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South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Online Zoom Meeting*

1. Update from Councillor Thornton-Joe
2. Bank Street School Update
3. Proposed CALUC Merger with North Jubilee
4. Redfern Park Commons Design
5. Little Free Library Proposal
6. Neighbourhood Survey Update
7. Redfern Parkfest Review
8. CALUC Update

* If you want to attend, please access the Zoom link to be posted on [our website](#) under "Next SJNA Meeting".

The Future of Bank Street School

The South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association (SJNA) is tracking the Bank Street School project to ensure the future of this site meets the long-term needs of the community. In August 2020, we learned that the Greater Victoria School District 61 planned to demolish the 1911 Bank School and build a new addition on the north side of Sundance School. Plans to demolish the school were initiated without any information on the costs to restore the school compared to those of a new school.

In response to a SJNA resident survey that showed strong interest to preserve the heritage building, the City of Victoria commissioned a \$30,000 Class C survey and engineering report to explore the costs and feasibility of restoration. A Class C is a detailed report to determine the fair market value of a building project. The Class C survey was delivered to Council in-camera in early 2021. SJNA obtained a copy through a Freedom of Information request in October 2021.

The 183-page Class C survey will be posted on [our website](#) shortly. The report states that the building is "in suitable condition for repair and conservation" and recommends to designate it as a heritage building. The cost of restoration is estimated between \$5.6 to \$5.7M, including seismic upgrades to "life safety standard", accessibility access (including an elevator), six classrooms, and universal washrooms. In comparison, the cost for an "equivalent size new building" is estimated at \$5.8M. The school district previously got a Class D survey (less detailed than a Class C), which estimated the cost of restoring the building to \$7.5M. SJNA does not have any information on the cost or the proposed design of a new addition to Sundance School.

Moving forward, SJNA will continue asking both the school district and the City for more information on this important site. For example, we want to know: How would new community facilities (e.g., meeting rooms, community kitchen, childcare space) fit on the property? What are the timelines for a restored school or a new school? Could a restored or new school be built to net-zero standards and heated without fossil fuels? Can we preserve the community green space? SJNA plans to send questions to both parties in late October and request a meeting in early November.

~ Matt Dell, President, SJNA

Redfern Park Commons Survey

The Greening Committee has been working on refining the design for the Redfern Park Commons Area. This is the area between the children's play area and the dog park. The committee is now ready for more input from you.

Both the revised site plan and the proposal to the City of Victoria are available on [our website](#). Once you've had a chance to look at the site

plan and read the proposal, please take the [Redfern Park Community Garden Design survey](#). Your input will help the committee finalize the design, making Redfern Park a more diverse space for everyone.

Heritage Walk Sign Project



Our Heritage Walk Sign Project is finally finished, with signs installed in mid-September. If you haven't seen them yet, you might want to take a stroll and check them out! There are four signs placed at Leighton and Fort Street, Leighton and Bank Street, Leighton and Fell Street, and Leighton at Redfern. The majority of funding for this project came from My Great Neighbourhood grant program of the City of Victoria. Thank you to our funding partner!

~ Murray Gudmundson and Kathleen Laird

Land Use Committee Recruitment Plea

The South Jubilee Land Use Committee needs few volunteers. I have been involved with the committee for over four years and have appreciated the insights into development issues here and in the City as a whole afforded by membership on the committee.

At this time our committee has only two members - one of whom is relatively new to the committee. South Jubilee appears to be an area identified by developers as a prime location for redevelopment. Hence it is in our neighbourhood's best interest to have a robust and involved core of people to keep us part of this process. Much as I have enjoyed being a member of the committee, I would like to hand over my responsibilities to new members. Please consider joining.

The work is mostly facilitating communication among the parties involved: the City, the developer, and South Jubilee. There is the occasional opportunity for a gentle "tsk tsk" to

other partners in this exercise to spice things up. I will stay around for consultation as long as needed; so don't be afraid to jump in. If you are interested or have any questions, send an email to landuse@southjubilee.ca with your contact information.

~ Gail Anthony, SJLUC co-chair

Threshold Housing Society Forrest House Design

The Threshold Housing Society has hosted two public meetings to give interested residents a look at what they are considering for the site of Forrest House at 1502 Davie Street and a chance to weigh in with their own ideas.

The second Zoom meeting was held on October 7th. If you missed the meeting or would like to refresh your memory about what was presented, the meeting video is available on their website at <https://thresholdhousing.ca/forresthouse>.

If you have any comments or questions after watching the video, please send them to Lee Provost, Project Manager at lprevost@boundarydesign.ca.

Joan Eldridge

Davie Street says goodbye to one of our founding residents, Joan Eldridge, who passed away peacefully with family by her side at the Royal Jubilee Hospital on October 12th.

Originally from Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, Joan and her family built 1912 Davie Street in 1946, on a former potato patch beside the original farmhouse that was built in 1885. After moving around Canada for a number of years, the family returned to Davie Street in 1968 to live until Joan passed away.

Joan loved our neighbourhood and was known to take long walks, talking to neighbours, admiring flowers and spreading her love of life and art. Joan's kindness and beautiful smile will be missed by us all.

~ Kathleen Laird

Next Plastic & Electronic Recycling: Saturday Nov. 13th from 10 a.m. to noon at Bank Street School parking lot (Bank and Leighton). Payment by donation. See [our website](#) for the list of accepted materials.