

South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association AGM

June 6th, 2017

14 residents attending

Meeting chair: Garry Antinuk, Neighbourhood Coordinator

Minutes: Liz Hoar

City councillor: Pamela Madoff

The meeting began with Garry showing a short video called Winter Wonderland, which featured a residential window art event in Bristol, England

1. Review of Past Year

Using the minutes, Garry highlighted what had been done and what had not over the past year:

- tried to meet with North Jubilee but they were not able to get together
- Applied for and received a \$5000 "My Great Neighbourhood Grant " from the City of Victoria for a "popup neighbourhood centre". A trailer, 2 tents, 20 chairs and 2 tables have been purchased. Has gone about \$1000 over budget with the trailer being more expensive than initially thought.
- Visioning group was active with ideas for neighbourhood improvement
- Handmade card was presented to resident Meno on Redfern
- Denise Weber donated a library box. The neighbourhood association paid for the City of Victoria to install the box at the entrance to Redfern Park.
- Fencing at the dog park was investigated. Because the dog park in Redfern is only a part-time dog park it cannot be fenced without more discussion.
- A couple of neighbourhood residents attended the "Great Neighbourhood Grants Ideas Fair" in April
- CALUC review of housing proposal for Bank St.
- Pending from last meeting :
 - new membership drive.
 - Wayne is working on getting contacts in apartments west of Richmond.
 - Will look at L'ecole Brodeur for meetings

2. AGM

- Dave White presented the Financial Report. Discussion about the micro loan we made a few years ago. Repayment was supposed to happen this year but is delayed at least another year. Murray moved to accept the report. Don seconded.

Decision : Report accepted.

- Election of officers :
 - Garry Antinuk will remain as Coordinator (acclamation)
 - Dave White will remain as Treasurer(acclamation)
 - Liz Hoar, Denise Weber, Charlene Antinuk and Don Startin will serve as Directors

- Wayne Foster and Murray Gudmondson will serve as Directors and Co- Coordinators
- Julie Brown, Ben Ziegler, Ray St. Arnaud and Tom Sellgren will serve on the Landuse Committee
- Murray moved to accept the board. Liz seconded.

Decision: Board accepted

3. City Hall Update

Pam Madoff gave us an update on things happening in the City. She requested that she be informed of any future CALUC meetings as she would like to attend.

Create Victoria

A draft Arts and Culture Master Plan for the City is available for feedback. It was created based on community input. CRD is also doing an Arts and Culture master plan

Spirit of 150

There will be activities to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday around the inner harbour. Check <http://spirit150victoria.ca/> for more info.

Pandora Bike Lanes

Bike lane on Pandora opened in May. There are gains and losses. Shortage of parking exacerbated by new construction on parking lots. City Parkade program has been very successful but they are often full. No right turn on red light. There has been good feedback from the cycling community but a fair bit of negative feedback otherwise. Criticism that bike lanes are not heavily used but it may take up to 20 years to be fully used. . Thursday will be voted on the Fort St. bike lane. For this project, the 500-600 blocks of Fort will be reduced to one lane. Need a balance between mobility and accessibility. Pam is advocating for a new City Parkade.

Parks and Open Space Master Plan

Has been approved by council. It's important to have outdoor spaces to encourage families downtown.

Crystal Pool

Council ratified the replacement of the Crystal Pool. Replacement seemed the best option. Current plan is to keep Crystal Pool operating and build new facility at the south end of the property. When finished, old building will be torn down and reverted to park.

General Comments by Pam

- our neighbourhood has had low development pressure which is fortunate

- The first application to tear down a 1970s apartment has come into City Hall. Rents in replacement building will not be affordable
- General lack of housing affordability in the City. Arguments against new development such as lack of parking or shadowing of adjacent properties would have been considered by Council in the past but not now because of housing pressures.
- There are hundreds of new units being built but not affordable.
- Group called “Generation Squeeze” has formed over the challenges on finding housing.
- Question: Increase in Airbnb in our neighbourhood. What is happening with Airbnb regulation. City Council is still working on this. Janion Building for example was built with expectation of affordable small units but instead many units have become Airbnb because of “transient” zoning. That brought discussion about the myriad zoning categories in Victoria.
- Question: Property tax increases of 20% in our neighbourhood yet City is saying mill rate increase is 6%. How is 20% sustainable? Pam said 6% was average because at the point the rate was set, condo valuations had not gone up as much as single family dwellings. 20% per year is not sustainable.
- Question: Any decision on bike lanes on Oak Bay Avenue? No news yet.
- Garry emphasized how important it is for Pam to attend our meetings and how much we all appreciate her attendance.

