

Kirkendall Neighbourhood Association (KNA)
Annual General Meeting – Year of 2017
April 12, 2018
7:00 p.m.
Blessings Church

Welcome and Introductions

Mark Stewart, President of the KNA, welcomed residents and guests to the 2017 Annual General Meeting. He directed those in attendance to the various displays regarding the Locke St. Re-design, the review of the function and use of the Chedoke Golf Course, and the proposed apartment/condo development at the corner of Main West and Queen Streets. Mark also advised residents that they are allowed to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

After a slight re-ordering of the agenda, it was:

Moved by: Terrance Pack

Seconded by: Michele Perry

That the agenda be adopted as revised.

Carried

Approval of the Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

Moved by Terra Merit

Seconded by: Doreen Stermann

That the minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting be accepted as circulated.

Carried

Greetings and Report from Hamilton Police Services

Sgt. Frank Miscione brought greetings on behalf of the Chief of Police. An update was provided on the Locke St. riot that occurred in March. One arrest has been made with the suspect now in jail and electronics, documents and several items have been seized as evidence. Sgt. Miscione commented on how impressive the community engagement has been in the process and the level of community support for the Locke Street merchants from both the neighbourhood and the community in general that has emerged.

Sgt. Amanda Gill, who is our Community Liaison Officer, reported the following:

- no robberies or home invasions in March
- one stolen vehicle which has now been located
- 11 incidents of car vandalism. It is anticipated that as the weather improves, this is likely to increase. Vehicles should be locked at all times when not in use and any valuables clearly out of sight. A “Lock or Lose It” campaign is being planned
- no incidents of graffiti, although generally graffiti is on the rise in the community
- as the weather improves, residents should keep bikes locked or secured when not in use
- a speed survey was done on Aberdeen. The average speed proved to be 56 kph with 50,000 vehicles traveling below that speed and 24,000 above that speed.

1st Call for Nominations

Hamish Campbell explained the elections procedure and indicated that three positions are available: Secretary and three Member At Large positions. He then opened nominations from the floor.

Councillor's Welcome

Council member Aiden Johnson also commented on the Locke Street riot, in particular noting the outpouring of support and solidarity from residents and community members. He also commented on the demonstration two weeks later involving fascists and anarchists and how scary these events are. He aptly noted that “glass is broken but love is unbreakable”.

Other points in his comments included:

- thank you to the KNA for it's work and leadership in the community
- LRT is scheduled to happen
- Our Hamilton Summit will be held with local councillors, provincial representatives and candidates who are running for election. The event will also be streamed
- Participatory Budgeting closes on April 19th
- Chedoke Golf Course is currently undergoing a review regarding it's best use
- an expression of thanks was extended to Councillor Johnson's executive assistants, Cindy Stranak and Nicola Wojewoda for all the work that they do.

Chedoke Golf Course Re-design

Ryan McHugh and Ed John, City staff, introduced a review of the function and use of the Chedoke Golf Course with a focus on determining recreational uses that can best support community interests. Three guiding principles include: financial affordability and sustainability, expanding recreational uses beyond golf, and creating a community amenity that provides enjoyment for residents. The site is protected by the Niagara Escarpment and so some restrictions apply as a result. The review is in its early stages and staff coordinators of the project were urged to include residents in the consultation phase prior to a report to Council.

2nd Call for Nominations

Hamish Campell extended a second call for nominations from the floor.

Planning Committee

Lynn Gates outlined the areas being considered in the planning project for the neighbourhood: parking, infill, impact of intensification, complete streets, green space and tree canopy. The committee is currently waiting for the project to be approved at the Planning Committee of Council for a project consultant to assist with the project. The committee currently has \$5000 available for its work. The Community Development Co-ordinator from the city will act as a mentor and resource to the committee. The committee is currently looking for a volunteer with GIS experience to map an inventory of neighbourhood assets.

Development Review Committee (DRC)

Doreen Stermann, Chair of the DRC, explained the work of this committee. The committee reviews

applications for minor variances being considered by the Committee of Adjustment. She provided examples of some recent projects and encouraged anyone interested in joining the committee to contact her.

235 Main Street W. Condo/Apartment Development (Proposed)

Doreen then introduced Carmela Agro, a Planning Technician from Urban Solutions, to provide an update on a condo/apartment project being proposed at the corner of Main Street West and Queen Street. Six storeys are allowable on the site but the developer is asking for 20. Amendments to the Official Plan and the Zoning By-Law will be required for the project. The City planner on the file is Adam Lucas.

2019 Locke Street Reconstruction

Mitchel Knot from the City of Hamilton provided an update on the reconstruction work being implemented on Locke Street. Currently, Alectra is working on hydro poles and Union Gas and the City will be working on gas, sewer and water. Reconstruction will continue into 2019 where work will be completed block by block to minimize any impact on the businesses. The objectives of that work is to increase pedestrian walkability and support for those with visual challenges. Additional trees and benches are planned. Unfortunately, there will be no Locke Street Festival in 2019. Any comments on the project can be submitted to staff or Doreen Stermann, who currently sits on the committee.

Treasurer/Events Report

Jen Fraser reported on the financial position of the KNA. Revenue sources include the Food Drive funds for Mission Services, the compost sale, and the pumpkin sale.

A key event offered by the KNA in 2017 was the 10th Annual Food Drive when 12, 784 pounds of food was collected. Total food collected to date is 109, 577 pounds. The Food Drive will be held on May 5th this year.

A number of events are planned for 2018:

- The Rez clean-up will be held on April 12th from 9:00 until noon.
- Fortinos Day will be held on April 29th when Kirkendall volunteers will bag groceries for donations.
- The compost sale will be held on May 12th. Compost is \$4.50 per bag. Volunteers are needed for that day.
- Movie Night, which is funded by the KNA, will be held on August 16th.
- The Lights on Locke Festival will include an activity centre for the children at Blessings

Communications Update

Terra Merit and Michele Perry provided an update on the various communication strategies that are used to share KNA information and updates with the residents and broader community.

Incoming Board of Directors

After a 3rd call for nominations from the floor, the following Board of Directors was acclaimed:

President: Mark Stewart

Vice-President: Hamish Campbell

Treasurer: Jen Fraser

Communications: Terra Alfano and Michelle Perry

Members At Large: Norm Newberry, James Scarfone, Terrance Pack, Meltem Kolesci, Stephanie Park

Available: Secretary and two Members At Large

Planning Committee Chair – Lynn Gates

Development Review Committee – Doreen Stermann

Other Business

A resident expressed her concern about the Gypsy Moth spraying which is about to be implemented.

Jen Fraser was acknowledged for all the work she does on the various events offered by the KNA.

The Blessings Church pastor and members were thanked for their ongoing support of the KNA and its various committees for the use of the space for our various meetings.

Adjournment: 8:40 p.m.