

Kirkendall Neighbourhood Association Monthly Meeting

September 7, 2021 Virtual meeting via Teams

Present: Maureen Wilson, Mark Stewart (Chair), Jen Fraser, Barbara Howe (secretary), Susan Millman, Annette Keep, Marisa and Sean

Regrets: None received

1. Introduction and Welcome
2. Agenda and minutes from June 1st 2021 meeting approved
3. Councillor's Update: Maureen Wilson.
 - a) Public Spaces update provided for Beulah Park, play structure will be updated this Fall. HAAA, 2 virtual public meetings held and a meeting planned for October to present top ideas/needs identified by residents.
 - b) Ward 1 newsletter was sent out September 1, 2021.
 - c) Bile Boulevards are coming to our neighbourhood. Bike Boulevards are slow-speed, low-volume streets where walking or cycling receives more priority. The Pearl-Kent (Phase 1) is a proposed 2.2 km cycling corridor stretching from Amelia St. to York Blvd. There is an online public information session scheduled for September 23, 2021 at 7:30pm.
 - d) 330 Aberdeen Ave. development project, area behind Aberdeen Gardens Retirement Home. Maureen spoke with the developer who is proposing an 8-storey residential condo of about 109 units. Questions raised about ownership and relationship if any to the Retirement Home. Maureen responded in follow up email that it is an equity firm, Bryon Equities with a subsidiary in the form of Greenwood Retirement Communities that own Aberdeen Gardens. Maureen spoke with the president of Bryon Equities Inc Yaniv Geler and asked that he contact Mark Stewart and the KNA.
 - e) Vacancy Occupancy Tax is being proposed on vacant, unoccupied houses to discourage speculators from buying up properties and leaving them vacant, not maintained or renovated. For more information go to Engage Hamailton.ca
 - f) LRT update, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the city and Metrolinx is on the agenda for the September 8th city council meeting and expected to be approved.
4. Police Update: Not available
5. Police Superintendent Advisory Committee: Not available
6. Guest Speaker: Felicia from Blessings Church shared the church's proposal and plans for a Community Fridge to be located on the Stanley Ave. side of the Church. Plan is for it to

be open by the end of September. The KNA will promote this initiative on our website and social media sites.

7. Communications: Susan reports that Dale Brown continues to update our website Susan asked if there were any other members willing to take on task of keeping the website up to date to please let her know as the extra help would be welcomed. No update on social media activity available.
8. Planning Committee: Nothing to report
9. Development Committee: Mark reports that there are no issues currently to address.
10. Treasurer's Report: Opening Balance June 1st \$4068.80 Closing Balance August 31st \$2914.24. No updates on income tax filing issues. Jen continues to reach out to Xpertax.
11. Events Report:
 - a) Summer Food Drive July 10. 1600 lbs food collected and \$1905 donated.
 - b) October Food Drive October 2: Bag distribution, lawn signs and posters ready to go. Burnt Tongue unable to provide bag lunches for volunteers this year. Plan to approach Squires Pub on Locke to step in and consider being a sponsor for next year.
 - c) Fall Compost Sale: No response from Mushroom Farm so will regroup for next year.
 - d) Pumpkin Sale October 16. Pre-sales start week of September 27. KNA Garden Club will hold pumpkin contest at event.
 - e) Holiday Craft Party: TBD pending COVID restrictions
 - f) Pearl St. Flower Urns: Plants being looked after by volunteers who have noted litter/garbage collecting in and around urns. Barb will ask Bob Howe to periodically check area and remove garbage. City will add more garbage receptacles in 2022.
12. Other Business/New Business: None
13. Next meeting: Tuesday October 5th, 2021 at 7pm