4. Nut Trees In Redfern

- Don Startin presented his project idea for nut trees in Redfern Park. His choice of placement would be south of the kids’ playground equipment. All work of maintaining the trees would fall to neighbourhood residents. City Parks would help with the initial planting. Cost would be about \$650 for five trees – 3 hazelnut, 1 almond, 1 walnut.
- Question: How would they get watered? Don thought maybe the irrigation system would be enough or using water from neighbouring property.
- Tom felt that as a neighbourhood we should not be concentrating our efforts on this kind of project.
- Murray was concerned that we might have people interested now but what about in later years. He would rather see fruit trees, plum or apple, rather than nut trees. Don thought fruit trees were not allowed in the park because of the fruit attracting wasps.
- Pam mentioned that Vic West had one key person who organized work parties, etc.
- Murray thought fruit trees on the boulevard in front of residents’ houses made more sense as it would become the owner’s responsibility. Question as to whether this program was for parks only.
- Lifecycles might be able to pick fruit or nuts if neighbourhood could not.

Decision: Short discussion at September meeting, perhaps including City person responsible for program.

5. My Great Neighbourhood Grant Proposal

Garry detailed the proposals made to City for an event grant of \$1000 that would cover events associated with Plastic Recycle, like a garage sale, BBQ, etc. Also a proposal was submitted for light heads on the kiosks, wraps on utility boxes, portable LED speed readers and portable easels that could be used to advertise coming events and be used for kids' art in the park, etc.

6. Ideas for coming Year

- Wayne suggested a "Welcome to South Jubilee" sign at the junction of Fort and Oak Bay
- Murray suggested small signs at intersections with a bit of history of the street perhaps attached to telephone poles. Likes the idea of a project that, once it is done, doesn't require on-going volunteer time.
- Garry – art installations in the neighbourhood
- Question: What is the future of the school property. Pam responded that the school board has undertaken a long term facilities plan as the number of children in the city increases. The Victoria College of Art building is a designated heritage building. The City is working with the school board. Pam will keep us apprised of any developments.
- Wayne suggested we develop more of a relationship with businesses and encourage more involvement. Pam mentioned the Red Barn owners as being an important addition to the neighbourhood, perhaps for a business improvement area in conjunction with bike lane planning.
- Don suggested a get-together in September.

Decision: Informal gathering, maybe potluck, in Redfern Park in September.



Income & Expenses from May 1, 2016 to Apr. 30, 2017

TD Bank Balance May 1, 2016

\$ 3,706.12

Income

City of Victoria Base Grant	\$ 1,643.00
City of Victoria Grant	\$ 5,000.00
Bank Interest	\$ 2.13
Plastic Recycling	\$ 605.47 *
Total Income	\$ 7,250.60

Expenses

Newsletter	\$ 422.57
Website	\$ 100.00 **
SJNA Admin (2016-17)	\$ 84.71
Dot-Easy Domain	\$ 28.00
Fees Society - Min. of Finance	\$ 500.00
UCW VCA Bursary	\$ 200.00
John Howard Society	\$ 36.39
Meeting Supplies	\$ 36.39
Total Expenses	\$ 1,371.67

Total Income/Expenses

\$ 5,878.93

TD Bank Balance April 30, 2017

\$ 9,685.05

GIC

**TD GIC \$2688.74 reinvested @ 0.4% Feb. 9, 2017
(Maturing Feb 9, 2018 - \$2699.50)**

Micro Lending

Repayment of \$1000 scheduled Spring 2017 delayed

Note * Summary of Plastic Recycling (\$42 float not included)
** Not processed by TD at year end

D.White - Treasurer
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