

## Kirkendall Neighbourhood Association Monthly Meeting

February 2, 2021 Virtual meeting via Teams

Present: Maureen Wilson, Mark Stewart (Chair), Jen Fraser, Barb Howe (Secretary), Susan Millman, A/Sgt. Asim Butt, Gideon Bell, Annette Keeping, Stephanie Hilson.

Regrets: Adam Guy has decided not to continue as a member at large.

1. Introduction and Welcome from Mark
2. Agenda and minutes from January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting approved and accepted.
3. Councillor's Update- Maureen Wilson
  - a) February 8<sup>th</sup> is public delegation day for this year's budget deliberations
  - b) Two virtual online information sessions are planned for the HAAA grounds renewal plan. February 4 and 6<sup>th</sup>. Registration required. Residents are encouraged to take the survey as well. See EngageHamilton's H.A.A.A. project page. Use the map on the project page to pin favourite places in the park and explain why or add new ideas and photos. Great opportunity to get kids involved.
  - c) Hamilton Placemaking Grant Pilot Program is now open for applications. The program will fund community led placemaking projects that animate public spaces across the city. Application form and toolkit available on the City's website.
  - d) Locke St BIA will receive funding from Ward 1 area rating with support from Alectra Utilities to install permanent lighting for hydro poles on Locke St.
  - e) February is Black History Month. COVID-19 has highlighted the inequity effects of illness on POC in our communities. The Hamilton Community Legal Clinic's Black Justice Initiative has launched their first conversation in their "Together We Rise" series. The series aims to explore anti-Black racism in the healthcare system. Maureen has registered for this online event happening February 3, 2021.
4. Police Update: A/Sgt Butt presented the Crime Report prepared by previous liaison officer for month of December, 2020. He noted that Theft from Autos had increased and that one individual was responsible for 6 of the incidents. Increase attributed to more cars parked at resident's homes and streets due to number of residents working from home this past year. A Lock It or Lose It initiative will be introduced to neighbourhoods in the next few weeks.
5. Police Superintendent Advisory Committee: No report
6. Guest Speaker: None
7. Communications: No update
8. Planning Committee: No further updates
9. Development Committee: Meeting planned for next week. Property issue on Stanley Ave. appears resolved. Gideon raised issue as to how the city ensures that infill

construction sites are respectful of neighbouring properties. By law officers and inspectors don't always work to resolve these types of issues.

10. Treasurer Report: Opening balance Jan 1<sup>st</sup> \$4753.41 Closing balance Jan31st \$4749.66. Jen raised issue of KNA's CRA requirement to file taxes as a non profit and will consult with an accountant (Claudia)
11. Events Report: a) May Food Drive committee meeting February 11. b) Pearl St planters will be maintained by volunteers from the Kirkendall Garden Club and the city will water and replace plants. Meeting with horticulture department being arranged. c) Resident Concern survey is being designed using categories suggested by A/Sgt. Harvey and results will be presented at AGM in April.
12. Other Business: AGM scheduled for Thursday April 22, 2021 at 7pm. Suggested guest speakers are: Brenda Duke from Beautiful Alleys, Kirkendall Garden Club, A/Sgt Butt and Councillor Wilson.
13. Next Meeting Tuesday March 2, 2021 at 7pm.