

South Jubilee Neighborhood Association

Minutes of Meeting April 2, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Co-chair Erin Renwick gave a land acknowledgement.

The minutes from the previous meeting on February 2, 2024 were approved with correction of a typo on page 3.

City Neighbourhood Liaison Update

- Noted that so far, City has distributed \$22,000 so far of the 2024 My Great Neighbourhood grant funds. There is currently \$90k remaining.
- SJNA's application has been received and notified of its successful application; funds will be distributed soon.
- **2024 Draft Budget Public Input Opportunity:** The community is invited to provide feedback at Public Meeting on Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Victoria City Hall. Every year, the financial planning process provides an opportunity for City Council to set service levels and approve a budget.
- **Small business info session** is coming up on April 17, 9am-11am - tickets can be found on City of Victoria's Eventbrite listing. These sessions offer information on services, loans, mentorship, and more.
- **'We Go Slow'** (30km/Hour speed limit) campaign is coming to residential streets in Fernwood, North Park & Jubilee (launch date TBD). Lawn signs and window decals will be available to pick up at City Hall. Residents will receive postcard for promotion. SJNA will also will share on social media.
- Reminder 10+ specific topic newsletters to sign up for on City Website - sign up link here www.victoria.ca/city-government/news/sign or can be found on the main splash page - under the News page of the City Government tab.

City Council Liaison Update

- Noted there have many emails from the public over a couple days regarding Airbnb, OCP, budget, council remuneration, etc.
- Resident asked: Is there anything folks can do about the remuneration increase? Motion will come up as a bylaw this week, but the outcome is unknown.
 - **The deadline for the City budget is May 1st - April 25th public hearing is last opportunity to speak to the budget and council remuneration**
- Reminder: Anyone can write to the combined mayor and council email (mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca), also consider letters to the editor, etc. to be heard. When something is sent to mayor and council, it also goes to staff ('Have Your Say' engagement team)
- **Official Community Plan (OCP) Update proposal and city-wide survey:** On February 8th, City staff gave a presentation to Council regarding the Official Community Plan; council made an immediate motion to make changes to what staff proposed (noted in council minutes or to be found in the official motion) and finally approved by council. By April 4th, council will have more information about the proposed OCP update engagement plan.

- **OCP Survey:** engage.victoria.ca/ocp
 - Resident noted there is no place to comment on proposal to rezone large area of neighbourhood
 - Other neighbourhoods have sent letters to ask if the OCP survey can be restructured to be more effective. SJNA and individual residents are encouraged to send written comments to the City via the engage website.
- **Upcoming Open Houses:** OCP Update Online Information Sessions: Tuesday, April 16th (12-1:30pm) & Thursday, April 18th (5:30-7pm). SJNA representatives plan to attend the upcoming session on April 6th at City Hall.
 - Additionally, the City planning staff noted they will provide multiple opportunities for all community members to learn more about the proposed directions, ask questions, and provide feedback.
 - OCP engagement workshops for the Jubilee area have not yet been announced but should be scheduled for May or June.
- Residents are recommended to sign up for City newsletters to get notified if there is a change to the OCP, schedule of info sessions and new dates for open houses (still TBD) here: victoria.ca/city-government/news/sign

Discussion on the OCP proposal for South Jubilee:

- OCP map shows changing Zoning on Fort and Duchess St; 7-15 story buildings proposed; resident hopes to pose the question to City: Why this area was chosen for adding a town centre, with the hospital next to it, single lane streets accessing areas, and with another large town centre right next to it?
 - South Jubilee, as well as James Bay, and Gonzales, for example, did not have a Local Area Plan (LAP). Without an LAP, they may treat every neighborhood the same with the aim to establish a village everywhere.
 - Liz wrote to OCP and asked about expanded borders to South Jubilee - response was along the lines of 'expanding footprint for more opportunities for diverse buildings.'
 - Resident asked: Who is the driving force behind the OCP update? Changes can come from council, city staff is trying to respond to the Premier's set population increases for cities; council is being told to aim at a density. If council directs staff differently, staff must follow directions of council.
- **Murray suggested that SJNA host a dedicated community Zoom meeting to come up with a plan and write letter to City and Council. Please email board@southjubilee.ca to get involved in.** Plan is to write a thorough letter of what concerns individuals and as a neighbourhood association - it is recommended to write letters as individuals and as well as a neighbourhood association.

Chair/Co-Chair Update

- Submitted SJNA's 2023 base grant reporting to the City last week to qualify for the 2024 grant.

- New resident welcome package is being finalized in preparation for new residents at the Redfern Condo building.
- Recycling day is coming up on April 13th at Bank St School parking lot - promotion and volunteer sign up sheet for Parkfest event and other committees will be available.

Treasurer Update - provided via email

- Full budget will be prepared for the AGM on June 4, 2024 at 7pm. Notices to residents will be shared via social media, email, and newsletter.
- Noted making progress to get support for Treasurer role as it has been increasing in complexity with accounting and excel expertise to support Treasurer in grant tracking and expenses, etc; lots of activity in this area with the Redfern Commons and coordinator role than in previous years.
- In addition, there are plans to expand grant applications for additional neighbourhood and Parkfest coordinator funds.

