

# SOUTH JUBILEE NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

## Minutes

Monday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015

Victoria College of Art

Present: about 20 residents, Pam Madoff, city councillor. From the City of Victoria Sustainable Planning and Community Development

- Jonathan Tinney Director
- Andrea Hudson Assistant Director
- Kristina Bouris Senior Planner

From Citizen Engagement and Strategic Planning

- Katie Hamilton Director

Ron George, Coordinator chaired the meeting. Liz Hoar took minutes.

<b>1. Minutes of Last Meeting</b> No new business arising from previous meeting	
<b>2. Graffiti on Victoria College of Art</b> Greg, Dave and Liz painted out the graffiti on the college on the Labour Day weekend	
<b>3. VCAN meeting</b> Last meeting was held towards the end of June. No one from the neighbourhood was there.	
<b>4. Red Barn</b> Ron mentioned that concerns about parking came up in a previous meeting. There is lots of parking behind the store.  The owner of the FrameUp framing and gift shop on Oak Bay Avenue noted that parking for the Red Barn is behind the store and there is no access to the store from the parking area. She felt the parking in front of her store (directly across from the Red Barn) will be used by shoppers at the Red Barn. Home Hardware, across the street, has a similar parking setup and customers routinely park in front of her store rather than parking in back.  Another resident asked about having a crosswalk at the Red Barn	
<b>5. Save-on-Food 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b> It was the 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original Overwaitea store. Ron remarked that the current manager is much more open to being involved in neighbourhood events than previous Safeway management.	

<p><b>6. Insurance</b>  Ron had been contacted by Fairfield about being included in their insurance but was unsure if we needed it. Dave and Liz both assured him we did and that it was to cover us for liability during Streetfest and the meetings we have.</p>	
<p><b>7. Victoria College of Art</b>  Peter Such, the owner of the school, would like to erect directional signs at either end of Bank Street to help people find the school . Peter Such was not at the meeting to explain his idea.</p>	
<p><b>8. Micro Housing</b>  South Jubilee received a letter from a new organization that is looking at the idea of micro-housing for homeless people in Victoria. They would like to come to a future meeting a make a presentation about the concept. Next Meeting?</p>	Ron
<p><b>9. City of Victoria Presentation</b>  The majority of the meeting was spent in discussion with the City of Victoria representatives as part of the Great Neighbourhoods Initiative.</p> <p>Katie Hamilton, Director of Citizen Engagement and Strategic Planning discussed the move at City Hall to allow neighbourhoods to have more input. The team is visiting all neighbourhoods in the City to hear what works in each neighbourhood and what are the issues. An attempt is being made to ‘de-silo’ City Hall so there is more collaboration between departments. New software allows requests to the City to be logged and tracked. Clearer accountability and knowing who has made a decision are important. Staff now attend more meetings. At least annually there will be a follow up with neighbourhoods. The results of these meetings will go to City Council. The City is looking at how other municipalities deal with planning and neighbourhood involvement.</p> <p>Current issues in the neighbourhood took up most of the discussion. Some of the issues sited were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquisition of property at corner of Bank Street and Leighton Road (known locally as Kasapi Park) as community park</li> <li>• Cut through traffic</li> <li>• Parking – different reasons for parking problems – increase in multiple suites in houses with not enough off-street</li> </ul>	

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parking, no driveway, parking on only one side of street, hospital workers and commercial business workers parking on residential streets

- Tagging of the Victoria College of Art
- Victoria College of Art is an important landmark within the community but is not maintained by the School Board
- Amphion Street
  - Truck traffic
  - Liquor corridor – young people heading out from liquor store at night, noise
  - 2004 + 2010 conversations with the City about boulevards. Were supposed to be on a list with the City for revisiting in 5 years but no followup so far.
  - Hydro lines are routinely taken down by trucks cutting through.
  
- Bike lane coming south down Foul bay ends at Fort and Foul bay. Dangerous for continuing on Foul Bay south.
- Sidewalks need finishing on Leighton
- Neighbourhoods are expected to absorb more density without any improvement in the neighbourhood environment
- Plane trees in Redfern park behind Barb Landell's house are a problem – blocking sun

There was some discussion about our community plan and how it will be revised. No concrete date on when this will happen. Might happen faster if we do our plan in conjunction with North Jubilee.

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**10. Next Meeting**

Monday November 9th, 7pm

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