

SJNA Minutes
09 November 2015
Victoria College of Art

Present: 11 cmty members

Guest: Pamela Madoff – City Council Rep.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting: no new business arising.
2. Royal Jubilee Hospital Public hearing: Master planning started in 2010 and picked up last year. City liaison with North Jubilee. City Council Rep (Pam) reported that public comment is welcome on Thursday. No funding for any aspect; it's a conceptual plan at the moment but could become operational in future.
3. Media Releases: Ron's receiving numerous emailed media releases would like to know whether people are interested in receiving them. It was agreed Ron will begin forwarding these to Liz for posting on the website.
4. VCAN Report: Ben attended the last couple of these meetings at the City Hall. They allot space for 4 people from each neighbourhood (nhood). Ben noted that they're looking for nhoo priorities. Our nhoo has not submitted these yet. Brief consultation with 3 priorities emerging:
 - Kasapi park
 - School property
 - Recycle plan
5. Turner Building Plan: This was highlighted in the recent newsletter. The plan has not yet gone to the City for approval.
6. Red Barn Market: Ron reports that currently the space is about $\frac{3}{4}$ filled however the work seems to have slowed down, with no info available about an opening date. Pam mentioned that it won't be coming to Council because it's a reno. Question raised about why the trees were removed from that area recently. No info forthcoming.
7. Victoria Police Board Meeting: Pam reported this proposal not finalized yet.
8. Micro Loan Update: Dave reports update as is published in the recent newsletter. The loan has been extended to 2018 so our money is tied up until that time.
9. Micro Housing Society: Ron talked with someone from Our Place about the possibility of them coming to make a presentation at one of our nhoo meetings. He reports that they're not ready to come and meet with us at this time.

10. Nhood Plan: Our nhood plan is set for 2017. Question was raised as to whether we could attend the Gonzalez area meeting. Pam said absolutely. Their plan is for March 2016.
11. Homeless or Transient: Ron noted there may be homeless people moving into this nhood. Are people homeless or simply looking for a place to stay for the night? Nothing to report at this time.
12. New Liquor Store: Currently about $\frac{3}{4}$ completed and will be up and running before Christmas.
13. Bike Lanes: City in the process of designing bike plan for segregated bike lanes. Please contact cycling – City of Victoria with your feedback. There is a Greater Victoria Cycling Coalition that's very active. Pam noted that 7.5 M is committed for cycling infrastructure to expend over a 4 year period. Pam shared it's a very comprehensive process that's unfolding. In our area due to the narrow roadways, a significant challenge is that in order to put in bike lanes you have to take out parking or make the sidewalks narrower.
14. Neighbourhood Bulletin Boards: It was reported that these are in urgent need of cleaning as they're currently unsightly and moldy. Three people kindly volunteered.
15. City Grants: Ben shared there are 5 different grants available for nhoods. We might like to keep abreast of when these will be available and then we could put a blurb in the newsletter and see if there's any interest in any of these:
 - Direct Award
 - Strategic Plan
 - Micro
 - Community Garden
 - Festival
16. Wheelchair Accessibility: One of our community members would like to attend the SJNA meetings but the meeting venue is not accessible to her. No discussion followed.
17. Amalgamation: Dave encourages everyone to watch a program on Shaw about amalgamation. Example of Halifax was noted – cost much more than they dreamed of and outcome was not what they expected. COA of Vancouver said he wishes Surrey had stayed smaller.
18. Nhood Beautification: A community member living at Davie and Fort expressed concern about the light pollution and dumpsters outside her window. These are not attractive or pleasant elements in a residential nhood. How can she make things better? The City has told her she has to contact the business owners herself. It was mentioned that there may be some landscaping bylaws. Another suggestion

shared is talking to the owner of the building about the size of their dumpster. If not an owner, a property manager could be contacted. Pam encouraged her to write to the City and write to the owners and copy her on all correspondence. She and another home owner on Davies (Liz) will cooperate to write a letter and consider mounting a petition on their street.

19. Pam's News:

- Soliciting various Advisory Committee membership – they will be accepting applications until Nov 20th.
- BC Lottery Corp has expressed interest in having a casino in Victoria. City getting further information from them about this.

20. Christmas Party: Suggestion raised about having a potluck Christmas party in the hood. No interest was expressed.

21. Next Meeting: no date mentioned