

South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association Meeting Nov 1, 2016

Residents attending: Ruan, Denise, Don, Ian: Cindy, Ruth, Liz, Kevin, Dave, Ray, Wayne
Meeting chair: Garry Antinuk, Neighbourhood Coordinator
Minutes: Liz Hoar
City of Victoria rep: Kimberley Stratford, City councillor: Pamela Madoff

Meeting began with introductions and attendees were invited to share a personal hobby or interest.

Agenda:

1. Previous Minutes and Business Arising

- a. Kimberley Stratford requested a correction to the previous minutes. She felt the sentence. "Kimberly mentioned that it's not against the law to cross a busy street." gave the impression that it was legal to cross a busy street at any point. Rather, it is only legal to cross a street at a crosswalk or at an intersection where the pedestrian is travelling in a straight line from one corner to another corner directly across the street.

Further information about street crossing:

- When asked about crossing at T junctions (i.e. streets such as Redfern that do not continue directly south across Oak Bay Avenue but rather are offset) that form most of the intersections along Oak Bay Avenue, she said that would constitute jay walking.
 - When using a designated crosswalk, once the pedestrian steps into the crosswalk, cars are supposed to stop. (but don't count on it)
- b. Several residents asked at last meeting if Redfern Park dog park could be completely fenced in.. Liz contacted Lee Campbell at the City Parks Department to discuss the possibility of completing the fence around the Redfern Park dog area. Right now there is a fence between the kids' play area and the dog park so dogs can run out onto the sidewalk and around the fence into the play area. Lee said the park is not currently designated as a fulltime dog park. Hours as a dog park are from 6am - 10am and 4pm - 10pm. Other times it is available as a general use area. To make it a full-time dog park would require more neighbourhood engagement. There is a Master Park Plan review in process so the issue could be brought up during this process or it could be included in the Neighbourhood Plan revision that is starting in 2017.

2. Pole Painting Project

Liz spoke briefly about the pole painting project Cathy Jupp Campbell is proposing. Cathy would like to have a meeting with interested residents sometime in January where they can discuss ideas for painting the poles. The project will start with Fell

Street. Cathy's contact info is in the last newsletter (email – cjcsapes@shaw.ca – phone – 250 595-7572)

3. My Great Neighbourhood Grant

Garry gave a brief description of the grant proposal he submitted to the City of Victoria during the summer. The idea was to create a mobile neighbourhood activity centre consisting of a cargo trailer, a folding table, some stacking chairs and a BBQ. This popup centre could be used at recycle to provide a place to sit and chat with neighbours. It could be used for street parties, etc. Recycle equipment would also be stored in part of the trailer. As well there is a possible space for earthquake equipment the neighbourhood might acquire. The trailer would be parked on the Victoria College of Art property. Garry asked if residents at the meeting supported the grant proposal. Ray made a motion to accept the \$5000 from the City to move forward with the idea. Wayne seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

Suggestions for the popup centre :

- that the trailer be parked so the graphics are visible from the street as a neighbourhood advertisement
- that the website be included in the graphics to further identify the neighbourhood
- possibly allow rentals to other neighbourhoods although liability may be an issue
- need to establish some sort of rules for use of the trailer and contents.

4. Pam Maddoff City report

- 2017 Budget** - The 1000+ page budget document for 2017 is available at the City of Victoria website. For the third time Victoria residents will be invited to comment on the budget. This year there will be an electronic town hall on Dec 1st to solicit input. You will be able to email, tweet, phone, comment on-line in real time or appear in person. Meeting will be Dec 1st, 2016
- Garden Suites** There has been only a handful of garden suites built since they were introduced in 2004. Council is wondering if garden suites are not being built because of the rezoning requirement. City staff has suggested they become an approved use so that rezoning would not be required and the projects would not have to go to council for approval. This would mean neighbours would not have to be consulted when a garden suite is proposed. This proposal will be forwarded to Landuse committees in each neighbourhood for feedback.
- Role of Artists** The City of Victoria has appointed its first Artist in Residence. The Artist in Residence will be working with various departments to offer ideas for incorporating art into capital projects . Luke Ramsey is the 2017 artist in residence
- Art and Culture Master Plan** is being developed. The Plan recognizes the role of art in neighbourhoods which sends a message that neighbourhoods are cared for.
- AirBnB report from staff.** Staff need to collect more data. Victoria appears to have at least 300 units listed on Airbnb. If these were part of the rental pool, they would equal 1% vacancy rate. Need more information to develop regulation, taxation and determine vacancy rate effect.

