

South Jubilee Neighborhood Association Minutes of Meeting February 7, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm due to technical difficulties with Zoom link.

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Murray provided a Land acknowledgement and welcomed guests

Update from City Neighbourhood Liaison

Kimberley Stratford provided updates and invited questions about the following:

EV Charging Station - Status for South Jubilee

- There is a DC Fast Charger planned for the Jubilee neighbourhood. The concept site is just into North Jubilee. We are awaiting to hear if we have been successful in obtaining federal funding support for that project. The site can change as we move from concept to preliminary design, so we're not ready to share that location yet.
- Following the meeting, Kimberley forwarded a copy of the City's EV plan (hosted on SJNA's website:
https://southjubilee.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Victoria_EV-and-E-Mobility-Strategy_2022-02-16.pdf)
- Murray responded to Kimberley via email following the meeting, referencing the 2022 SJNA neighbourhood residents survey which indicated strong support for improving EV charging infrastructure in our neighbourhood and the city in general. There is a lack of charging stations on the entire east side of the city, including the Jubilees. Murray briefly read through the City's policy following the meeting but did not see any reference to incentives or mandates for private parking lots of a certain size to be required to install charging units. He noted the Save on Foods/BCLD Store parking lot does not have not a single charging station to his knowledge. Hopefully at least one of the (six?) DCFC fast chargers the city plans to install in 2023 can be located on the east side of the city, and ideally, somewhere near to the Fort/Oak Bay/Richmond triangle, which may be the highest concentration of apartment & condo buildings on the east side of the city. Additional level 2 chargers would also be helpful.

Random acts of kindness day coming up on February 17th

- Kimberley encouraged our community to do something little, no need for it to be complicated or expensive, but actions have a ripple effect out - the kinder that we are, the energy changes around you. SJNA will make a post about the day on social media and our newsletter.

Boulevard planting and tax opt-out

- The discussion noted getting landlord's permission for boulevard planting/enhancement, tax opt-out - the most current information can be found on the City of Victoria's website: [Boulevards Maintenance | Victoria](https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/parks/boulevards-maintenance.html) or www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/parks/boulevards-maintenance.html

- Neighbour noted benefits of [Rainwater Rewards Credit and Rebate Amounts | Victoria](https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/water-sewer-stormwater/stormwater/credit_rebate_amounts.html) or https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/water-sewer-stormwater/stormwater/credit_rebate_amounts.html
- Discussed the positive outcomes of Fairfield's My Great neighborhood Grant to support Traffic calming through boulevard beautification

Reminder: Neighbourhood Association Base Grant application - Annual report is due February 15, 2023. Ryan noted he is on track to complete by the deadline.

Update from City Council Liaison - Marg Gardiner

Marg joined us after returning from Ottawa for the Canadian Capital Cities Organization (CCCO) 2023 annual conference. She provided updates and invited questions about the following:

- Recent activity in new City Council role has included many hours of orientation for council members, including and reviewing previous meeting recordings, reports, and correspondence, as well as preparing for and the upcoming Missing Middle Housing public hearings.
 - Wayne asked for clarity about Missing Middle Policy- if a proposal falls within the parameters, there is no public hearing or city council approval required (automatically approved)? The Missing Middle Housing Initiatives amends existing bylaws and land-use policies to allow these forms of housing to be permitted without rezoning and Council approval. Suggestion was to keep an eye on areas that have been purchased by developers to hear about upcoming developments.
 - Pam asked about Provincial legislation and if it will affect CoV's policies
 - More information about Missing Middle guidelines recently approved on January 26, 2023 can be found here: [Missing Middle Housing Initiative | Have Your Say \(victoria.ca\)](https://engage.victoria.ca/missing-middle-housing/) or <https://engage.victoria.ca/missing-middle-housing/>
 - Marg summarized the challenge of the Missing Middle and other development approvals throughout the city.
 - Neighbour asked - is the Missing Middle Policy in-line with our current OCP and if not, will our OCP be updated? Further discussion needed.
 - Short discussion of potential petition to council

****Reminder to anyone contacting Marg mgardiner@victoria.ca: please add South Jubilee to start of email subject line to streamline communication**

Bank Street School Status Update

Noted she has received many letters regarding Bank Street School and will be meeting with city staff (Peter, property manager of city assets) in the next few weeks to get a status update. Marg aims to provide an update to SJNA on the formal ownership of Bank Street School after discussion about school board agreements over the past 10 years.

- Susan shared concerns about the status of Bank St School's maintenance report, mentioning it is possible no heat has been used in the past 3 years and basic maintenance is not being upheld.

Chair/Co-Chair Update

Murray and Ryan provided a brief update and summarized the work of board members and neighbourhood coordinator. Noted that SJNA is always welcoming new board members and we are looking for new members to replace outgoing members in 2022.

Treasurer's Update

- Ryan provided an update on reimbursements and changes to signing authorities for bank accounts, to approve backlogged expenses. Now we are caught up and working hard to clean up expense tracking forms going forward.
- Noted Redfern Commons project is the main source of expenses. Currently SJNA is in a 'recalibrating stage' - sorting out financial tracking and making plans for the future.

Neighbourhood Coordinator Update

Selina reviewed the latest communication and engagement activity via newsletter, social media and website (new website was launched mid-December). An in-person meet-and-greet will be planned for the neighbourhood association in the coming months.

Planning purchase of signage/sandwich boards for Recycling Days, gardening work parties, Park Fest, etc.

- Must be windproof/waterproof (to check Industrial Plastics and Paints, GraphicFX, Metropol); may consider hanging a board or banner signage on fencing at recycling location
- Comment from Gail in Zoom chat - Sandwich boards are tripping hazards for sight challenged people and have regs around where they can be put in public spaces. Would a board to hang on the fence at recycling location or at park work?

Recycling Day Update and Discussion

In December, the metal fencing around Bank Street School had been blown over into the area we use for the recycle bins. We decided the remaining area was just too constricted to set up the bins so we cancelled recycling day. After Matt reached out to SD61, they responded in early January to fix the fence and provide space in time for January 14th recycling day.

Discussion took place around the types of recycling supported by ReFuse, noting that BC is a leader in recycling and takes a top down approach (charges the companies for the materials when they import/sell). Learn more at www.recyclebc.ca and to review the report about BC.

- Suggestions to enhance our recycling program included sharing educational resources at Recycling Days to explain recycling system and that how it is

working well; general environmentally-friendly; Pam encouraged to write an article for newsletter to bring awareness to recycling and low-waste lifestyles, other alternatives/best practices for reduce waste products.

- Noted that there continues to be no recycling/collection for black styrofoam and that this is a Hartland/CRD issue; the board previously sent letters to grocery stores requesting switch from black to white styrofoam. Marg suggested SJNA should address concerns with the city and ask the city to take concern forward to CRD to get more resources.

VCAN Update - [VCAN](#) or www.thevcn.wordpress.com

- Mayor Alto attended and discussed the financial situation of city budget and development/strategy so far
- Facilities Masterplan - many questions came from associations
- Concern about lack of greenspace in Victoria and the commitment of adding 2.5 hectares of land per year in public green space, and this has not been honoured.
- VCAN will contact UVic Mapping department to discuss the possibility of a VCAN Community Mapping project.
- City planning staff will be asked to attend a future VCAN meeting to discuss Local Area Plan and how the City will be working to bring all neighbourhood plans up to date. OCP letter to be sent by VCAN to council: SJNA has signed on as previously supported in December
- Governance Letter: Under construction, VCAN to simplify the current Governance letter for CALUC, and work on other pieces of the governance letter in anticipation of future letters to council.

Greening Committee Update

Erin provided an update about Redfern Commons - it is coming along! Next up: pergola footing after structure drawings were approved, shed and most of back garden is complete

- Will be Applying for more grants - the My Great Neighbourhood Grant is now up to \$7500 (opens April 1) to help finish up pergola.
- Thanks to volunteers Marcus (from North Jubilee!), Marc, Kathleen, Erin, John, and Damon. - the shed would not have been built without the help, it was a very specialized job and required an experienced person.
- There will be more volunteer callouts to help with moving soil and mulch.
- Update on leaking (spraying!) pipe - City took care of it right away; but we are not sure what happened as water is shut off by city every fall

CALUC Update

Gail provided an update about current active projects - not too much to report - many things have been on hold due to the turnover of city council.

- 6 story tower on 1693 Fort St has been with city for review since September 2022 - no information about its status
- 1905 Lee St has also been with city for review since September 2022 and no updates
- 1923 davie, 1929 davie 1905-1907 Fort and Davie - Three Shores - No updates since initial consult/community meeting but an application has been made to the city
- **Reminder to check Development Tracker for future updates**

- H a meter smaller set back on one side - redesign house to suite aging in place, didn't seem controversial on any level at all; small lot zoning
- Ashgrove - North Jubilee - last update October 26 with feedback from the city
- Gail noted she would like to step down from CALUC role but will continue on temporarily while a replacement is found.
- Ryan confirmed Liability insurance for Neighbourhood Association and CALUC - a custom 3 insurance plan for City of Victoria's NA's

ParkFest Planning

Date is tentatively June 17 or 18, 2023; planning sessions and volunteer call-outs to come in the coming weeks and months, Selina to lead the organizing.

Other Business & Open Discussion

Heritage Walk Signs

Gail thanked the organizers behind the information signs/Heritage Walk signs around the neighborhood signs for their great work (Kathleen and Denise Webber and Murray - 4 year long project!)

Amphion/Leighton Street diverter

Amphion street is very happy - seems like traffic decreased by 90% overnight!

- Cindy provided background on the project timeline: noting that the traffic calming plan has been dropped three times since 1994... The issue started with the traffic light at Foul Bay. A 2015 traffic study showed that there was a safety issue so temporary painted boulevard and planters were added, but the project momentum was lost when staff member retired. The next stage of the plan includes a canopy of trees and boulevard plan and more traffic studies to be completed prior to this. There is city budget to make the diverter permanent. Visually pleasing diverter with flowers, etc. is hoped for!
- SJNA did have some negative feedback via email about the diverter as they weren't aware of the diverter being installed. However, a traffic calming proposal for Leighton has been in the works for the past few years. The last planning/feedback meeting was in February 2021. It was advertised on all our platforms and there hadn't been any objectors on that call.

Board Members - New member needed

Kathleen is stepping down from the Board at the end of the term in June. She will be staying on co leading the Redfern Commons Project and as Volunteer Coordinator. Gail also noted earlier she would like to step down from CALUC role but will continue on temporarily until a replacement is found.

Patio Bylaw

SJNA will forward responses from neighbourhood members to City staff for feedback.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm. **Next board meeting will be held April 4, 2023 at 7pm.**