Neighbourhood Engagement Update

- Parkfest 2024: Sunday, August 18, 2024 - save the date and sign up to volunteer for the planning committee; volunteers can sign up by emailing engage@southjubilee.ca or sign up at upcoming Recycling Day
- Reminder: New volunteers needed for newsletter distribution! Please email newsletter@southjubilee.ca if interested in delivering 20-60 paper newsletters in your neighbourhood.
- Reminder to visit SJNA on Facebook and Instagram for updates, sign up for email updates, and check out the Community Bulletin Board to connect and post ads: southjubilee.ca/community-bulletin-board/

VCAN Meeting Update

- The City has asked to present at the April 24th VCAN meeting regarding the OCP update. Normally, there are 12 people, representing the 12 neighbourhood associations, and a City staffer and invited guest for part of the meeting. Susan Wetmore is the SJNA representative and is happy to ask any specific questions if directed ahead of the meeting - please email board@southjubilee.ca
- **City's of Victoria's Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan**
victoria.ca/city-government/news/help-shape-victorias-community-safety-and-wellbeing-plan
The City is asking VCAN/neighbourhoods following questions: What are the challenges to safety and wellbeing in your neighbourhood? Are there locations you are concerned about, opportunities in your area? What would your recommendation be for the City? If you have further questions, please email them to board@southjubilee.ca to share at an upcoming VCAN meeting.
- Community Mapping Project (environmental mapping done from the air, and by foot) is also an initiative the VCAN group is pursuing - this includes a Garry oak ecosystem study involving the Garry Oak Meadow Preservation Society and other various groups and First Nations; Coolkit program also is working toward promoting biodiversity in Victoria.

Guest Presentation: Intro to Victoria-Saanich Citizens' Assembly - victoriasaanich.ca

- Richard Johnson of Victoria-Saanich Citizens' Assembly joined the meeting at 8pm. He presented an introduction to process of the Citizens' Assembly and launching a committee of 48 members who will weigh the pros and cons of amalgamating Victoria and Saanich (the advisory committee is currently under development with invitations to participate being sent in the mail to residents in Victoria and Saanich in late April). This committee will deliver one or more consensus recommendations to the public and councils.
- Presentation slides can be found [here](#) on their website.
- A committee group size of 36-48 is the recommendation based on current research/evidence, as it allows for a representative sample, while also being manageable and the group can more easily work together. 8 sessions over 8 months allows for opportunities for all members to learn and contribute.
- There is an assembly advisory committee in development - 6 members of the advisory committee - 2 in Saanich, 2 in Victoria, 2 from outside region - who have experience in assemblies, public administration, etc.

Greening Committee Update

- Redfern Commons is coming along and waking up for spring! New volunteers are always welcome to join the greening committee and work parties. Volunteer coordinator Kathleen is sending regular communication to volunteers and SJNA puts volunteer callouts on social media. Email redfernparkcommons@gmail.com for more information.
- As part of the Coolkit initiative, on April 6th from 10am till noon, the tree giveaway will take place for residents who signed up (35 new trees will be going into yards around South Jubilee!).
- Learn more about how you can help mitigate climate change in our community - email coolkit@southjubilee.ca to get involved.

CALUC Update

- The latest update for Fort & Davie street development (a December letter sent from Developers to City staff) has been shared on SJNA's [Land Use page on our website](#).
- No further information available about upcoming developments.
- CALUC is looking for additional committee members as Gail has officially stepped down after many years in the role.
 - As the role of the CALUC evolves, it remains important to have an active group of community members that the City or developers can approach when seeking neighbourhood feedback.
 - CALUCs are valuable for the residents as well as in preparation for future developments in the community, and sharing residents' voices to developers and the City. With their experience and knowledge, CALUCs provide information and assist with interpretation of developers/City information when developments are being discussed, proposed, or taking place, to keep everyone informed and gather support when residents can be involved in the process. Developers are open to input, so

CALUCs makes sure that residents are able to convene, host meetings to discuss, and provide opportunities for developers to host meetings/presentations.

- It was suggested that interested residents meet to come up with a plan to approach the City as SJNA's CALUC, to respond to the new OCP updates and pre zoning (no public hearing), etc., and to get clarification about the OCP and the role of CALUCs officially, according to the City, in the near future. Please email board@southjubilee.ca or landuse@southjubilee.ca to get involved.

Bank Street School Committee Update

- No updates but after a brief phone call with a staff member at SD61, have confirmed a school board meeting is taking place to discuss the site; the school board plans to have an information session in our community soon to gather more information and inform the next steps.
- Committee's suggestion to write to SD61 to ask about a status update.
- The Bank Street School committee has recently lost a member who has moved and is welcoming more to join!

Around the Neighbourhood/Open Discussion

- Pam Simek presented an alternative development proposal/mock up for South Jubilee that incorporates greenspaces for information.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

The next SJNA Community Meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 7pm via Zoom.

OCP-related meeting hosted by SJNA - date is tentatively set for May 13th. Please check SJNA social media and website for more information, or [sign up for our email newsletters.](#)