

SOUTH JUBILEE NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

Monday, 10 September, 2012, 7-9 PM

The meeting was held at the Victoria College of Art, 1625 Bank Street, on premises generously provided by Peter Such of the College.

Present: Ron George, coordinator; Liz Hoar; Jens Kiefer; Barb (Davie St); Candy (Leighton Ave); Graham (Redfren St); Roger Smeeth; Brad (Lee St.); Sarah (Davie St.); Don; Heloïse Nicholl; Shellie Gudgeon, Victoria City Councillor; Ruth Nicholl (apologies to those in attendance for whom I know neither a surname nor a street).

Logo Design: As some members were not present at 7PM, we agreed to begin with Graham's report on the Logo Design Contest, and a discussion of same: General agreement that, while designs will only be accepted from people who live within South Jubilee Neighbourhood borders, technical/computer assistance can be provided by someone outside the area, if needed. Deadline for submitting designs is 2 November, 2012; designs to be submitted to SJN Coordinator Ron George, 1732 Duchess Street, or ron-theresa@shaw.ca; Graham, Roger and Brad will review submitted designs; all legitimate designs will be presented at next SJNA Meeting, 12 November, 2012, at which time a vote will be taken. The present logo may be considered for continued use as masthead for SJNA News.

Introduction and welcoming of Ron George in his new position of Coordinator for our neighbourhood.

Changes to neighborhood businesses:

- 1) Pharmasave, corner of Fort and Richmond, has been in conversation with Ron, with an offer of volunteer time in the neighbourhood one Saturday AM/month. – Suggestions: maintaining the bus shelter; covering graffiti; shoveling snow for shut-ins and elders.
- 2) Pizza on Fort: newly opened at 1885 Fort Street, several at the meeting have enjoyed the fare. Owner is addressing concerns of nearby homes who have reported that the lights are too bright; he wants to offer pizza for our next Streetfest; Ron will ask him about providing some for the recycling volunteer crew next month.
- 3) Discovery Coffee on Oak Bay Ave: following a complaint that strollers and wheelchairs were unable to pass, city parking staff ticketed an employee's bike locked to a parking sign. Shellie Gudgeon told us that Victoria Traffic Control is considering converting one parking space on the street into a dedicated bike parking area. Citizens are invited to send emails to shellie@shelliegudgeon.com with your opinions on this idea, pro or con.
- 4) 10,000 Villages has moved to a downtown location.

Streetfest: not happening this year due to lack of volunteers to organize it. Date for next year's Streetfest will be 3rd Saturday of September. Suggested that we have it as a biannual event so people don't 'burn out'.

BBQ in Redfern park: in lieu of Streetfest this month, there will be a 'spontaneous' Barbecue in the Park, Saturday, 29th September, 2012 from 2-5 PM. Hot dogs and ice cream will be provided. People will be invited to bring baking, but no other foods so we can stay Foodsafe. – Advertising will be minimal.

Plastic Recycling News: this month city councilor Shellie Gudgeon came with free ice cream and hot apple cider and served it to appreciative recyclers and their families. She will try to continue with this each month, food offerings to be geared to the season. Shellie provides the tent, table and food for this.

Michell House open house in August was attended by Ron George and others. Staff and youth were welcoming and everyone had a great time. Liz suggested that we might approach Pharmasave to ask them about having a yearly ‘10% to Mitchell House’ day, now that 10,000 Villages, which used to do this, has left the area.

Redfern Park: a neighbour whose garden backs onto the park has again expressed concern that the trees planted there years ago at request of SJNA are not what we were promised. They are London plane trees, huge and growing huge, which interfere in any efforts to food-garden in the vicinity. The neighbour would like this to be addressed.

Nut trees in Redfern are not yet ready for planting, nor is the place to put them decided on.

‘Kasapi Park’: the owner who we approached years ago has passed away and his descendants own it now. Roger will write a letter to them asking for SJN to have right of First Refusal if they decide to sell. – City councilors Ben Issit, Lisa Helps and Shellie Gudgeon are working on a land acquisition policy for Victoria. This could be helpful in the future of ‘Kasapi Park’.

Report from our City Council Liaison, Shellie Gudgeon: in July, council made some changes to neighbourhoods. Now the two Jubilee neighbourhoods are simply “Jubilee” to the city of Victoria. Many of us felt that we were not sufficiently aware that this was being considered; and wonder what difference this will make. Liz Hoar feels that South Jubilee has more connection to the area across Oak Bay Ave than to North Jubilee. Ruth Nicholl noted that the two Jubilees are both in the Bowker Creek watershed. Heloise Nicholl noted the Urban Farming Group connects the north and south Jubilee areas. – Shellie told us that Fort Street is to be altered to encourage a ‘village’ atmosphere (as has been done to Quadra Village). Citizens can make their concerns known through the following **lines of communication:** email Shellie at shellie@shelliegudgeon.com > she will pass it on to Councilor Inquiry > which will respond to Shellie > who will email the response to Ron George, SJNA coordinator. Roger asked Shellie to look into what is happening about getting sidewalks completed on Leighton Ave. Ruth asked about any progress on sidewalk safety and tree-planting on Amphion Street.

SJNA News sheet: Ron noted that it is legally required for articles to be signed by the contributor.

Next meeting will be 12th November, 2012, 7 – 9 PM.

Minutes taken and notes written by Ruth Nicholl, 1728 Duchess Street