

South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association
Meeting - April 5, 2016

Present: about 30 residents, Pam Madoff, city councilor, from the City of Victoria, Kimberley Stratford. Ron George, Coordinator chaired the meeting. Charlene Antinuk took minutes.

Agenda Items

1. Minutes of last meeting noted.

2. Old Business

- Gail Aubory – 1535 Davie
- An old house south of Oak Bay (30x35 foot print) Want to change from a triplex back to a single family dwelling with an addition on the back of the house for a secondary suite. In order to build the suite it's necessary to get input from our neighbours and possibly the SJNA. Plans are available to look at this evening.
- No questions raised.

3. Report on Bikeatoria Meeting

- City hasn't made any decision yet but we could talk about it. Pam commented that the City staff hasn't done any debrief yet. *Davies St News* has done a synopsis that's online if anyone would like to read it. Check out rcarr@islandnet.com. Kimberly noted that the Bikeatoria has had a number of neighbourhood meetings. Everything has been reported, compiled and given to Council. Watch Council agendas to see more on that.
- We haven't had any reports on the traffic flow and amounts of traffic on Oak Bay Avenue.
- Business owner commented that at the last meeting the consensus of those present was that the bike lane should be on Leighton and not on Oak Bay but the City hasn't listened. Oak Bay businesses pay taxes for their patrons to have parking nearby. This will affect the ability of handicapped people to shop and others like the senior population.
- Liz commented this will be done by 2018 – where is the room for consultation within this date? Pam noted it's only a target date. Liz commented that this date is in printed form. Pam says they've had to expand the consultation. Pam has mentioned to the City that the ads wouldn't have been helpful.
- Chris asked what the process looks like now and what are the steps? Pam noted City may feel they need more consultation.
- Business owner noted only 5 days notice was given to the meeting.
- Susan: we're paying for this; it feels like the City/Mayor thinks this is a cute idea and that it will be done. It doesn't seem like you're listening to the people. Pam responded saying we are listening. There is an interest in having better cycling structure in the city. We're receiving information and we are listening. Pam's

mind is not made up. What is reasonable for cyclists and for those who are driving?

- Business owner: please stop making comparisons between us and Copenhagen or us and Toronto. Our realities are not the same. This is a residential area.
- Chris: City didn't list who's behind this; who's pushing this agenda? Ron commented that this process started about two years ago; John is an advocate of biking.
- Dorrie: resident of Redfern and an avid cyclist who finds it unsafe to ride in most of Victoria. There's not enough parking so cars are cutting through streets in terms of safely even without bike lanes going in. The speed limits need to be 20 or 30 mph. We don't need bike lanes, we need traffic calming. We did some research and consulted with the Fire Dept. but no progress was made.
- Ron: people are trying to cut corners like through the hospital or down Bank.
- Chris: there are effective speed bumps on Brighton which makes it such a great cycling route. We could investigate possibility of rumble strips on Oak Bay. Coming down Richmond these strips could assist rather than posting a lower speed limit. Rumble strips work at the ferries and they're inexpensive.
- Barb: Can we have traffic calming on the agenda again. It comes up on Lee St. and on Leighton.
- Ruth: Re traffic calming you never know. Duchess St is one block long and no one needs to go 50km in one block. Under impression that at every intersection has the right of way. Perhaps some education would be helpful.
- Kimberly: Understand fears; you don't have to wait for the City to lower the speed. Clair St a great example of traffic calming done by the neighbours – they've created an interesting street that people slow down to look at.
- Pam: You do this in consultation with the City.
- Kimberly offers to help with this initiative.
- Diane: Is the City going to close Oak Bay Ave?
- Pam: No decision made yet.

4. Barb Landell – Redfern Park

We had a flood in the park and in our house. Residents whose property backs on to the Park met with the City (Lee Campbell). It was a good meeting but they haven't heard back from them yet. Talked about improving the drainage in the meeting.

5. Change Smoke Alarms – Spring Ahead

People can make a regular day annually when you change the batteries in your home fire alarms. Consider wireless, carbon monoxide alarms that talk to each other.

