

**South Jubilee Neighborhood Association Meeting**  
**05 September 2017**

Residents attending: 13

Meeting chair: Garry Antinuk, neighborhood coordinator

City Neighborhood Liaison: Kimberley Stratford

Minute recorder: Charlene Antinuk

**Agenda items**

An opportunity was extended to everyone present to update the neighborhood map if they weren't already on it.

1. **Jubilee Local Area Transit Plan** was presented by Lindsay Taylor who showed a powerpoint and shared comments including:

- Local Area Transit Plan in Jubilee was initiated in 2011 and future plans extend for next 25 years
- Three main layers of service – rapid/frequent/local
- Map showing transit plans; background research re current service and growth expected
- This fall there will be public consultations in various locations to hear from people about what's working and what's not working.
- There will be options development workshop to get input from key stakeholders who use the services
- 9 routes with 35,000 rides per day that go through our area
- 6.5% of population are transit users
- 4 minor transit terminals in eastern part of greater Vic: Jubilee, Estevan Village, Oak Bay Marina, Casey's Market – Central at St. Patrick
- RJH would like a major transit exchange hub on their campus
- They're reaching out to all neighborhood associations with this info
- Details of the open houses will be shared with us
- February 2018 Stakeholder Workshop
- Spring 2018 Open House and Survey

Questions/suggestions:

- Suggested posting info about services and workshops in bus shelters and doing mail drops.
- What is a hub? Can mean different things to different people. Could mean arriving on a bicycle and getting on a bus, or arriving on a bus and catching a ride share or car pool.

## 2. City Hall Update - Kimberley Stratford

- Reported on a community development conference she attended during the summer in Montreal. They've developed a couple of new programs based on her experience there.
- Some info will be presented in the near future on the process of creating the city budget.
- Short survey distributed about neighbourhood training, workshops and toolkits that may be of interest to our residents. This will also be emailed to residents and posted on our website. They'd like it completed and returned by the end of September.
- New program for community development is being offered that is comprised of a several key questions. For example: What are you passionate about? What is your greatest gift? What is one of your skills? What is something you know how to teach others? This info is recorded into a database and then shared at a "party". Question: is this something this neighbourhood would like to take on and in what format, ie with the board of directors; residents; recycle or other option?
- City will be planning a number of engagement activities re City plan for our neighbourhood.
- Walkshops: Residents can find out what happens in their community. We'd like to offer this in all neighbourhoods but there are real constraints in terms of staff resources to do this. The pilot worked well and we'd like to know if your neighbourhood is interested.
- Concern expressed regarding traffic congestion at corner of Redfern and Oak Bay Ave in particular due to pedestrians crossing to the Red Barn Market. It's very challenging to make left hand turns from Redfern on to Oak Bay. A traffic light is needed. Kimberley will take this concern to the Transportation Department.
- Concern expressed re the cyclists who don't obey the traffic laws. This is an important conversation that needs to happen. Now that there are more bike lanes we need to use them.
- There are about 7000 people riding their bikes year round. The City is looking at this reality, realizing that we need an education program and an enforcement program.

## 3. Successful Grant Application

- We've been awarded a \$1000 neighbourhood activity grant to do something monthly like some sort of social activity perhaps - connected to the monthly recycle event. Music tent or cooking tent for example. Idea being that we could do activities to meet people in the neighbourhood. We were trying to identify things that people might like to do. It's basically open programming so all ideas are welcome. This Saturday morning there will be Storywalk happening in Redfern Park, a program initiated by the Public Library.
- Does anyone have ideas of things they'd like to do, maybe sharing a passion or a skill they have?
- We could share ideas in the box here and perhaps also on the website.

Suggestions of what to use the \$1000 grant for:

- Put money into promoting events because there are so many residents in our neighbourhood who live in apartment buildings who don't participate in events because they're unaware of what's going on in our neighbourhood.
- Design something to deliver in every household – even if a few people in each apartment building are reached, it's an accomplishment.
- The City will be having these engagement activities and Kimberley encourages us to take advantage of those opportunities to meet people and interact.
- How about a movie night in the field behind the Art College
- Create art activities – we're getting more young families so how about building on ways to engage children
- Upgrade the existing advertising kiosks that are on the Leighton Corridor

#### **4. Neighbourhood Nut Tree Project**

Some concern expressed by parent about children who wouldn't be able to come to the part because of allergies to nuts.

- Kimberley suggests talking with City arborist about possibilities of an allergic reaction. There are also people who are allergic to bees/wasps so we need information to make good decisions.
- Suggest planting olive trees. If we've decided on Redfern Park then it may be important to talk with all the residents whose property borders the park to be able to use their water.
- A suggestion proposed about planning trees on Amphion where there's a group of people in the 1500 block who are currently mobilized to improve their street.
- Currently there's only one person who has offered to commit to the care of the trees so more support is needed. Perhaps those currently interested could post information and signup sheet at the recycle on Saturday and see if there's anyone else willing to commit to this project.

#### **5. Garbage in Redfern Park**

- Kimberley responded to a neighbor's concern about garbage being left in Redfern Park. She suggested moving garbage can nearer the bench. Bylaw officers are out with Vic PD dealing with serious issues and cannot be redirected to watching for litterers in the park.
- She suggested having conversations with the neighbours perhaps sharing info about monthly recycle or other options. Having this kind of connection could develop relationships and be more effective than just putting the stuff on their property.

- If you go in with enforcement they become estranged rather than reaching out to be supportive. She suggests we take it on our selves to have conversations with people. This builds community.

#### **6. Recent Passing of Roger Smeeth**

There will be a memorial gathering for Roger this month, possibly Sept 22. Please check for updates.

#### **7. Next SJNA Meeting**

November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm – bring finger foods to share.