

Kirkendall Neighbourhood Association Annual General Meeting

September 23, 2020, 7pm via Zoom

1. Welcome and Introductions: Mark Stewart welcomed attendees and introductions made. This AGM is rescheduled from April due to COVID restrictions and changed to a virtual format. Explanation re: purpose of AGM provided.
2. Approval of agenda moved by Graham Luke and seconded by Terra, all in favour. Approval of minutes from 2019 AGM moved by Susan and seconded by Cindy Stranak , all in favour.
3. First call for elections: Mark announced vacant positions for 2020-2021 executive committee V.P. and members at large. Interested residents encouraged to submit their name to fill these positions. Gideon Bell put forth his name to fill position of member at large.
4. Ward 1 councillor Maureen Wilson unable to attend tonight due to conflict with another meeting. Stephanie Hilson provided updates on following projects happening in Ward 1 and specific to Kirkendall neighbourhood as follows:
 - a) Queen St. conversion to 2 way- project completed ahead of schedule up to Main St and will eventually continue up to King St.
 - b) Aberdeen Ave. road diet- the no parking signs on north and south sides of Aberdeen Ave. between Queen and Dundurn Street were removed today. September, 23. Pilot project affects 800 metres of road and will run for 6 months. Residents encouraged to contact Councillor Wilson with concerns and observations during this period.
 - c) Kirkendall Neighbourhood Strategy Plan- Consultant has completed his work and report submitted to the city. Executive committee will see report in October after city staff has reviewed it. HAAA playground equipment requires upgrades and other renovation work to the park in general is needed. This is a multi year project. A citizens working group will be struck to advise Clr. Wilson on work needed in consultation with residents.
 - d) Q&A: Questions raised re: Halloween trick or treating happening this year. Stephanie advised that this will be decided by the city's Emergency Operations Committee.
5. Development Committee Report: No report available as Doreen unable to attend tonight's meeting.
6. Treasurer's Report: Jen presented the Financial Report for 2019. We had a successful year as able to cover our operating expenses, such as event liability insurance coverage, marketing/advertising costs. Total revenue \$15,278.17. Total expenses \$14,327.77. Barb moved to accept the 2019 Financial Report, seconded by Terra, all in favour.
7. Event Highlights Report: Another successful year for Kirkendall Neighbourhood events with 2 successful Food Drives for Mission Services food bank, 500 compost bags sold,

movie night film presentation Jumanji, Pumpkin Sale (137 pumpkins sold) and 100 attended the Holiday Crafting party in December. The 2020 Event calendar presented with limited scheduled events due to pandemic restrictions.

8. Call for Newsletter emails: Let us know if you wish to receive the KNA newsletter and email blasts re: upcoming events and meetings. We welcome posts to our FB page . Terra reports that the KN Hub site is very popular among residents. Twitter engagement has historically tended to be low. Susan reminded us to check out our website for information on how to contact us and upcoming events in the neighbourhood.
9. Second call for elections:
10. Presentation: Mark gave an introduction to McMaster Innovation Park proposed Master Plan. Currently at the concept stage that will involve expansion and new buildings. MIP has purchased the former Hamilton Spectator building on Frid St. and plans to repurpose building as a Data Centre. A long term stay hotel, Hyatt House also included in the plan. Decision made to not demolish the Glass Warehouse built in 1913 on the property and will renovate instead.
11. Third call for elections: Adam Guy put forth his name for vacant member at large position.
12. Election Results: Executive committee for 2020-2021 term as follows:
Mark Stewart-President
Jennifer Fraser- Treasurer
Secretary: Barb Howe
Communications: Susan Millman and Terra Merritt
Members at Large- Meltem Koseleci, Adam Guy, Gideon Bell
13. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm