

South Jubilee Neighborhood Association Minutes of Meeting November 7, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

City Neighbourhood Liaison Update

- Newsletter update can be found on our website here:
<https://southjubilee.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Jubilee-November-2023-Update.pdf>
- Branding workshop – City Hall Wednesday, November 29 from 4 - 6:30 p.m. - The Neighbourhood Team is offering another free workshop for neighbourhood associations and community organizations. In this interactive session, we will explore what it takes to create and sustain a great brand. At the end of the session, you will have a good understanding of branding and take away some specific ideas for improvements that your association may choose to focus on. Whether it's a "tune up" on your existing brand or you are just starting out, we hope that it will provide you with valuable information. If you have not received an invitation and would like to attend, please reach out to us or email neighbourhoods@victoria.ca.
- NJNA has new coordinator and is in the process of reorganizing themselves as an organization and looking at ways to engage the community.
- Ideas for placemaking, new development includes option for community space straddling neighbourhood.
- Consider ideas for 2024 Great Neighbourhood grants. Now is the time to start thinking about potential ideas as in 2024, the grant program will open February 1, two months earlier than last year. Reach out to our neighbourhood liaison to discuss your ideas so we can assist you in shaping a successful application.
- Michael Hill is retiring at the end of November after many years in his role as Neighbourhood Liaison with the City of Victoria – Congratulations, Michael!

Neighbourhood Engagement Update

- Idea for welcome package for South Jubilee – welcome new residents, recycling day is a great opportunity to connect with residents. Pursue in the new year.
- Website updates: [Community Bulletin Board](#) - connect and post on our community notice board
- Question – how can the City best support neighbourhood associations? To request specific support, recommended connecting with City liaison and [VCAN](#). The next VCAN meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 22 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Please email engage@southjubilee.ca for more information.
- SJNA Community holiday meet-up to be scheduled (potentially at Christie's Pub) before end of the year.

Greening Committee Update

- Susan provided an update on Coolkit workshops held in September and October (more details can be found in the [November SJNA newsletter](#)). It was a great experience, and the decision has been taken by participants to apply for the upcoming 2024 My Great Neighborhood grant to distribute trees in our neighbourhood.
- SJNA will continue to participate in the Get Growing program with the City.
- Update at Redfern Commons: Thanks to the help of our many volunteers the Green Roof is planted and the garden ready for the end of the season! This officially marks the end of our project for this year. We will still be working on garden maintenance and Marcus will help us with a new deer proof design for the raised beds.

CALUC Update

- Held last meeting for Fort and Davie development, now on to city council for next steps. SJNA will no longer have a role.
- Gail has resigned her position; there does not seem to be anyone available to take on the role of CALUC chair or any CALUC members. Many neighbourhood associations are experiencing issues with shortage of volunteers to serve on boards and committees.
- Michael Hill suggested joint CALUC with NJNA to pool limited resources. Gail will inquire with NJNA.
- Downtown Neighbourhood association has hired land use advisors given their resources, the size of the neighbourhood and the number of developments.

City Council Liaison Update – Marg Gardiner

- Missing Middle initiative; there are 5 proposals in the city. One in South Jubilee (1606 Bank Street – potentially a 6-unit house-plex) - Application DDP00881
- Other locations North Jubilee (Shelbourne St), Fairfield (Hollywood St)
- Question regarding infrastructure in place in Victoria to support additional density. Answer: City of Victoria has proactively been improving infrastructure over many years. Example, sewage and water systems have been improved and are continuing to improve. Concerns have been raised about Oak Bay infrastructure connections.

Bank Street School Committee Update

- Susan – concerns over graffiti on school, including wood panel fencing and wood on windows.
- Phone calls have been made to SD61, but no action has been taken. Community members are voicing concerns over inaction.
- Reference to city campaign, “No Broken Windows”; broken windows can encourage additional vandalism.
- Vandalism/tagging currently on Bank Street School: Reference to neighbourhood graffiti programs / initiatives. City can offer supplies to neighbourhood associations to paint hydro poles with pole-coloured paint if desired.
- Committee will continue to contact SD61 with concerns.
- City had a survey done that indicated it would be less expensive than starting over. Some movement on the file would be appreciated.

Around the Neighbourhood

- South Jubilee has a resident Apiculturist (a person with expertise in apiculture, or the breeding, care, and improvement of bees). More details to come soon, and potentially a workshops in the community.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm. **Next community meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 7:00pm via Zoom.**