

South Jubilee Neighbour Hood Association
Meeting Minutes
Feb. 2, 2021

In attendance: 21 residents

Guests: Charlayne Thornton-Joe, Kimberley Stratford, Calvin Simpson

Meeting chairperson: Matt Dell

Introduction to New Council Liaison: Charlayne Thornton-Joe

- Current liaison for North/South Jubilee, Rockland, on council for 18 years
- Mentioned Motion introduced to council on Feb. 4: invite all people in Victoria to decorate houses and wear red in spirit of Chinese New Year to celebrate

Introduction to Calvin Simpson – one of two of Murray Rankin’s constituency assistants

Bank Street School Update

Matt Dell & Murray Gudmundson

- City of Victoria engineering report re. current state will be published for the Committee of the Whole in February
- Murray Rankin suggested round table between stakeholders (City, School Board, MP, MLA, NJNA, Francophone School District, SJNA). Pointed to \$1.5 billion provincial government has committed to building/repairing schools

Plans for a Bank School Community Visioning Session

Matt Dell:

- Could Bank St be ‘village centre’ through similar discussions as current visioning process in Fernwood?
- Suggested special meeting for Bank St. visioning in March 2021

Kimberley Stratford:

- There will be conversation with her colleagues and in council re. community centre in SJ, including daycare spaces

CALUC Update

Kathleen Laird

- Updated current status on developments. Visit development tracker <https://tender.victoria.ca/webapps/ourcity/prospero/search.aspx> to provide feedback
- Some notable mentions:
 - o Fort St. 23 pod rental building zoom meeting was well attended. Pre-submission sent in to city.

- Gardenworks rezoning approved,
- City received 1514 1520 Foul Bay proposal in to City
- 1609 Fort. St, City reviewing application for Vessel to expand floorspace
- Cannabis retailer approved

Matt Dell:

- Met with leader of Friends of Bowker Creek Society, who spoke to need for new developments to provide opportunities for slower drainage of rainwater to avoid overloading Bowker Creek via storm drains. There was support at meeting to draft a letter for CALUC to send to developers in the neighbourhood on behalf of SJNA.

Community Garden Update

Kathleen Laird:

- Awarded My Great Neighbourhood Grant \$5,000 – Addition to the Get Growing program, in order to expand this program to support neighbourhood members in growing food
- Received approval to commence Redfern Commons Proposal, applied for \$5,000 grant for planning phase
- City requested pause on plans for Fell St. allotment gardens as it needs to do further research
- Applied to Trees Canada grant \$3,500
- Re. Redfern Park drainage:
 - Kimberley Stratford: had recent meeting with person responsible in Parks
 - 2018/19 – city installed catch basin to direct water as a temporary stopgap (for flooding of Lee St. homes). There was supposed to be implementation of a permanent storm drain in Redfern to deal with flooding. Plans were buried due to high staff turnover, funds allocated this year to re-investigate the prior plans to see if this is still viable. Timeline is at least 2+ years.
- Opportunity for collaboration for wetlands as drainage?

My Great Neighbourhood Grant Update

Murray Gudmundson re. historical signs:

- Representative from Songhees Nation was generally happy with information on signs during meeting on Nov. 5, but wanted to take this information to community to receive further feedback and confirmation. Waiting to hear back.

Matt Dell suggesting. community board in SJNA, with new MGN grant

- Closed bulletin board locked with combination lock
- Location to share news, information, community events, etc.
- Operated by community members with combination
- Collaboration with Redfern Commons project would be easier/cheaper to approve
- Kasapi park was also suggested

- Murray: community decided to not go ahead with a community board 5 years ago due to low involvement, but current proposal seems promising due to much higher current involvement
- MGN grants opening beginning in spring, rolling acceptance until funds used up.

\$20,000 Community Coordinator

- City offered potential for SJNA/NJNA to have \$20,000 to hire a shared community coordinator as a one-year pilot program.
- Kimberley, meeting Feb. 4th with 4 neighbourhoods to discuss this. Matt will attend.
 - Charlayne spoke to origin of this motion in council that she brought – made as other neighbourhood associations (especially downtown) are overwhelmed with large amounts of CALUC. \$20,000 going to each neighbourhood association without a community centre. One year pilot to be re-evaluated.
 - Gail suggesting using for contractor on Bank St? Matt will address at Feb. 4th meeting.

Indigenous Reconciliation in SJNA

Matt: Wanted to initiate conversation within the neighbourhood

- -Murray: re. Kasapi planning – city said hoping to collaborate with Indigenous nations on Kasapi in some way
 - o Kasapi update (Kimberley) : pathway, seating are planned preliminarily. Parks will do inventory of plant species (especially native species), will look to work with “subject matter experts” in local Indigenous nations. Timeline: over the course of 2021 to begin this. Accessibility will be considered, and different path options will be considered.
- Matt suggested potential collaborative art piece (referenced the ‘earth drums’ on Cedar Hill Golf Course)
- Potential connection with Horticultural Centre of the Pacific? (Kelly)
- Potential action: Assembly of easily accessible educational resources for community members to learn more about Indigenous context and settler relations. Kelly will connect with Matt to further this conversation
- Calvin Simpson of Rankin’s office extending support to assist in this process

Community Events Planning (Parkfest)

- Maybe wait until covid settles?
- Could have options for safe situation if we want to move forward

Visioning for 2021 and Beyond

- Deferred to next meeting – wanting to discuss how the community is functioning for different folks? For children/youth? Families? Older folks?

Open Discussion

- Electric vehicle charging stations on street?
 - o Charlayne: Conversation happening at council for downtown .

- Lending library in Redfern needs repairs
 - o Murray will inspect and repair if it is a quick fix
 - o Matt will contact original maker of library
 - o Suggestion to use SJNA Funds to fund repairs, which saw no dissent from members

- 'Welcome wagon' for newcomers to neighbourhood?
 - o suggestion for package on website to download that members can give to a newcomer they might notice on their street?
 - o Kimberley: could contact realtors to give a small package to new homeowners
 - o Matt will contact Gail and Liz