

South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association
04 February 2020

17 residents attending
City Neighbourhood Liaison Kimberley Stratford
Marianne Alto unable to attend

1. Minutes: Minutes of 05 November were approved.

2. Business arising:

Decided (05 Nov 2019): Residents agreed that SJNA board write a letter to the City as soon as possible expressing the critical need for a crosswalk across Oak Bay Ave from Redfern to The Red Barn. In addition this letter will include a request for greater visibility at crosswalk at Leighton and Foul Bay. These are considered as urgent.

ACTION: Matt will write this letter on behalf of the Board and residents.

This letter has not yet gone out.

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Residents also encouraged to write individual letters to Council as well.

3. Update from City Neighbourhood Liaison:

- Questions raised by residents:
 - Is there any update regarding “Kasapi Park” (Bank & Leighton)? Kimberley encouraged residents to write letters to City Council expressing our concerns about green space and our hopes for the use of this property.
 - Are there any updates about traffic calming? There are still several expressions of concern regarding different streets in our neighbourhood and nothing is happening. Kimberley encourages us to keep bringing this up to the City. She explained that the Department is currently very busy.

Suggestion: Given that we talk about this at every meeting; perhaps there is a resident willing to take on the coordination of the various traffic related matters, keeping our concerns and requests in the mind of Mayor and Council on behalf of the SJNH, and reporting progress at SJNA meetings.

DECIDED to accept the kind offer of Liz Hoar who could take this on. Liz will approach Roy Brooke to see if he’s willing to assist.

- Seniors task force: Kimberley mentioned this project. Visit victoria.ca/seniors to check it out. The last gathering is at Cook St. Activity Centre this week.
- Trees in the City Challenge: Victoria is the first municipality in the country to sign on for this project and we’re going to plant 5000 trees.
 - This information brought an expression of concern from a resident about allergies to specific trees. She has expressed this to the City however apparently the decisions about what trees will be planted have already be made with no conversation with the residents. The City has a list of low allergy plants but this list doesn’t include trees. Kimberley made note of this concern. She also shared that there is a series of workshops about planting trees – visit the City website and search for trees.

4. Save Kings Park:

A brief presentation by Judy Dwyer was shared with residents about Kings Park, an area in Saanich of approximately 5 acres of open green space located between Richmond and Dean, which is used by three different municipalities including hospital staff. Saanich purchased half of the property from BC Hydro and the other half needs to come from fundraising. This matter has gone to the CRD to consider as part of their green space. Organizations are encouraged to write in support of the proposal.

DECIDED all residents agreed that our Board will write a letter to the CRD expressing the support of the SJNA to save the Kings Park property. This letter needs to go in very quickly before the decision is made. Liz offered to write this letter, expressing the will of the residents who were in attendance at our meeting.

5. My Great Neighbourhood Grant:

A presentation was offered regarding the South Jubilee History Sign Project progress. Images were projected of possible sign designs and locations for the signs were suggested. The task force spearheading this project has met with City staff to discuss locations. Permits for installation must be approved before installation can proceed. There were no decisions about proposed locations approved during our meeting.

The \$2500 allocated for the signs has not been spent yet. One sign company has given an estimate and the task force will get at least one additional estimate. They estimate that an additional \$1500 will be needed to complete the sign part of the project. That would bring the cost of the sign project to \$4000 in total.

Information was also shared regarding progress on the Lights on Leighton part of the grant. Some materials for this project have been purchased. An estimate of \$1000 has been acquired for the metal hoods for the 4 kiosks.

Because the deadline for SJNA to present its accounting of how this grant was spent is long overdue, Kimberley asked for a commitment of the end of May to have these two projects completed and an accounting submitted to the City.

DECIDED based on our Treasurer's report the \$5000 grant is still available. We will forget about things like the wraps that were in the original proposal and allocate the money to finish the sign project and the Lights on Leighton. All residents agreed to spend the available funds to move forward with the History Sign Project and the Lights on Leighton project. Steps will be taken to complete these projects within the May 2020 timeframe.

6. \$1000 Activity Grant:

Our proposal for this grant included several activities such as a neighbourhood story walk, pole painting, and activities connected to the monthly recycle events. Some efforts have been made to have these activities. Because the accounting for this grant is also overdue, Kimberley request us to give her a series of activities with dates for May, June, July, and August.

Suggestion: That an activities/social task force be struck to plan and organize activities that would appeal to all ages in our neighbourhood during various times of the year. Ideas suggested: winter bonfire, community potluck, bike obstacle course, etc.

A tree planting project including the City's tree planting workshop could also be undertaken however this would need to be separate from the Activity Grant. Kathleen offered to look into the information needed for the workshop and planting in the fall. She will bring this to the next meeting.

Volunteers expressing interest in this task force: Cindy, Matt, Chris and Charlene. They will present ideas at the next meeting.

7. Caluc Update:

A brief report was offered on three neighbourhood developments. There has been no progress with two of them (Garden Works and the property on Duchess and Fort) and the proposal for Lee St was sent back by the City. The City is making revisions to house conversion plans; the changes appear reasonable. Google City House Conversions. Feb 20 is deadline for community feedback for development services.

8. Bank St. School Update:

Although details are not known it appears the school will be opening in Sept for kindergarten with some French School students remaining. Matt offered to be in touch with the Superintendent to get more information and offer a report at the next meeting.

9. Open discussion:

- A neighbor reported that there have been several break-ins on Redfern recently. They have taken place during the night with various articles reported stolen.
- Amphion residents have been to City Council expressing their concerns and heard nothing back. They have also emailed Marianne Alto but no response yet.

10. Treasury Update:

Our Treasurer reports that the person we lent money to through Micro-lending is now repaying the loan at \$20 every month.

11. Next meeting date: Tuesday 07 April 2020.