

**South Jubilee Neighborhood Association Meeting
07 November 2017**

Residents attending: 14
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. **Minutes:** The minutes of the 05 Sept 2017 meeting were approved.

2. City Liaison Report

- Encouragement to refer to the City Hall News publication.
 - Please note the leaf pick up and keeping storm drains clean
- City Budget
 - Shared how the budget is put together; she'll be coming back to talk with us offering ongoing updates
 - Last four years there's been a dramatic shift in community engagement; opportunities for you understand how your tax dollars are being spent.
 - Police asking for a 40M dollar increase – seeing crime changing in Vancouver and Nanaimo, so anticipating it will increase here. Our residents are requesting a higher presence in neighborhoods.
 - Our budget often doesn't get approved until May; this year anticipating having approvals done by February so there will be more time for staff to get the work done that has been approved.
 - The process has been revamped to offer more meaningful input opportunities; this year it may happen in Town Hall in December. You can be there in person, watch online, tweet your suggestions, etc.
 - There are the only three staff who report directly to the Council every six months to talk about what we've done in neighborhoods and what we're planning to do.
 - The budget has two parts: operating and capital; in addition there's a reserve for emergencies like a natural disaster. The capital budget welcomes input from the community and impacts the operating budget. Safety is the number one consideration related to the capital budget.
 - Thinking long term, how are we meeting the needs of our residents? For example, there are only 3 senior centres which will not meet the needs in the future.
 - We can provide input on the budget by participating in community consultation for the 2018 budget; think about transit, about traffic, about bike lanes, etc.
 - Planning Cycle for 2019 Budget – check City website for the schedule details

- Check website for City Council meetings, agendas and minutes; anyone can go and have 5 minutes at the beginning of every meeting
- Question raised about how revenue is being collected. How can we find out about that? As the City grows how and where is the revenue coming from? There are more tax payers (many new condos going up continually) but our taxes are going up. As our City grows how is the revenue stream growing in comparison to the spending stream?
- Kimberly acknowledged this is a good question and offered to gather some related information and bring it back to us.
- Our infrastructure is crumbling and we aren't keeping up with maintaining it.

3. Planning Implementation of Grant for Improvements

- 2017 My Great Neighbourhood Grant
 - “Lighting Up Leighton” project. Design shared for the construction of improvements to illuminate the poster kiosks. Funds are available and help is needed to construct these improvements.
 - Telus boxes could be improved with wraps or by painting them. It was noted that they can be coated with an anti-graffiti surface but materials may be toxic.
 - Kimberley shared that we need to reach out to the utilities like Telus and find out what programs they have to protect them from graffiti. We can supply the design. She gave an example of how this happened in North Park.
 - Call was raised for someone to spearhead the kiosk project. No one responded.
 - **Action:** Murray offered to coordinate a task force who to research and prepare plaques describing the origin of the Street names. He offered to write an article for the next newsletter, describing the project and asking for human resources to help work on this project. The funds for this have already been approved via the grant.
 - **Action:** Liz offered to look into the possibility of getting an electronic speed monitor sign on Leighton.
- 2016 My Great Neighbourhood Grant
 - **Action:** Ray offered some information from graphic designers at Camosun College about the cost of design for the trailer. We could have a graphic wrap on the trailer for about \$200-\$300 without installation. These prices are better than commercial printers. Do we want to reproduce our letterhead? Do we want it to be in black or in colour? The price is the same.
 - **Decided** Ray will approach the designer of the letterhead and ask him if he'll donate his time and create a design including his logo that can be used on the front, back and sides of the trailer.
 - **Decided** to approve a budget \$500 to complete last year's project of equipping the trailer.
 - **Decided** Garry will purchase a boot to secure the trailer for safety purposes.

4. Policy for Use of Trailer and Contents

- We need to create a schedule to coordinate the use of the trailer, and a policy for who can have access to the trailer and its contents. This item deferred to next meeting as we were short of time.

5. Open Discussion

➤ South & North Jubilee

- Question for Kimberley: Why is the City trying to force South and North Jubilee to be one neighborhood?
- Kimberley's response: The City looks at the two neighborhoods as one for planning purposes since they are both so small. Operating budgets, however, are allocated on a neighbourhood basis so SJ gets money based on the population of South Jubileas does North Jubilee. So they are only seen as one neighbourhood for planning.

➤ Fort Street Zoning

- Question for Kimberley: Fort Street down to Foul Bay has been zoned as part of a "Large Urban village" that allows six storey buildings. It seems that the City has taken that decision out of our hands and we have no say.
- Kimberley's response: She is not part of the planning department so can't comment of planning issues. This would be a good issue to bring up when we start the Jubilee Neighbourhood planning process sometime next year.

➤ Our Constitution and By-Laws

- Dave reported that the necessary steps have now been taken and we have met the Province's deadline to update our constitution and bylaws. They have been accepted by the provincial government and will be posted on our website.
- Only issue with new Society's Act is that you need a quorum of the greater of 3 people or 10% of membership. If we had everyone sign up to be a member, we wouldn't fit in this space. Also we might not have a quorum at most meetings. We need to check into this. Everyone in the neighborhood is eligible to be a member if they sign up at no charge. Kimberley suggested Dave talk to Vanya at Fairfield Neighbourhood Association.
- **Action:** Murray kindly offered to write an article explaining what the SJNA is, letting people know what kind of things we do, describing who can be a member, and encouraging people to get involved.

➤ Neighborhood Highlights

- Kimberley asked what are some cool things about South Jubilee and what makes our neighborhood unique. We could highlight our recycle for example. She'd appreciate photos.
- **Action:** Ray kindly offered to share some info/photos to her.

6. **Next SJNA Meeting** will be Tuesday 06 February at 7pm.