

Kirkendall Neighbourhood Association Monthly Meeting

October 5, 2021 Virtual meeting via Teams

Present: Meltem Koseleci, Maureen Wilson, Terra Merritt, Mark Stewart (Chair), Jen Fraser, Doreen Stermann, Barb Howe (secretary), Susan Millman, Kyle Kurt, A/Sgt. Asim Butt, Jesse Gallant.

Regrets: Gideon Bell

1. Introduction and welcome
2. Agenda and minutes from September 7th 2021 meeting approved.
3. Councillor's Update:
 - a) Bike Boulevards project to connect bike lanes in Ward 1 neighbourhood virtual meetings were held last month and further feedback from residents is due by October 8th.
 - b) General Issues Committee will take place tomorrow as start to budget deliberations. Proposal will be tabled to invite presentations from citizens to take place in November as opposed to traditional February date to allow more time for council to consider citizens suggestions prior to budget debate and decisions.
 - c) Q and A from KNA members: Doreen requested update on development committee's proposal for city staff to work with the KNA to develop a concise user-friendly guide for residents to follow when experiencing problems with construction sites especially infill developments. Maureen reported that city staff are not interested in assisting with this proposal at this time. Mark requested an update on the Lean Aberdeen pilot. Some questions around recent collision at Locke intersection and if street parking was a factor or not in this collision. Ongoing investigation in progress. Maureen reports continued confusion about being able to park on Aberdeen for 12 hr limit and overnight. Identified need to highlight signage and will have volunteers park their cars on Aberdeen so other drivers will follow. Maureen offered her thanks and appreciation for A/Sgt. Butt's assistance and presence at weekend events in Westdale neighbourhood involving McMaster students.
4. Police Update: A/Sgt. Butt presented the August Crime trends; September stats not yet available. No significant difference from previous months noted and all matters ongoing and being investigated with some arrests made.
5. Police Superintendent Advisory Committee: Terra has not heard from this committee re: future meetings for some time now and will reach out to the committee chair for an update on status of this committee.
6. Guest Speakers: None

7. Communications: Terra reports continued good response to our FB page and continues to refer posts to the neighbourhood Hub site. Susan will post the link for bike boulevards feedback on our website. Dale Brown continues her work on updating our website.
8. Planning Committee: No report
9. Development Committee: Doreen announced that the consult group for 330 Aberdeen condo project will present to the development committee next week. Main St. West update with respect to the former "Wimpy's Diner" site that lot has been sold to a developer for a building project and Doreen will contact Stephanie Hilson re: developer's contact information and follow up with them. The former "Dairy Queen" site building project has been approved to begin construction by counsel.
10. Treasurer's Report: Opening Balance September 1st \$2914.24. Closing Balance September 30th \$786.05. Jen reports that due to decreased fundraising revenue due to COVID restrictions this past year our surplus funds are dwindling. Loss of approximately \$3000 from compost sale for example.
11. Events Report: a) October Food Drive was successful and 13,208 lbs of donated food collected with 14,000-15,000 lbs in total after other donation bins are collected next week. Approximately \$3200 will be donated if we receive all our payments from sponsors. Planned debrief Food Drive committee meeting for November 6th. Plans started for May 2022 food drive. B) Pumpkin Sale set to go October 16 at Blessings Church. Expect to order 170 pumpkins and pre-sale orders going well. C) Holiday Craft event will be postponed for this year due to indoor COVID restrictions, lack of funds available to replenish crafting supplies and lack of volunteers to take Jen's place to coordinate the event.
12. Other New Business: Jen will follow up with Blessings re: status of their Community Fridge project before we advertise on our social media and website.

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 2nd, 2021 at 7pm.