

South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association
Meeting - 07 June 2016

Present: about 15 residents, Pam Madoff, city councilor, from the City of Victoria, Kimberley Stratford. Ron George, Coordinator chaired the meeting. Charlene Antinuk took minutes.

Proposed Agenda

1. Minutes last meeting
2. Old business
3. AGM
 - a. Financial report
 - b. Election of board
4. Neighbourhood (NH) visioning task force
5. CALC - Medical Marijuana
6. New Coffee Shop
7. Advertising material
8. Traffic light
9. Tent City
10. Plastic bags

1. Visioning Task Force

- a. Consider looking at amalgamating with North Jubilee which is about the same size as North Jubilee
- b. How to develop a unique identity in our NH; bring out some graphic elements that would identify us as a NH and bring people together
- c. Rename our NH – rather than continue as little brother of North Jubilee consider identification points within our NH such as Redfern – this immediately gives us a colour and a visual – connected with the name of a former mayor and a fire truck named after the mayor; this could create a sense of pride in our NHs history
- d. Using the Sundance school for events
- e. Installing banners with our NH logo on the Victoria Art School
- f. Create murals on the back wall of Save-On that could tell the story of our history
- g. Consider how our NH might become involved in supporting those who are less fortunate
- h. Encourage everyone to go online and complete the survey(<http://www.southjubilee.ca>); someone suggests that the survey also be available in other ways for those who don't use computers. A sign-up list offered for names of those who'd like to receive a paper copy.

Pam (City Council) is happy to connect us with Suzanne who is the chair of the downtown initiative (the branding of the street, parking meter that you can make donations, etc.) If we can get her and some other folks involved we may be able to make more progress. There was another

person connected to the Science store on Oak Bay Avenue that may be willing to offer support.

Kimberly (City of Victoria NH team) encourages us to involve more people and notes that there are funds we can access.

DECISION: that the visioning task force gets together with Pam and Kimberly in order to figure out next steps.

2. **CALUC** (Community Association Land Use Committee)
 - a. Julie and Ben will be co-chairing the Land Use Committee
 - b. Ben attended the recent meeting. Apparently there are 36 medical marijuana outlets in the city. At this point in time there is no legal standard that governs sale of marijuana.
 - c. Pam mentioned there is discussion of some requirement regarding distance from schools, from child care and from other similar outlets.
 - d. Re City Great NH grant – we're eligible for a \$5000 grant for things like banners on school
 - e. We can look at some of the concrete ideas at the next visioning meeting and then get an application in as quickly as possible if that's the direction we want to go

3. **Advertising Material** – Oaklands brochure noted.

4. **Traffic Light** – information provided about the pedestrian crossing light that will be installed at Richmond and Leighton in the coming year. Traffic zones are monitored throughout the year and this particular crosswalk is shadowed resulting in pedestrians being somewhat hidden. As a result this light will be installed. Other areas are being monitored as well.

5. **Tent City** – question raised as to where we stand about this matter.
 - a. Pam commented that if there's no public toilets or water in these locations then the people use private property/homes for these services so province has provided those services. The police have to patrol these areas on a regular basis. Apparently the province has purchased two more properties and it's hoped that this will provide additional housing for homeless people.
 - b. Pam attended a meeting last week with about 800 people to listen to the Mayors from Eugene, Oregon and Medicine Hat. Apparently Medicine Hat has resolved the issue. They don't want any temporary housing but rather brick and mortar. In Vic we have about 1300 homeless and in Van about 1800. The vast majority of people attending the meeting were sympathetic to the issues around homelessness.
 - c. Suggestion raised that the City consider asking the NHs to consult about this topic.
 - d. Suggestion that the City identify areas where people are not allowed to camp out. For example there has been someone living in Redfern Park

which is a place where children play and therefore may not be a healthy place for people to camp out.

6. **Plastic bags:** Question raised as to whether we want plastic bags provided in stores. Apparently there's a group that's advocating for no plastic bags.
 - a. Comment noted that not having plastic bags in book stores can lead to damaged books if it's raining
 - b. What alternatives can be considered?

7. **Financial Report**

- a. Dave provided copies for people to review and went over the report
- b. All expenses have been paid
- c. Repayment of the Micro Lending loan taking longer than initially agreed

DECISION: to approve the Financial Report

8. **Business Arising re Metro Pole**

- a. It was reported that this company says they don't put anything on the top part of our bulletin boards. The staff assured us that they're familiar with respecting the regulations and that the NH is entitled to the use of the top part. We let them know that we want to have the rules respected. He said that other people do post things and he doesn't have any control over that.
- b. Suggestion that we need to clean the various bulletin boards – several people volunteered to take care of this.

9. **New Business**

- a. Suggest we get a gift for Meno Tromp, a long-time resident of the NH who's been facing numerous health challenges.

DECISION: to get a card and take it to Meno expressing the good wishes of the NH.

- b. June Update print-out – Kimberly let us know that she writes this as a way to share information. Liz offered to post this on the website. One of the items in this update is the Begbie Green Space Naming. We're invited to attend. It's on June 11th for anyone who's interested.

10. **Elections**

Question raised: What are the roles and responsibilities of the various people who serve the SJNA?

Treasurer: looks after the books of the SJNA as well as the finances related to Recycle.

DECISION: Dave was elected to continue serving as treasurer.

Land Use Committee/Chair: usually appointed not elected. They attend the CALUC meetings; are notified of the rezoning; keeping our community informed of relevant land use issues; possibly meeting with developers. Pam shared that those who go to these meetings don't need to be on the board; anyone who's interested can attend. Pam shared that the City is concerned about how these Land Use Committees can be better supported. For example, in the future all Land Use Committees may follow the same process.

DECISION: Current Land Use Members are Ben, Julie, Tom

Coordinator: The role of the coordinator is to call the meeting, arrange the agenda and chair the consultation. The coordinator has leeway to delegate tasks to individuals and encourage participation of others in the NH. Garry was nominated and agreed to let his name stand. Ron expressed his wish to step down as coordinator.

DECISION: Garry is elected to serve as coordinator.

Board of Directors: no discussion about the workings of the Board.

DECISION: Kevin, Don, Liz agree to serve on the board. Murray and Graham are absent so Dave will ask them if they wish to continue serving. Ron was asked to serve however he declined.

All those who have served in various capacities over the past year were thanked and appreciated for their service.

11. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday September 6, 2016