

**South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association
Annual General Meeting
15 September 2020**

Guests: Marianne Alto and Kimberley Stratford

Residents: 21

This meeting was held via Zoom

1. AGM Financial Report

- The screen was shared and the treasurer reviewed this year's report sharing total income and expenses.
- The report was accepted with no adjustments.

2. AGM Election of Board

The officers who served during this past year were all willing to continue and some additional residents offered to serve in the coming year.

- President – Matt Dell
- Vice-president – Murray Gudmundson
- Treasurer – Dave White
- Secretaries – Tomas Lang and Charlene Antinuk
- Directors (members at large)
 - Erin Renwick
 - Tony Cheong
 - Susan Wetmore
 - Molly Sullivan

It was moved by Gail Anthony and seconded by Cindy Hughes that these officers serve for the coming year. No one opposed.

3. Update from City of Victoria Neighbourhood Liaison

- Kimberly has sent an update from the City that can be posted on our SJNA website.
- There are two grants with a rolling intake until the end of the year. This is an opportunity for residents to do some place making, community activities or apply for funding for an existing program that needs support due to the pandemic.

4. Update from City Councillor Neighbourhood Liaison

- Currently realigning the budget and beginning budget analysis for 2021.
- Infrastructure updates have been proceeding.
- Bicycle lane expansion – check the City website for details
<https://engage.victoria.ca/aaa-cycling-network>
- Questions to Councillor
 - In response to a question about whether or not Redfern Park is one of the parks people are able to camp in? Yes, it is. Guidelines have been created as to how the parks can be used in light of the pandemic. This is a temporary situation that we need to manage as well as possible so that no one neighbourhood is sustaining heavy use. The goal is to have everyone living

indoors by the end of the year. The relevant report will be shared with Matt for posting on our website.

5. CALUC Update

- A brief overview was shared about the functions of CALUC.
- Ben Ziegler and Gail Anthony are the current members of CALUC. Julie Brown is no longer able to serve and other members are needed – please contact Ben or Gail.
- Screen sharing of 5 current applications in our neighbourhood. These are recorded in the City's development tracker online so check there for details.

6. Community Garden Update

- During our November meeting there will be some concept drawings shared with residents for two possible community gardens, one in Redfern Park and one in the Fell St. boulevard.

7. Bike Lane Update

- There are a lack of bike lanes in our area. For example main traffic routes like Oak Bay Ave and Richmond have no bike lanes. The traffic is heavy, including parked cars and buses. How can we have safe routes for our families? How can we have this conversation and hear the diverse voices of our residents?
Three bike routes for Jubilee have been laid out by the City. A video and survey for your opinion is available at https://engage.victoria.ca/aaa-cycling-network/survey_tools/jubilee-route-selection
- Reach out to Matt if you'd like to have a conversation about this topic.

8. Bank Street School Update

- Our president and vice president met with Chuck Morris, School District Director of Facility Services two weeks ago to get an update.
 - Sundance will become a full English catchment in Sept 2021. There are plans for a large addition to be attached to Sundance in the coming year. There may be a demolition permit applied for Bank St School to build a new school that would be connected to the addition and the existing building that housed Sundance. This would include a community centre for our neighbourhood.
 - The School District has not yet submitted an application for a permit to demolish although they may be thinking about it. The school is not designated as a heritage building. There has been no upgrading of the Bank Street School since 1975. Walls and ceilings all contain asbestos materials. The School District has been the landlord of The Victoria College of Art and was never willing to do any of the needed maintenance.
 - During their meeting the School District representatives said City's heritage advisory panel viewed the site and said it's beyond saving.
- Pam Madoff suggests we could look into getting information about all the work that would be needed. 3.5M doesn't seem like a great amount of money to renovate the building.
- It is concerning that the School District has not asked the SJNA for any input from residents.
- Pam noted that so far it appears that the Bank St School process is very different than the process that took place regarding the decision needed to demolish or

renovate Vic High. Demolishing buildings has a huge impact on people and the environment. A defensible process is what is needed.

- It's important that we consult the neighbourhood to see what the residents want – a survey could be provided so we can hear from residents.
- We need a safe school for our children as well as protecting the existing site.
- It was suggested that a committee be formed with the mandate to do the required research and information gathering to create a defensible process. This could include for example, creating a survey tool to capture the thoughts of the residents.
 - Susan Wetmore, Cindy Hughes and Murray Gundmunson offered to serve on this task force. Cindy will take the lead. Pam Madoff will serve as a resource to this task force.
- Neighbourhood Learning Centre money comes to the SD from the provincial government and it's encouraging to note that funds are available for that.
- It has been noticed by residents, that since the building is no longer occupied there has been an increase in loitering and littering on the property. Recycle volunteers picked up garbage and noticed needles in the parking area on Saturday.
 - It was agreed to write a letter to the School District requesting regular property maintenance, including garbage removal and safety checks for needles. Security precautions need to be taken. Matt offered to write this letter.

9. Heritage Sign Project

- An update was shared about the signs that will be installed to highlight historical facts related to four streets in our neighbourhood.
- Appreciation was extended to the task force for ensuring that the Indigenous Peoples who first inhabited this area have been asked to offer information that can be included in this historical snapshot.

10. Community Events Planning

- Due to the pandemic the community activities, including the festival in Redfern Park that we hoped to host this fall were postponed. If anyone has ideas and would like to get involved in planning things for the spring, please get in touch with the Board.

11. Open Discussion

- Anyone who is new to South Jubilee neighbourhood please be sure you are a registered member. This is a requirement of the Societies Act. Please send your name, mailing address, email and phone number to Dave White Dakit@telus.net
- Some time ago we passed a motion to send a letter to the City regarding traffic issues, asking for lights and a crosswalk on Oak Bay Avenue at the Red Barn Market. The City put in flashing lights on Foul Bay but nothing across Oak Bay Ave to the Red Barn Market. What happened to this decision?
 - Matt will write to City staff member Ross Kenny raising this matter and requesting some action be taken. He will copy Marianne Alto.

12. Next SJNA Meeting

- Tuesday 03 November 2020 at 7pm via Zoom.