

Kirkendall Neighbourhood Association Monthly Meeting

March 2, 2021 Virtual meeting via Teams

Present: Maureen Wilson, Mark Stewart (Chair), Jen Fraser, Susan Millman, A/Sgt. Asim Butt, Annette Keeping, Terra Merritt, Gideon Bell

Regrets: Barb Howe

1. Introduction and Welcome from Mark
2. Agenda and minutes from February 2, 2021 meeting approved and accepted.
3. Councillor's update – Maureen Wilson
 - 2021 operating budget wrapping up. Record number of delegates. Council may move to hybrid method to allow future delegations to participate in meetings virtually.
 - HAAA meetings – first meeting – reached capacity, Maureen feels it went well. Staff working through the Q & A's (lots of questions came in from participants).
 - Beulah Park play structure replacement – kicking off community engagement to gather feedback for new equipment. Picture driven – can look at photos of various play structure options. Equipment has reached its lifespan and has moved into risk management category. More cost effective to replace than maintain. Access to survey can be found at Ward 1 website, through [Engage.hamilton.ca](https://engage.hamilton.ca) link.
 - Redeployment of city staff to deal with vaccination roll-out. Will affect multiple departments, so may notice a delay in services as staff deal with emergencies only, in some areas.
 - City working with community partners to support at-risk community impacted by Covid-19
4. Police update: A/Sgt Butt
 - Received last month's report today.
 - i. Crime trends down
 1. B/E commercial = 0
 2. B/E residence = 1 (2 people arrested)
 3. Graffiti = 0
 4. Robberies = 0
 5. Thefts = 1 (ongoing investigation)
 6. Theft of autos = 0

7. Theft from auto – 4 (appears to be no connection). Previous month was 9 incidents
 - Initiating Lock It or Lose It campaign at end of month when weather gets warmer (crime of opportunity usually goes up with better weather).
 - Officers doing walkthroughs of Locke Street BIA, well received by merchants and neighbours of the area.
 - Crime report available through public portal, so okay to share report information with community
5. Police Superintendent's Advisory Committee – Terra has not received any information that activity has taken place with this committee. Let Terra know if there are suggestions of how to engage with this committee, or issues to take to them. Mark to send Terra HPS Commissioner Updates.
6. Guest Speaker: None
7. Communications:
 - Website: Food Drive page has been updated. Need to update multiple other pages on website (eg. Covid). Susan to update. Gideon's firm has marketing budget availability for sponsorship on website. Jennifer to send list of sponsorship opportunities to Gideon.
 - Past Month's social media: quiet in social media last month
8. Planning Committee
 - Nothing new coming along, alley way house is moving along and received approval, application for large infil house on Charlton/Melbourne has been withdrawn.
9. Development Committee
 - Next meeting March 10
10. Treasurer's Report – Jennifer Fraser
 - February opening balance \$4749.66; closing balance \$4745.91
 - Annual CRA return – Xpertax has agreed to assist us in determining what is needed for this.
11. Events Report/2021 Food Drive update, planters – Jennifer Fraser
 - Food Drive – postponed to Saturday, Oct. 2, Depot and sponsors have been notified., email has gone out to volunteers to let them know. Will also be included in next Ward 1 newsletter to let neighbourhood know.
 - May Compost sale – have not determined yet if this will proceed. Typically a challenge to recruit volunteers for this event, not sure if Covid-19 will make it more difficult. Jen to contact City of Hamilton to confirm availability of dump truck and will contact mushroom farm to confirm compost is available.

- Planters – city will put in new soil, will water, garden club to do maintenance on planters in terms of trimming and weed
- Residence Survey of Policing needs – Jen and Susan to put together ahead of AGM

New Business

1. AGM –

- Maureen available April 22 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Start advertising in next couple of weeks on website, start releasing in social media
- Police Update from A/Sgt Butt
- Elections: Only person up for election is Barb, who is happy to run again for Secretary position
- Need to fill member-at-large vacancies and recruit additional people to help with volunteer activities
- Garden Club will present and will reaching out to Naturalists' Club and Environment Hamilton to give presentation on how to establish a pollinator garden.
- Reach out to BIA to see if they want to participate, will they be planning any other community engagement events similar to 7 Saturdays. How can we support small businesses during Covid? Mark to reach out to Heidi to see if they want to be involved in AGM.
- Could do Beautiful Alleys if we find a champion to coordinate an event in the neighbourhood. City would provide the supplies for this. Mark to reach out to Adam and Meltem to see if they would be interested in leading this initiative.

2. Grant from City – Placemaking

- Pumpkin Promenade event would fit the parameters of this grant
- Use Radial Trail path for promenade, between Dundurn and Golf Course or from golf course parking lot to bridge
- possible that landscaping company would be able to take pumpkins away afterwards
- Would happen November 1 in the evening

Recorder: Susan Millman