- f. **Leaf Pickup** City leaf pickup will happen sometime between Nov 7 and December 19th. If leaves have been bagged in clear compostable bags, you can phone the City and they will pick them up within 5 days.
- g. **Review of Skateboarding downtown** – Skateboards can now be used downtown but should be in the bike lanes not on the sidewalks. They are still using the sidewalks. Currently education is the approach used to try and get skateboarders off the sidewalks. City will see how the two-way bike lane on Pandora is used by skateboarders.
- h. **Questions/suggestions** -
Wayne suggested the “what’s happening’ publication that discusses what’s happening in the City be put up on the website. Liz said she used to get them and put them on the website but no longer receives them. Kimberley to add Liz to email distribution. Liz will put them up on the website.

Question if South Jubilee would be involved in the current Fairfield/Gonzales Local Area Plan when they discuss the Oak Bay Avenue corridor. Answer was yes, there would be a meeting with South Jubilee + Fairfield/Gonzales to discuss ideas for Oak Bay Ave.

5. City Media releases

- a. **Leaf Pickup** - City leaf pickup will happen in South Jubilee sometime between Nov 7 and December 19th
- b. **Biketoria** -fort street 2-way bike lane underway
- c. **Victoria** – best place to be a woman
- d. **Storm Water Utility Billing** new billing for storm water went out this past month. Contact staff if you have any questions.
- e. **Stormy weather preparation** – Clear your gutters and curbs of leaves to prevent flooding.
Liz to add media releases to website. Garry to forward to Liz.

6. Amphion Street Initiative

Amphion Street residents are meeting with a City traffic engineer and Pam Madoff on Nov 2nd. They will get the results of a traffic study done on Amphion in the summer and some traffic calming ideas to deter cut through traffic. The residents of Amphion Street are very appreciative of City interest in their problems.

7. Meeting Accessibility

The current meeting location is not wheel chair accessible. Garry checked out the basement of the Victoria College of Art, which is wheel chair accessible to see if it would be suitable for meetings. The room is too small and there are no chairs so it’s not a good alternative. Garry will check with L’ecole Victor Brodeur to see if we can use their gym for our next meeting. Might entail changing meeting night. Other possibility might be the church on Oak Bay Avenue and Davie Street.

8. Resident’s Suggestions

- a. Denise bought a book box being auctioned as a fundraiser by the Greater Victoria Placemaking Network. She very generously donated it to the neighbourhood to be installed somewhere in the neighbourhood. She thought Redfern Park would be a good location as the design is very kid friendly. Don suggested outside his condo on Leighton. Garry and Denise are to check out possible locations and get in contact with Kimberley when they have some idea of where it could be installed. THANK YOU DENISE!!
 - b. Ruth commented on the lack of available rental housing for young people and families. She felt that the age limits on some condos are discriminatory and shouldn't be allowed.
 - c. Cindy asked what was happening with the results of the visioning survey. Garry said that the visioning had been put on hold while we applied for the Great Neighbourhood grant. The visioning group may have another meeting with Kimberley to get the visioning process going again. The South Jubilee Local Area Plan would be a good place to incorporate these ideas
 - d. Don said we need council to buy Kasapi Park
9. **Next Meeting** - Date was given as Jan 3rd **Correction:** Next meeting will actually be in February. Potentially Feb 7th but that date may change based on where the next meeting is held. February newsletter will announce date and place. Info will also be on website (<http://southjubilee.ca/>)