

## Kirkendall Neighbourhood Association Monthly Meeting

February 7, 2023 in person and via Teams

Present: Sgt. Asim Butt, Barbara Howe (Meeting Chair), Annette Keep, Meltem Koseleci, Susan Millman (Recorder), Angelica Martinez

Regrets: Mark Stewart, Jen Fraser, Maureen Wilson, Sarah Stover, Jesse Gallant, Gideon Bell

1. Introduction and Welcome
2. Agenda and minutes from January 10, 2023 meeting approved.
  - a. No update available to inquiry at last meeting if Mayor Andrea Horwath will be providing a State of the City update
  - b. Sgt. Butt not aware of any changes made with north/southbound traffic light cycle at Dundurn and King. Would be best to contact the City for an update on this intersection.
3. Councillor's Update: no update available.
4. Police Update:
  - a. Recent Crime:
    - Significant increase in theft from auto and mischief to auto during the month of January
    - Monthly average over past 3 months for total amount of reported crime is 10 total occurrences per month
      - Oct. 2022 – 10 occurrences
      - Dec. 2022 – 12 occurrences
      - Jan. 2023 – 21 occurrences (2 stolen vehicles; 5 Break & entries; 0 robberies; 14 theft from auto; 0 theft over \$5K)
    - Hotspot between Main & Aberdeen, Queen & Dundurn for occurrences
    - Neighbouring communities have also been affected by theft from auto (Strathcona, Beasley, Lansdale, Durand)
    - Feb 1 – new project started with three focus items:
      - more visibility in hotspot locations
      - compliance checks on re-offenders
      - arrest of persons wanted for auto-related crimes
    - This project running for month of February.
    - Break-ins are usually crimes of opportunity (see something in the vehicle they want)

5. Police Superintendent Advisory Committee: No report. Barb to email Sgt. Butt to find out if committee is active (Sgt. Butt had signed off of meeting at this point in the agenda).
6. Guest Speakers: None
7. Communications:
  - a. Website: A problem was discovered with the KNA website in January. All postings and updates completed since last summer have been lost. Dale Brown is currently working on rebuilding and updating but it has been time-consuming and challenging.
  - b. Social Media: Sarah Stover has stepped away from the KNA. Angelica has been doing Facebook posts as updates become available to share with the community. May want to consider adding Instagram to social media coverage. Susan still has access to email and can send out email on behalf of the KNA as needed. Recent posts to the Facebook site have been HAAA building use survey information and reminder for "After 9 Check" around the house.
8. Planning Committee: Committee not currently active.
9. Development Committee: no report
10. Treasurer's Report: Opening Balance Jan. 1/2023 \$8,298.81. Closing balance Jan. 31/23 \$4,711.49. Transactions in January included a deposit of \$250 from the RBC 2022 Food Drive sponsorship, plus debits of a few cheques and bank fees
11. Events Report:
  - a. Food Drive (Saturday, May 6)
    - committee met on January 29
    - Bringing back the bus to cover the streets south of Aberdeen, cars will cover north of Aberdeen. The City has confirmed the bus is available.
    - Volunteer recruitment will begin with reaching out to the community after March Break.
    - Poster design will begin in March
    - Social media post schedule being created; will start about 3 weeks out from Food Drive date
    - Mackesy sign has been confirmed
    - Lawn signs/Door Hangers – Need to order replenishment lawn signs and stickers, however need to find a new sponsor to replace Judy Marsales. Once costs are confirmed, we will reach out for sponsorship, beginning with Premier level, then other levels. Meltem is willing to sponsor lawn signs current sponsors not able to pick up this sponsorship.

- Blessings will be doing a special collection on the last Sunday April with the funds going to support the Food Drive
- b. Compost Sale: will begin plans in March

12. New Business:

- a. April AGM date: Wednesday, April 19 at Blessings Christian Church
- b. Sarah Stover sends regrets that she is unable to continue in capacity of member of KNA Executive committee.

Next meeting; Tuesday March 7, 2023 at 7 pm.