

SOUTH JUBILEE NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

Draft Minutes

Monday September 8th, 2014 , 7pm

Victoria College of Art

Present: about 15 residents, Ron George, coordinator, Dave White, treasurer, Geoff Young, councillor **Guests:** Darlene Michl, Kimberley Stratford

1. 1505-1507 Fell Street rezoning discussion

Darlene Michl, together with her husband, own the property. The building is currently a rental suite on 2nd floor, business offices on main and rental suite in the basement. She would like to convert to use for short-term stays for people seeking medical treatment at the hospital.

The house has 2 parking spaces currently rented to the design firm next door. Darlene suggested that additional parking could be had at the hospital as space can be rented for 2 week periods. Residents of Fell Street voiced concern about parking as there is already a big shortage of parking on the street, especially close to Oak Bay Avenue.

Darlene was unclear as to how much of the house would be used for short-term stay or how many units would be available and whether the units, if not actively used for medical patients, would then be used by vacationers. Geoff Young mentioned that if this was for short term stay less than a month, another zoning for transient use might be required with perhaps higher parking requirements.

It was suggested that Darlene return to another meeting when she has a clearer idea of what changes she would like to make.

2. City of Victoria – Kimberley Stratford

Kimberley Stratford is the Neighbourhood Coordinator for Parks, Recreation and Culture at the City of Victoria. She is the staff liaison for neighbourhood grants and helps neighbourhoods in vetting ideas for improvement. She handles about \$55,000 in matching funds available for neighbourhoods city-wide beyond the base funding neighbourhoods receive each year. Things such as the bulletin board we would like might be available through matching funding.

The issue of earthquake supplies for the neighbourhood was brought up. Kimberley said there was an earthquake supply depot near the hospital. These depots are scattered around the city and are allocated by population, not by neighbourhood. Victoria Emergency Management Agency (VEMA) handles earthquake and other emergency preparedness. Rob Johns is contact – should he attend future meeting?

A question came up regarding amalgamation of North and South Jubilee. Kimberley said references to Jubilee as a community are used for local area planning purposes only. There is no intention of amalgamating the two communities.

3. City of Victoria Development

Ron George attended a meeting with developers and neighbourhood representatives about the development process. Ron felt developers did not want to talk to neighbourhoods. The property zoning process will have a new form for developers which would include coming to the neighbourhood.

4. Sundance School update

Liz talked with the Greater Victoria School District maintenance department last week. News was:

- At that time there was no interest in Sundance school.
- They did not know where the many cars parked in the Sundance parking lot were from.
- GVSD will continue maintenance of the grounds and buildings. Insurance is still in place for the property.

Don Statin asked about reviving the gardens along the school, perhaps as community gardens. Ron George to follow up with GVSD to see if this is feasible.

5. Neighbourhood BBQ

Neighbourhood BBQ will be in Redfern Park Saturday, September 20th from 1-4pm.

6. Civic Election

Civic election is coming up in November. Sundance School will still be our polling station.

7. Silver Threads

Silver Threads is now in the CNIB building on the corner of Richmond and Bay. Silver Threads will send brochure to neighbourhood regarding programs offered. Possible open house for SJ neighbourhood in January.

8. Richmond Property

Abstract property at the corner of Richmond and Oak Bay under development. Tom Sellgren, land use director, was not there to comment. Liz had seen two renderings of the property and thought the building was too big and not enough setback.

9. New businesses in the neighbourhood

- Century 21 has opened in old Boulevard magazine site on Fort Street and Bank.

- Sundance Daycare has opened in a house on Bank Street. It is a licensed daycare for 7-8 children. Alison Colbert is the owner.

10. New Business

- Roger Smeeth found out that vinyl and PVC are recyclable at some facilities in the US. Vinyl is a material we cannot currently accept at our recycling depot.
- Paul Latour from Herowork talked about the work being done at the small apartment building at the corner of Davie Street and Oak Bay Avenue. This building is now owned by Threshold Society. It contains 4 apartments, 3 of which will be used to house youths in a more independent apartment living environment and the fourth one will be for Threshold administration. There has been lots of activity around the building, prepping it for the big activity. Volunteer at <http://herowork.com>

The schedule of works is as follows:

- Mobilize the community September 19th
 - 4pm convoy of 75-80 companies involved starting at Oak Bay Marina.
 - 4:30pm arrive at Oak Bay + Davie
 - 5pm start activities – facepainting, etc;
 - 6pm hot dogs, potluck dessert so bring a dessert as contribution
- Work weekends Sept 20-21, 27-28, Oct 4
- Big reveal Oct 5th.

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm