

**South Jubilee Neighborhood Association Annual General Meeting
Minutes of Meeting June 6, 2023**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm via Zoom.

Resident Attendees: 16

Cindy Hughes
Bianca Bodley
Marc Craig
Allie Gow
Karen K
Ruan Wetselaar
Damon Henry
Erin Renwick
Diana Leeming
Ray St Arnaud
Murray Gudmundson
Ryan Shore
Erin Renwick
Susan Wetmore
Kathleen Laird
Gail Anthony

Guests:

- Marg Gardiner, Councillor, City of Victoria
- Michael Hill, City Neighbourhood Liaison, City of Victoria
- Dawn Moorhead, Downtown Residents Association (DRA), Coolkit
- Karl Robertson, Peter Johannknecht, Will Krzymowski - Empresa Developments

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Murray provided a Land Acknowledgement and welcomed guests

Agenda Approved

Minutes of 2022 Annual General Meeting were circulated/posted online.

Chair/Co-Chair Update

- The Redfern Commons project has been very busy over the past few months.
- Monthly Recycling program continues on; purchased a whiteboard-finish sandwich board for community events with remaining funds from 2022's Get Growing! grant
- Success in applying for grants - sizeable ones to complete the red ferns commons project; city grants (base fund grant)
- Over the year we introduced a new website, sent out newsletters, and behind the scenes continued managing SJNA's finances - tracking grant spending, professionalizing SJNA's procedures, automating payments for vendors, etc.

Treasurer Update

- Snapshot of year in review: May 1 2022 to April 30 2023

- Review of grants received and spent:

- Redfern is the biggest source of SJNA expenses
- Thanks to the Big Wheel Community Foundation - donation of \$5000 and month of May fundraiser of 2% of sales of special burger
- Base grant from City of Victoria
- Coordinator grant of \$20,000 was intended to be shared for both North and South Jubilee but NJNA declined in 2022.
 - Get Growing grant
 - Recycling income - rates of recycling went down compared to 2022 records
 - Neighbourhood survey technology costs were included in 2022
 - Newsletter printing cost - double the cost compared to last year
 - Ukraine fundraiser - \$535
 - Trailer insurance, Zoom subscription, etc.
 - Redfern Commons Volunteer Coordinator

- Other: Shortly after year end, in May 2023 SJNA received a donation from Aryze, the Good City Project, to support Redfern Commons. Mural projects were prior to April 1 2022.

Quorum of 3 board members was established (more than 10 board directors and community members in attendance)

Election of the Board of Directors

Process: open the floor to accept nominations

- Murray Gudmundson put his name forward for the position of President/Chair. No other nominations. Murray won by acclamation. Murray accepted.
- Gail Anthony nominated Ryan Shore for the position of Treasurer. No other nominations. Ryan won by acclamation. Ryan accepted.
- Gail nominated Erin Renwick for the position of Vice-President/Co-Chair.. No other nominations. Erin won by acclamation. Erin accepted.
- Erin nominated Susan Wetmore for the position of Secretary. No other nominations. Susan won by acclamation. Susan accepted.
- Erin nominated Susan. Susan accepted. No other nominations.
- Other directors at large: Murray nominated Molly Sullivan and Cindy Hughes. Bianca Bodley put her name forward. Ruan Wetselaar put his name forward (also interested in joining CALUC). No other nominations. All members accepted.

Motion passed to accept the nominations of the Board officers and directors at large as noted above.

- Thank you to Kathleen Laird for over 4 years as a board member!

- Comment from community member (summary) - historically, SJNA has tried encouraging business participation in the board of directors. The only success has been in donations for festivals, but governance support is important as well.

Update from City Neighbourhood Liaison

- Base grant application was successful for SJNA funding
- Upcoming: June 27 Transportation meeting in North Jubilee - transportation staff
- New strategic plan to council to post to website
- June Jubilee Neighbourhood Update released:
<https://southjubilee.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Jubilee-June-2023-Update.pdf>
- OCP update: Blurb about the new OCP process with links in the May City Update, FYI.
- Here is the link to the most recent plans for Fernwood, North Park and Hillside Quadra <https://engage.victoria.ca/fernwood-north-park-hillside-quadra>
- Community of Practice session was hosted by the Neighbourhoods Team in the Spring, which Murray and Erin attended. If anyone was interested in pursuing the topics discussed, or if you do have any comments about the session and topics, please let us know! Please email engage@southjubilee.ca for discussion notes.

Updates from City Council Liaison

- Update on Property ownership of sundance - 4 lots - corner where Bank St school is owned by the city. Opposite corner is owned by the City. Playground area is owned by the school district. Once an area is designated a school zone area, the city still owns the property but the school district has management control of it.
- Official community plan has been hurried up and condensed into one engagement program/engagement period (typically 3 engagement periods to public hearing, now done in 1 period). This is planned to roll out late fall and early 2024. Engagement sessions will be market pop-ups and sessions at City Hall. Anyone can attend the sessions that are held. NAs will not be met with individually.
- Due to the changes on Lee and Leighton, Belcher Avenue is being looked at for a traffic assessment.

Greening Committee Update

- Waiting on delivery for wood for construction on the pergola and demonstration beds. Green roof will be planted in the fall
- Launch of Redfern Commons to hopefully coincide with ParkFest (August 20, 2023)

Guest Presentation – Dawn Moorhead of Coolkit - Contact Dawn: coolkit@victoriadra.ca

- Urban Forest - Info sheets are available as education and activity guides
- 150,000 trees in Victoria - 29% of City is currently covered in tree canopy
- Steps - 1) start a conversation - anyone, any age; activities are well suited to family participation - use worksheets and take quizzes - available to print and distribute
- Step 2) Map your block - mapping your neighbourhood
- Step 3) Rate your block - questionnaire, carbon footprint
- Step 4) Envisioning Our Future - Vision our future
- Step 5) Action - Act on the ground - activities and resources in assist participate in how to determine how when and here
- To invite Coolkit to have an info table/present at ParkFest on August 20th
- Community associations can take on this project, teachers in school, etc. Treeplanting campaign in SJNA in future; potential for a neighbourhood grant relating to a Coolkit activity.

CALUC Update – Presentation from Empresa Developments

Gail, Roy and Rochelle remain on Land Use Committee currently. Recruiting new members going forward and Gail has offered to provide mentorship as needed. Ruan will join CALUC.

- Wayne Foster - Townhouse development – Going to the advisory design panel
- 1905 Lee St - moving forward after committee of the whole meeting
- No update on on Fort Street development proposal since october 2022
- Presentation from Empresa Properties re: The Turner building ‘Turner Site’ - Richmond and Fort - North Jubilee; Peter Johannknecht and Biana Bodley presented on design
- Karl Robertson, president of Empresa Properties. Had a meeting with NJNA association.
 - Complex site, with limits on spacing, not able to meet requirements for residential building.
 - In discussions with City, have flagged road improvements along Richmond and Birch
 - Proposing a 6 story with ground level pedestrian zone, surface parking, building with rental residential and commercial on ground level
 - Approx. 50-60 residential units depending on how the unit mix is managed due to shape of the building + ground floor
 - 16 parking stalls, plus car share and generous bike parking; comparable in ratios; will likely require a parking study; additional stalls on site with discussion with office building next door to work together on increasing parking stalls;
 - Is working with traffic consultants - working with Amica building developers
 - If the intention is to have a rental residential building, management would be by the property managers?
 - We asked about affordability for renters
- Invited community to share ideas for additional uses for the Plaza with Empresa Properties - ideas for placemaking or community project, extra greenspace etc.

ParkFest Planning Update - Event at Redfern Park on Sunday, August 20th

- In the coming weeks and months, neighbourhood coordinator Selina to lead the organizing and ParkFest planning committee

Ideas for Vendors/Interactive Stations/Info Tables:

- CRD Portable waterbottle filler station trailer
- Friends of Bowker Creek
- Threshold Housing Society
- Big Wheel Burger
- Mobile Bike Repair

Ideas for events:

- Kids’ toys swap
- BarkFest - To reachout to Tony Chong, previous organizer

Note: Water fountain at Redfern park should be available - is off in the winter

Other Business & Open Discussion

- Newsletter distribution reminder: back up delivery person for newsletter leads
- No other items for discussion

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm. **Next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 3, 2023 at 7pm.**