

SOUTH JUBILEE NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

Minutes

Monday April 13th, 2015 , 7pm

Victoria College of Art

Present: about 20 residents, Ron George, coordinator, Dave White, treasurer, Pam Madoff, councillor. Liz Hoar took minutes.

	Action
<p>1. Emergency Preparedness</p> <p>Rob Johns, City of Victoria, talked about emergency preparedness. The city offers free two hour workshops to help families prepare for an emergency - http://preparevictoria.ca for details. There are currently 130 people volunteering with the Emergency Preparedness in seven different areas. They are always looking for more volunteers. Residents should have their own emergency kit. Emergency caches are located around the city, containing cots and blankets.</p> <p>If there is an earthquake, there are buildings around the city that are designated as centres but none are earthquake proof. They would have to be inspected after a quake before the public would be informed of their location. It's important to have a radio to listen for updates.</p> <p>Rob brought two different 'Recipe for Disaster' cards, one called "Prepare at Home", the other "Prepare Your Pet", both giving advice as to what is needed to be prepared. A suggestion was made to distribute these cards with the next newsletter. Rob said they were low on quantities so Ron George should contact him prior to next newsletter (end of May) to see if we can get enough.</p>	RON
<p>2. Sundance School Update</p> <p>Sundance school has been leased by école Victor Brodeur, which has its primary location in Esquimalt. The school will open in the fall and will house Kindergarten to Grade 3.</p>	
<p>3. Graffiti</p> <p>Clarene Ho of Fell St. talked about recurring graffiti on the Victoria College of Art building. She talked to Peter Such, the president of the school, who is frustrated by the continued graffiti. The school board is not doing any maintenance on the building so what can we do? Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Neighbourhood association takes on job of painting out graffiti• Letter from the neighbourhood association to school board• Individuals in the neighbourhood phone school board• Motion sensor lighting• Video camera• All night vigil by insomniacs to await taggers• Get art school to put murals on the building as those might not get tagged. <p>Dave said his experience with painting hydro poles is that you have to paint out the graffiti immediately and repeatedly.</p> <p>Pam Madoff suggested sending photos to the police as they keep a gallery of tags and can sometimes identify the tagger (we'd still need to catch the tagger in the act)</p> <p>The neighbourhood association will write a letter to the school board</p>	RON
<p>4. Victoria Community Association Network (VCAN)</p> <p>Liz Hoar talked a bit about the Victoria Community Association Network. It consists of representatives from all the neighbourhood associations in the city. It provides a forum for discussion of neighbourhood issues, many of which are common to other neighbourhoods.</p>	

They managed to make the point to city council that local community plans needed to be updated soon to avoid further conflict between our old plans and the Official Community Plan. Liz said she cannot attend due to perfume allergies but thinks it is important that the neighbourhood be represented. Charlene and Garry Antinuk volunteered as long as the perfume issue is resolved. Dorrie Collins also volunteered.

5. City of Victoria Update

- Budget needs approval by April 30th. There were over 1600 strategic planning suggestions from the public. The 3 areas of most interest were housing, active transportation and food security. City Council increased its housing reserve contribution to \$1million from \$250,000.
 - Need to focus on homelessness and camping in parks. 10% of those camping in parks are travellers who do not have a right to camp in parks.
 - City, in conjunction with CoolAid society, is supporting provision of storage units for homeless people to store their possessions.
 - Support of Village Centre beautification to identify neighbourhood centres. BC Hydro no longer allows banners to be hung from hydro poles so alternatives are being sought
 - Turner block- recent meeting with Alan Lowe indicates there is still nothing substantive on the design. The project has a long way to go.
 - Victoria police department had strategic planning meeting that involved community association reps.
 - City is undertaking a major initiative to introduce LED technology to relamping city streets. The pilot project has introduced light shields, etc. to reduce light spillage and the harshness of LED light.
 - New Parks and Recreation Director has been hired.
 - Great Neighbourhood Initiative started to help neighbourhood associations figure out what they need to handle complex development projects and other items requiring association input to the city.
 - City property taxes will be payable by credit card.
- Question from Don – when will developers be required to supply low cost housing in their developments? Answer from Pam: City is currently getting an amount per development that goes into a housing fund. Change to inclusion of low cost units in new developments will not happen in the near future.

6. Neighbourhood Base Funding

Dave White explained that we get funding from the city based on our neighbourhood's population. Currently we get about \$1300 per year.

7. Red Barn Market

Owner couldn't make the meeting. The question of whether there was adequate parking came up at the last meeting. Investigation shows there are at least 20 spots which is adequate for the zoning.

8. Victoria Bike Project

There was some confusion about what this item meant. Appears to be separated bike lanes which the city is investigating.

9. Liquor Store

The liquor store proposal at 1609 Fort Street is still moving through city planning. There will be a public hearing at some point in the future.

10. Fundraising Options

This was really about Streetfest. Ron asked whether we wanted to do Streetfest this year as it didn't happen last year. Ruth suggested we have a welcome party for Victor Brodeur school in the fall (which is the usual time for Streetfest). Suggested that Victoria College of Art be included.

Talk to Peter Such about fall celebration

RON

11. Other Business

Garry suggested that homelessness be a topic at a neighbourhood meeting or taken to VCAN . No action decided.