6. Don/Ron/Kimberley – Book for Sign

- Looking at having a locked sign board installed to post notices. A small group of people need to approach the City for funding. Kimberly noted that the sign will need to be monitored and cared for by the SJNA. This doesn't serve the same

- purpose of the existing cylinder sign boards in our neighbourhood. Proposed location for new sign is on Bank St. and will cost about \$2000.
- Charlene asked who, which neighbourhood member(s) will take responsibility for the keys and monitor/post/remove all notices? Why would we proceed with this process and pay for building/purchasing a structure if there's no one volunteering to take responsibility for it?
 - Murray suggested the location should be in front of the school.
 - Brad: if current cylinders have been hijacked for other use we should reclaim them rather than putting up something else. What is the right approach for us to take in order for them to be used by our neighbourhood?
 - Ruth: In the past Roger contacted the poster people who agreed to our request but they haven't. If we had a locking poster board then the important stuff can go into it, eg our SJNA Newsletter.
 - Garry: Maybe we could explore how much it would cost to place a plexi-glass cylinder to go over the top half of the existing cylinders and the poster people could have access to the bottom part of the cylinders.
 - Mathew: by the time you pay for that many you may have paid for the cost of purchasing one whole new structure.
 - Brad: what's the "official" info that needs to be locked?
 - Ron: it's called branding – so we're not invisible.
 - Murray: throw back to another era when there was no internet. We already have our newsletter online that we can read. What else is actually worthy of locking up?
 - Brad: if we want to have branding let's put up a welcoming sign in the neighbourhood.
 - Ray: Oaklands decals signs on utility boxes is an example.
 - Cindy: We can say welcome to South Jubilee
 - Ruth: When I check the internet I'm not looking at what's happening in South Jubilee and many people still don't look online to find out.
 - Chris: I'd put my business card on a locked board to advertise.
 - Brad: Let's explore the branding idea further rather than pursuing the sign idea.
 - Kimberly: strategically placed board or bench is a place where you can bump into your neighbours and create relationships. We have on schedule that your neighbourhood plan is supposed to be starting in 2018. I could assist you in starting the visioning process. What's the character of your neighbourhood and how do you see it growing? Example of Vic West signage and they're doing some visioning. Rockland is also thinking about this. She's happy to help by working with a small committee.
 - Garry, Wayne, Brad, Ron offered to work with Kimberly on a visioning committee.
 - Garry will contact the sign people and let them know what we have available for them in our neighborhood.

Decided not to go forward with the purchase of a bulletin board at this time.

7. David Stott – Feeding Ourselves and Others

- Pamphlets have been shared “Feeding Ourselves and Others”. Website is feedingourselvesandothers.com. David is an organizer of community gardens primarily for disadvantaged people (mental illness; addictions; in legal system). Garden is called Serenity Farms and grows fruits and vegetables. Currently decided to make their organization known to the public as increased funding will be needed in the future. Looking for volunteers, ie; someone with a class 4 driver’s license. They are currently \$5000 short of meeting their budget. Anyone interested in finding out more about us can attend a garden event on May 26th from 12 to 2. This is an opportunity for the public to come out and see what we do.

Decided to make a \$200. contribution to this organization.

8. Wayne Foster – Development of Bank Street

- Wayne has purchased 3 properties (approximately 2,400 sq ft) on Bank Street near Oak Bay Avenue and is currently in the process of submitting plans to the City for a development. Currently it appears the existing houses will remain and the development will be behind those houses. He’s met with some of the neighbours adjacent to these properties. He’s considering solar power and non-toxic houses.
- As we don’t currently have a Land Use Chair he’s wondering who to talk with about his proposal. Wayne is happy to respond to any questions or comments.
- Julie Brown a new resident in the neighbourhood is an architect and offers to serve as the Land Use Chair. Her offer is gratefully accepted.

9. Skateboarding now permitted in Victoria – announcement made/no comments raised.

10. New Business

- Frances Litman introduced an organization and events related to Creatively United. There is a festival on April 16th and other events taking place April 15 to 22 during Earth Week. Check out the Creatively United website for information.
- Amphion Street residents meeting with the City about the boulevards and traffic calming.

11. Next Meeting – no date proposed.