

**South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association
Annual General Meeting
01 June 2021**

Residents: 15

Guests: 2

- Charlayne Thornton-Joe, City Council member
- Jasmine Campell, Development Manager for Threshold Housing

Meeting opened with a land acknowledgement that we make our home on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples. This acknowledgement was followed by 60 seconds of silence in memory of the lives lost in our country due to the residential school system.

1. Minutes and Agenda

- **Motion passed** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and the proposed agenda for tonight's meeting.

2. President's Report

- In spite of the pandemic there have been many successes this past year and appreciation is extended to those who have volunteered with Get Growing, to Molly and Liz for our neighbourhood's online presence; for our on-going neighbourhood recycle; the recently undertaken mural projects; and the City's acquisition of Kasapi Park.

3. Update from City Staff

- Kimberley Stratford emailed a City Neighbourhood Staff Report that will be posted on our website.

4. Update from Charlayne Thornton-Joe

- Spoke about City Council decision to have flags lowered for 215 hours to honour the lives of the lost children.
- She has been the new liaison to our neighbourhood since February 2021. Her role is to bring updates to us and take our concerns and comments back to the City. Many letters are received on a daily basis and she makes every effort to read all of them. She assured us that even if they're not answered, these letters do make a difference.
- She is very familiar with the lengthy journey of acquiring the land for the Kasapi Park, which is finally now showing tangible progress.
- In many ways it's been an incredible year with the pandemic as we have faced many difficult challenges. Today only 1 new case was reported which is the first time we've been in the single digits, so this is something to celebrate.
- Recently working on homelessness and its effects on parks. Also giving attention to rebuilding business economy.
- On-going discussions about Bank School; currently working with the School Board and intend that the SJNA be informed of the contents of the report and be included in discussions in the near future.

- Regarding the two Jubilee neighbourhoods, we hope residents will complete the online survey about South and North Jubilee.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Dave forwarded a financial report to Matt for the previous year and it was shared on the screen. Matt informed everyone that Dave would be stepping down as treasurer. Warmest appreciation was expressed for all Dave's diligent efforts with the treasury over the years.

6. Meeting Logistics

- A question was raised as to whether we want to continue holding SJNA meetings online or go back to meeting in person, according to the pandemic restrictions as outlined by the Provincial Health Authority. What has benefited participation; either one or the other?
- It was agreed that we'll continue to meet online for now.

7. AGM - Election of Board

- **Motion passed** to accept the nominations of the following Board officers and directors at large.
 - President: Matt Dell
 - Vice President: Murray Gudmondson
 - Secretary: Charlene Antinuk
 - Treasurer: No one came forward to take up the treasury work. Murray offered to look after the financial aspects connected to the plastic recycle. Matt offered to serve as acting treasurer until another community member can be found. Molly offered to talk with Jason Evans about the possibility of serving as the treasurer.
 - Directors at large: Susan Wetmore, Molly Sullivan, Erin Renwick, Tony Cheong, Kathleen Laird
 - Land Use Committee members: Gail Anthony, Kathleen Laird, Christian Tobin
- **Motion passed** to accept all nominations

8. Victoria Zero-Waste Coordinator

- Murray shared a recycle related update. We are no longer able to accept any Styrofoam other than white. Each month we receive a significant amount of coloured Styrofoam trays and at this point there appears to be no alternative other than putting them in the garbage. Murray is offering to make a presentation to the City Council regarding viable alternatives. Before proceeding he's asking whether our association backs this initiative.
- Charlayne thinks it would be great as it supports the City's zero waste program; however it's necessary to proceed carefully due to the legal issues that arose with banning plastic bags.
- **Motion passed** that Murray will, on behalf of the SJNA, present a proposal to City Council requesting that they explore a ban on coloured Styrofoam trays.

