

**South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association Meeting
03 September 2019**

Attending: 19 residents

Guests: City Council Member Marianne Alto and Ross Kennedy Traffic Dept.

Welcome and introductions

1. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the 04 June 2019 meeting were approved.

2. **Traffic Calming & Infrastructure Update - Ross Kennedy**

He shared briefly about various aspects of his role at the Traffic Department and offered to respond to any questions that might be raised. He mentioned the intersection of Fort and Oak Bay and some of the recent changes made there considering the bicycle master plan and pedestrian use. There are also changes at Belcher and Morrison. There is a traffic calming program and the City is currently hiring staff to support review and action on that program. He mentioned a couple of the specific areas that seem to be priority such as safe pedestrian crossing on Oak Bay Ave at Red Barn Market.

Residents' questions:

- Last year Kimberly Stratford informed us that there were funds available for traffic calming in neighbourhoods. Following consultation at several SJNA meetings, we informed the Traffic Department of our choices. Is there any update about progress on that?
- We also recommended that a thorough analysis of traffic flows in our neighbourhood be undertaken by the City. Is there any update on that?
- Is there a way to know what the data is that the City is gathering that has come to you directly from residents so it's possible for us to be better informed?
- Is the department looking at the traffic related to the new developments?
- Are there specific by-laws about approaches to underground parking related to the new developments on Oak Bay Ave?

Ross explained that there have been recent consultations about how to improve more roads for less money. These new approaches may have implications for previous plans; for example to the decisions made related to the ongoing project on Amphion. Marianne indicated that the City Council will be making decisions related to these new approaches.

The current traffic calming on Amphion is not effective; cars are still speeding to cut through between Oak Bay Ave and Leighton. What does success look like for traffic calming? Some may decrease traffic and some may result in residents being constrained. Cars have a big impact on our neighbourhoods. We need to look at the pros and cons and there are many challenges.

Suggestion: to have a liaison from our neighbourhood who could collect information from residents and convey it to Ross. Matt offered to be in touch with Ross in the near future.

3. Update from City Council and Staff – Marianne Alto

- There are revised Garden suite regulations related to height restrictions which will come into effect this fall
- Continuing with the memorial medallions for Remembrance Day this year which is the 100th anniversary
- This year City gave funds to the school crossing guard program
- Nh grants program will be available in the near future
- Crystal Pool closed for maintenance
- Fairfield NH plan coming up soon; this is very controversial and some of you may be interested
- Any update on School Board decisions related to Sundance School and the Art College property? Marianne noted that the City has been trying to engage the school district for a long time for various purposes as this is a prime site that could be used for educational and residential purposes, as well as a community centre for both South and North Jubilee. The building housing the Arts College has major structural needs. To this point there has been no conversation between the City and the School Board so there are no plans.
- Is there a liaison from the school board that could come to our meetings and keep us informed of what's happening with the school board property in our neighbourhood? For example what's happening with the Art College and Sundance? Marianne shared that next year about this time they will be opening Sundance with K and gr 1. Trustee Nicole Duncan could be contacted for further information.
- There will be a Neighbourhood Summit in the fall

4. New Pathway – Redfern to Fort

Some visuals were displayed regarding possible pathway that could be put in. There needs to be a conversation with the condo owners and SaveOn Foods. Marianne suggested we might try to attend one of their strata meetings to offer our consideration of this proposal.

5. ParkFest Update

Everyone was encouraged to attend. There are some volunteers and more would be appreciated.

6. CALUC Update

- Appreciation was expressed to Gail Anthony for the development update that was included in the last newsletter.
- A question was raised about what happens when there is a community meeting and no residents express their approval, yet the proposal is still submitted to the City. Marianne shared that the applications can still be submitted in spite of the community's feedback. Apparently the neighbourhood association can take a position and formally decide not to approve a proposal. That is different than CALUC doing such a thing. There seems to be a fear that a lawsuit against the

neighbourhood association could ensue from such a refusal. Apparently this is not the case.

- Marianne noted that none of the neighbourhood association's CALUCs clearly state they do not approve proposals although they may express their concerns.

7. Planning for 2020

- Are there any issues that could be put on coming agendas? For example, how does our neighbourhood serve the younger generations? When looking at Redfern Park we see it is used primarily for dogs and young children. What about a bike loop or something for teens?

8. Neighbourhood History Project Update

Efforts to advance this project are going forward with a few minor adjustments including possibly having a few larger signs rather than a larger number of smaller signs.

9. Meeting with North Jubilee Neighbourhood Association

Marianne encouraged us to reach out to North Jubilee which is the other smallest neighbourhood association in the City. She believes we would benefit by joining together to consult about things. At the neighbourhood summit there will be a consultation about boundaries.

10. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, November 4, 2019 at 7 pm **Date Correction: Tuesday November 5th**