

South Jubilee Neighborhood Association Meeting 04 September 2018

Attending: 25 residents

Guests: City Neighborhood Advisor Kimberley Stratford, City Council Liaison Pam Madoff, and Elysia Glover from Community Micro Lending

1. Minutes: minutes of June 5, 2018 were approved.

2. Business Arising:

Micro Lending

- Representative Elysia Glover reported that \$1,460.10 of the loan has been repaid. Our portion of this is \$383.04, which is significantly less than our contribution. Elysia offered to continue to contact the loan receiver for repayment. She was asked to offer her suggestion to our neighborhood association. It is a case by case basis and she would need to figure out how to have a conversation with him. It was agreed that these situations are sensitive and need to be handled on a case by case basis. Although it is important to encourage financial discipline and repayment, it may not be possible for the individual to fulfill his promise.
- **Decided:** Elysia will get in touch with the loan recipient and provide a further update to our treasurer. Dave will provide this information to residents as it becomes available.

3. Update from City Hall

- Kimberly noted the following:
 - Event on Sat, Oct 13th – a workshop partnering with Volunteer Victoria with a focus on how to encourage more people to volunteer and become engaged in the neighbourhood. Three representatives from each neighbourhood are invited to attend and come away with a strategy to address this. Kimberley would like to hear who these people are in the near future. They don't necessarily need to be board members but people who are interested residents.
 - Based on the research available apparently there are no speeding issues in our neighbourhood; the average speed being 35km/hr. She noted that perception is different than hard data. The City Transportation Dept. has offered comments based on the suggestions made at our last meeting:
 - Leighton has 30k zone
 - Amphion is in bad shape so hard to speed
 - Bank St not an issue
 - Richmond – there's already a crosswalk flasher there.

- She clarified that funds have been allocated for speed reader board however if we don't feel there is a need for one these funds will be used elsewhere for this purpose but not for alternate traffic calming tools in our neighbourhood.
- There is still no update on when we'll be able to have info about our SJNA plan
- Transport Dept suggest the most value are on bigger roadways so most obvious possibilities are:
 - Oak Bay Ave and Richmond
 - Lee St between Fort and Borchier
 - Borchier and Redfern Park
- Additional suggestions offered by residents:
 - Fort and Fern
 - Fell and Leighton
 - Amphion (between Oak Bay Ave and Leighton)
- Other suggestions for traffic calming offered by residents were
 - to have police patrol and tickets issued
 - to use temporary moveable speed bumps
- **Decided:** a brief summary related to this agenda item will be placed in the next newsletter, offering residents an opportunity to express additional locations.
- Pam noted the following:
 - Expressed appreciation to those who interacted with the school about the locking of the playground. It seems a satisfactory conclusion has been realized.
 - There are currently six development proposals of various sizes in our neighbourhood. Please view the City development tracker to find out the status of those proposals. She extended her offer of assistance to us and in support of Caluc.
 - She has taken our concerns about the significant increase in traffic and inappropriate parking issues on Redfern since the opening of the Red Barn Market on Oak Bay Avenue. Staff will bring recommendations forward in the near future.
 - Johnston St Bridge opened the south side pedestrian-only walkway and it has become a place of congregation as well as transportation.
 - Crystal Pool closing for maintenance. Some consideration being given to next steps especially in light of parking and the funding that's needed from upper levels of government.

4. Threshold Housing Society

Graham Kelly, the current coordinator of Mitchell House in our neighbourhood is moving on to other things and came tonight to express his appreciation for the efforts of the SJNA to support the local residents in the house on Davie Street.

5. Gardenworks

Peter shared that the task force had a meeting with the developers in June and that they're still open for input. The task force has circulated a flyer to our residents. The neighbourhood task force received 16 emails from residents with height being the major concern, along with community character and street scape, the desire to accommodate

Gardenworks, the traffic increase/parking, the loss of privacy, the need to include small businesses, a meeting space for community and affordable family units.

Decided: to include a summary of this update in our next newsletter inviting any further comments to the developers and the SJNA board.

6. Open Discussion

- Duchess St proposal – what are the height restrictions; 6 stories is what we think. A question raised about the details related to the rezoning however that info isn't available tonight. Caluc would need to be involved in helping us get more information. It would be helpful to attend the community meeting on September 25th.
- Website – Liz is keeping the essential stuff updated but suggested someone else get involved and eventually move things into a Wordpress format. Matt offered to take a look and consider the social media (like facebook) aspects as well.
- Trailer update – Ray reported that this task has been completed however the costs were higher than expected. An expression of appreciation was offered to Ray for completing this project and it was noted that funds are available to cover any additional costs.
- Is there any forum at our neighbourhood level for an open discussion related to the 2018 municipal election? Kimberly shared there are different ideas about this and shared a couple of examples of such gatherings that are being planned in other neighbourhoods. There doesn't seem to be any will among those present to have such an event. Matt offered to connect with N Jubilee to see if they're doing anything.
- Book box in Redfern Park needs repair – Denise will put a note in the newsletter inviting carpentry repair people to accept this task.
- Kimberley needs a report re the status of the Neighbourhood Grant proposal – Liz kindly offered to prepare this.

7. Next meeting date: Tuesday November 6, 2018