9. Bank Street School

- We had been waiting to see the engineering report regarding the condition of the school building, but rather than release it, the City Council passed a motion about the City and School Board working together to preserve the school. Based on this one could conclude that the findings of the engineer's report indicate that the building is "saveable".
- Previously Matt and Murray met with MLA Murray Rankin and staff who seemed keen to investigate funding sources that would provide for a good school and space for community activities.
- Charlayne shared a few comments regarding potential strings attached to designating the school as a Heritage building. Staff knows we want to work with the school district and we're moving carefully forward to get positive results. Even if we see the building is structurally sound, that is different than saying what would be needed to use the building.
- **Motion passed** that the SJNA write a letter to City Council and the School Board letting them know that the SJNA wants to be engaged in the process of deciding what happens to the building because we are determined to have a space for educating children and for community activities. Murray will share content of previous letters with Matt who will draft an update based on this motion.

10. Threshold Housing Society

- Jasmine shared a few comments about the two properties Threshold Housing has in our neighbourhood.
- Matt outlined an idea that's being developed to initiate a citywide fund-raiser for Threshold Housing; a running/cycling event of 25 km around the City parameters. The idea and logistics for this project are still being explored and the hope is that our neighbourhood will get behind the project.
- Having a relay was suggested; this may encourage more people to take part.
- Neighbourhoods could offer support for this project by providing small refreshment stands (that meet the pandemic restrictions).

11. Greening Committee Report

- Committee members include: Kathleen, Erin, Mark and Marcus.
- The Get Growing project that took place last week was well attended with 120 groups of people; 45 people registered for the Get Growing Plus kits that we received a grant for from the City. There's a wait list of 25 more people that we'll create kits for. The kits included: fruit trees and shrubs, herbs, pollinator and native plants. The recipients were very happy to receive these kits and many new gardeners were launched into action. Warmest thanks to the eight volunteers who helped with this project.
- The design for the project in Redfern Park was screen shared. This phase two design was displayed at the Get Growing project last week and all the people who attended had an opportunity to comment on the design. The response was 100% positive in support of the Redfern Park development.
- The Greening Committee extends warmest appreciation to Erin for her drawing expertise.
- This design will go to the City for approval.

- Question raised re how to protect from cats and deer. Response: steps will be taken in this regard.
- Question raised re wheelchair accessibility. Response: yes it will be.
- Question raised as to whether the City Parks Department has been consulted. Response: yes it has.
- Some comments shared about potential fund contributors.

12. Mural Project update

- There are currently two murals projects on the go, one in South Jubilee at the White Spot restaurant enclosure – this project is in the early stages and will even include a video. The other is at the Oak Bay Junction in North Jubilee on the Rebellion Barber Shop building. An artist is lined up and a My Great Neighbourhood Grant is being applied for. Funds from SJNA are being used to support both of these projects.
- Charlayne: She's been involved with murals on the Plaza Hotel, which unfortunately gets tagged every few days. Question: have we considered this protecting the murals in light of the reality of tagging? Response: yes we have.

13. \$20,000 Coordinator Funding

- The City has offered funding for neighbourhood coordinators and other neighbourhoods have begun this process.
- Matt doesn't have time to take this on so if anyone else is interested, please get in touch with him.

14. CALUC Update

- Please check the recent SJNA newsletter for the latest CALUC report.

15. Open Discussion

- Question for Charlayne: Is City Council going to ban camping in Beacon Hill Park? Response: This situation is being addressed and Charlayne currently has a motion regarding this before the mayor.
- Question raised about having a modified Parkfest this summer/fall. There wasn't much expression of support for this idea by those attending.
- Suggestion raised about having garden chats; this may be something to think about for 2022 or perhaps a mini-version could take place informally for now. Murray offered to explore this and it was noted that if something goes ahead, it could be advertised on our instagram account as there won't be a newsletter until a week or two before the September meeting.

16. Next meeting

- As per past practice there will be no meeting in the summer due to poor attendance in July and August so the next SJNA meeting will be in September. It is likely the Board will meet before then to address whatever items may arise.