

Kirkendall Neighbourhood Association Annual General Meeting April 19th, 2023 | 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Hybrid, Via Teams and at Blessings Christian Church

Meeting Minutes (Draft)

No.	Item
1	Welcome and Introductions Mark Stewart (Chair) provided an explanation of voting procedure. Tonight's agenda adopted and the minutes from the 2022 AGM accepted as circulated.
2	First Call for elections for Executive Council officers to serve a 3-year term Vice president, Members at Large (up to 6 positions). Gideon Bell, Brandon Raco and Vanessa Reid have put forward their names for Member at Large.
3	 Councillor's Update Councillor Wilson provided an update of priority issues for our neighbourhood, Ward 1 and the city. Green public spaces: HAAA, Beulah and Mapleside parks have or are undergoing renovations. HAAA clubhouse and washrooms will also be renovating for residents' use. Development: 330 Dundurn St 8 storey condo building located in space behind Aberdeen Gardens retirement Home is still in the approval stage. Secondary Plan for Kirkendall: Given the Province's Bill 23 amendments to Hamilton's urban boundary now require the city to develop secondary plans for development of this area. Staff will need to focus on this task so any hope of revisioning our neighbourhood secondary plan is not feasible at this time. It is preferrable for the city to develop the secondary plan as opposed to the developer. Affordable Housing: "The Housing Sustainability and Investment Road Map" was endorsed today by city council to address the housing crisis in our community. The 4 pillars of the Road Map are Build, Buy, Repair and Support. Q&A: Issue raised of state of repair of roads in Kirkendall, specifically Aberdeen and Charlton, and when they are scheduled to be repaved. Cost to repave Aberdeen from Queen to Studholme estimated at \$8million. Due to years of lack of investment in city infrastructure by city council decisions to not raise property taxes these repairs are scheduled years from now. Point raised that cost should not be borne by Ward 1 area rating funds as these roads are used by all Hamilton residents.



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Kirkendall Crime Report 4 Report presented by Sgt. Alex Buck. Kirkendall is one of the safest neighbourhoods in the downtown area and the city. 118 occurrences reported to police in 2022. 55 of these 118 were theft from auto and mischief to auto (smashed car windows). Projects initiated by Division 1 have been very successful in reducing number of occurrences. Police need our help by reporting these incidents even if nothing was stolen from the vehicle. They are able to note trends and identify "hot spots" to aid in making arrests and providing increased police presence to these areas. On-line reporting is available and security camera footage can be downloaded as well. Q&A: Question asked for any update on arson that occurred at building located at corner of Dundurn and Charlton this year. Cindy to provide Sgt. Buck with email address and he will get this information to her. Question asked about the number of patrol officers assigned to Division 1 per shift. 16 officers are assigned. Question raised about whether police can offer data on crime trends over say 5 years to see if crime rates are increasing or decreasing as some Kirkendall Hub users believe crime is increasing in our neighbourhood. Data not available due to recent change in software. 5 Guest Speaker: Dr. Lynda Lukasik Director of City of Hamilton's Climate Change Office. Dr. Lukasik was appointed in December 2022. She provided information about this new office's initiatives and priorities. 6 **Second Call for Elections** No names offered. 7 Financial Report January to December 2022 Jennifer Fraser (Treasurer) presented the financial report for last fiscal year. Net increase at year end \$186.86 an improvement from previous year. Positive year end due to having Compost sale fundraising event in 2022. We were able to donate \$3100 to Mission Services last year. Financial Report accepted. 8 **Events Report** Jennifer Fraser presented events from last year return of the Compost sale and the Holiday Crafting Party. Update given re: this year's Food Drive May 6th new event Easter Egg Hunt in April championed by Vanessa Reid. **Community Fridge Update** 9 Felicia provided an update, noting the Fridge has been operating for 1 year. Volunteers still needed to maintain the fridge. Felicia expressed gratitude to Kirkendall residents who continue to donate food items to the fridge.



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10	3rd Call for Elections Meltem Koseleci put forward her name for position of Vice president.
11	Election Results President: Mark Stewart Vice President: Meltem Koseleci Treasurer: Jennifer Fraser Secretary: Barb Howe Communication Co-ordinator (website and membership): Vacant Communication Co-ordinator (social media): Anjelica Martinez Members at Large: Gideon Bell, Susan Millman, Brandon Raco, Vanessa Reid.
12	Meeting adjourned at 9pm.