

JBNA Directors' Report: July 9th, 2020

JBNA Discussion Forum:

JBNA will be holding a Discussion Forum on Wednesday, **August 12th, at 7pm**. The agenda has not yet been set. All those on the JBNA e-mail listings will receive a ZOOM link. Any resident who might want to participate, but is not currently on the list, please send a note to jbna@jbnaa.org.

Safety and Streets in our Neighbourhood:

Sheltering in Beacon Hill Park: Problems with sheltering in the park should be brought to the attention of the police if criminal in nature or involving safety. Others who may address problems are Mayor/Councillors, or City Bylaw Services at bylawservices@victoria.ca, 250-361-0578, or Solicitor General Mike Farnworth at PSSG.Minister@gov.bc.ca, 250-356-2178, or Minister of Social Development Shane Simpson at SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca, 250 356-7750.

Save Beacon Hill Park petition: James Bay and Fairfield residents have created a petition, "[Save Beacon Hill Park](#)", which requests that Mayor and Council reverse their decision which sanctioned the use of Beacon Hill Park as a campground or tent city.

Simcoe Street (Croft to Oswego): Staff have informed JBNA that the "pedestrian way" on the Simcoe St roadway between Oswego and Croft will be shifted to the north-side to hopefully address the confusion at Croft and Rendall intersections.

Dallas Pathway: City staff has recommended to Council that the new Dallas pathway be designated as a shared cycling and pedestrian way from Lewis St to Clover Point for 18 months.

Development Proposals:

330-336 Michigan: City Planning has posted revised plans for DPV Application No. 00122 for 330-336 Michigan. See Development Tracker at [330 - 336 Michigan Street](#).

Gardening News:

The Wee Free Seed Box is now open at the corner of Menzies and Michigan, thanks to the JBNA gardening volunteers. Trade your extra seeds for something new.

Following guidance from the BC Centre for Disease Control, access to all allotment gardens has been restricted to gardeners and coordinators. Please admire the Montreal Street Community Garden from outside the fence and observe the usual 2-metre distancing rule when visiting other community garden and tree orchard areas.

City Grants:

Focus on COVID-19 Community Recovery/Resiliency: The City may provide up to \$5,000 for placemaking and Recovery and Resiliency projects, and up to \$1,000 for other activities. Grants are open to individuals: a sponsor must agree to administer funding for those without not-for-profit status. The [program](#) continues to December 31.

Participatory Budgeting: Council's Participatory Budgeting Steering Committee is seeking proposals for this initiative, which will provide \$50,000 for projects benefiting new immigrants and refugees in Victoria: online at engage.victoria.ca/participatory-budgeting by 4 pm, July 31.

Neighbourhood Local Area Plan Project: Thank you to those who have volunteered to assist. We will get back to you. See background documents on the [JBNA website](#)

Correspondence: Key correspondence is posted on the jbna.org web-site. Go to jbna.org. Look at top menu, hit "For Information" button, and find correspondence.

Development Proposals: (City Planning @250-361-0523 or [Development Tracker](#))

596 Marifield; 121 Menzies; 330-336 Michigan; 415-435 Michigan; 108-114 Niagara; 580-582 Niagara; 430 Powell Street; Village Green (Menzies/Niagara)