

JAMES BAY NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

Monthly Meeting Agenda

7:00pm – 9:00pm January 9, 2019

James Bay New Horizons – 234 Menzies St

Marg: Chair Linda: Minutes

32 in attendance

Agenda

1. Welcome & Announcements: Recognize meeting on traditional unceded territory of the Lekwungen people.

2. Approval of Agenda m/s/c

3. Correspondence/Announcements m/s/c

Circulating Correspondence file

Announcements: No City of Victoria representatives attending this evening. Chair introduced attending JBNA Board members.

CRD Wastewater blasting update. Blasting is required mostly at the Ogden Point end. Should be done shortly and only intermittent blasting as required between Dock and Douglas.

No Community Concerns on this evenings agenda. If any concerns for next meeting, please inform member of the Board.

GVHA tentatively scheduled for February 2019

Resident commented that he could not find Ogden Point listed on the BC Assessment and therefore Ogden Point is public land, in his opinion.

4. Minutes of December 12th, 2018 meeting m/s/c

5. Winter Wanderland presentation by Terry Loepke:

This is the second year for James Bay Window Wanderland and it will be for 3 days because of the overwhelming success of the Feb 2018 event. There were 150 window displays in 2018. Thus far 22 people have registered for 2019 Window Wanderland which takes place February 22, 23, 24 from 6:00 to 9:30.

www.windowwanderland.com. There is a drop in event on January 19 at New Horizons between 11:00 and 1:00 with some of last year's participants who will share their ideas and experiences. Workshops are being held on Feb 2 and Feb 9. Funding for event is from the City of Victoria, sponsored by New Horizons and the James Bay Community Society.

6. Local Area Planning Preparation session:

The Chair provided an overview of the JBNA LAP Preparation Process to engage residents and hear their ideas and views about the future of our neighbourhood. Three facilitated groups tonight, each to discuss:

- What do you love about James bay
- What do you want James Bay to look like in 10 years
- What do you need in the way of information to participate in community discussions as part of the LAP Preparation?

The summary follows:

What we love about James Bay (and want to retain)

- Diversity: architecture, ages, residents, independent businesses, mix of owned and rental, history and heritage, JB market
- Environment: beaches, bluffs, parks, greenspaces, breakwater, wild life, bird life, community gardens, wind, low profile buildings allow max winter sun exposures
- Friendly and sociable neighbourhood, safe streets, village centre, services, Cafes and small stores distributed throughout community
- Site lines and vistas
- Proximity to down town, walkability
- Marine activity, Straits, Harbour Ferry
- Local employment
- Activities: tourists, events

How we see the future of James Bay (10 to 15 years ahead)

- Diversity: public housing, affordable housing, cohousing, family housing, public schools, gathering places, thoughtful density
- Environment: more green space, food gardens, walkability, improved storm water management, improved infrastructure and management tourism impact, independent businesses, first in Canada to be designated National Trust neighbourhood, reduced use of cars, sustainable practices, recognize climate change and increased importance of sun exposure, no wind tunnels, bike lanes, roof top gardens, increase urban forest on private and public property, increased recycling facilities
- Creative and innovative technologies to improve quality of life of JB residents, architectural integrity for new construction, architectural guidelines, creative reuse of existing sites as appropriate, maintain low rise neighbourhood/human scale, sidewalks accessible for pedestrian and scooter.
- Best practices at Ogden Point, including cruise ship industry. Electric hookup for cruise ships
- All ages community centre, more neighbourhood events
- Retain heritage (oldest residential neighbourhood) and history

Information to residents to encourage participation in the LAP process

- Easy to understand information from experts on specific areas that are relevant to the LAP process with the City of Victoria including best practice for tourism, what is a city plan, urban forest, and future trends. Video tape presentations to JBNA general meeting and put on JBNA website so that others can benefit
- GVHA plans for Ogden Point
- Impact of changing demographics
- LAP Preparation sessions outside JBNA meetings to engage larger community, daytime opportunities for residents to comment, seek opportunities to hear from young people/young families.

Adjournment 9:10