about empty schools and their future. No progress was made in determining a future for properties like Sundance. She is hoping the new School chair and board may be more amenable to discussion of community use.
 - A letter from the association to the school trustees asking what their intentions for the property are is to be drafted. CC Pam on letter.
 - Brad would like to see community food sustainability addressed by using some of the school property. Brad is heading up a committee to come up with ideas for use of the land.
- **Jubilee Hospital**
 - The hospital is now having monthly meetings with adjacent communities as they push to finish the Master Campus Plan by June 15th. Tom Sellgren is the current rep for South Jubilee and would like a backup as he is often out of town.

Ron + Brad

- **North Jubilee News**
 - North Jubilee is most affected by what goes on at the Hospital so are active in hospital meetings. CNIB is in process of rezoning.
- **Happy City Presentation**
 - Dorrie mentioned that the Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition is sponsoring a talk about urban design by Charles Montgomery called the Happy City. It's at the Atrium on Feb 18th.
- **Threshold Housing**
 - Graham gave an update on Mitchell House. It is currently full with 5 young guys. Forrest House, the four-plex on the corner of Davie and Oak Bay Avenue has one unit empty.
 - Threshold now houses 25 youth. When Graham started there were only 8.
- **Red Barn**
 - Murray told us that the Red Barn is coming to Oak Bay Avenue to the site of the Royal LePage building. Although he's keen to have the store in the neighbourhood, he wonders how it may affect traffic and parking nearby. The Red Barn will be on the Gonzales/Fairfield side of Oak Bay Avenue. Pam will look into parking requirements – it depends on the current zoning of the property and whether Red Barn fits that zoning.
- **Official Community Plan**
 - Pam talked about the Official Community Plan (OCP) and the huge impact it is having on local communities. Because the OCP overrides our local community plans, there is much confusion about what kind of building can go on a site.
 - The City is trying to allocate funds for new community plans but it will take time.
 - There is a need for communities to be vigilant and active regarding new development.
 - On Feb 5th the Planning and Land Use Committee released the 2014 review of the OCP measurables. It reports on measurable effects of the OCP in 2014. A overview is available at:

Pam

https://victoria.civicweb.net/FileStorage/7EC21E5010E146D2A840492EE0670BEC-OCP_ANNUAL_REVIEW_REPORT.PDF

The full report is available at:

https://victoria.civicweb.net/FileStorage/4949EE5B6D87430FA946E712A0053A53-OCP_ANNUAL_REVIEW_DOC.PDF

12. Next Meeting

Next Meeting is Monday April 13th at 7pm – Victoria College of Art.
