



## Meeting Minutes

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### Meeting Purpose:

Monthly meeting of the Kirkendall Neighbourhood Association (KNA) Executive.

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**Chairperson:** Mark Stewart

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### Attendees:

Gideon Bell  
Jen Fraser

A/Sgt. Kevin Jones  
Meltem Koseleci  
Susan Millman

David Y. Smith  
Mark Stewart  
Cllr. Maureen Wilson

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## Agenda

No.	Item
1	<b>Introduction and Welcome</b>
2	<b>Approval of agenda, approval of minutes from last meeting</b> AGM added as new item to the agenda. January meeting minutes approved.
<b>Standing Items</b>	
3	<b>Councillor's Update</b> – Cllr. Wilson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City in midst of budget – presently at 5.7%</li> <li>• HAAA construction starting this Spring and will extend for entire season (to Fall or Winter), hope to renovate HAAA building next year. No public access will be allowed during construction work of park.</li> <li>• Number of roads to be resurfaced this year including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Aberdeen – start at the east and move west (Studholme to Dundurn).</li> <li>○ Dundurn being reconstructed Aberdeen to Stanley, resurfacing Stanley to Hill.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4	<b>Police Update</b> – A/Sgt. Kevin Jones provided the following report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14 occurrences in January (22 in January 2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4 assaults (1 person responsible for these assaults and has been arrested. No common area for assaults, all over neighbourhood)</li> <li>○ 4 thefts from auto</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 3 break &amp; enters</li> <li>○ 1 sexual assault</li> <li>○ 1 theft under \$5000</li> <li>○ 1 robbery</li> <li>● Break-ins in commercial areas on Frid Street - Will try to have patrol cars loop through area or have parked patrols in area to monitor more closely.</li> <li>● Recent neighbourhood survey - 52 comments out of 294 comments (18%) showed crime as #1 safety concern in neighbourhood – eg. break-ins, theft from autos. Seems to be perception of a neighbourhood in decline. Suggestion to have A/Sgt. Jones participate in larger town hall event such as AGM and give comparison of Kirkendall neighbourhood against general crime stats of general City of Hamilton</li> <li>● Police have program that can give historical data to show crime trends over past 5 years</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<b>Police Superintendent Advisory Committee Report</b> – haven't received any notices of meetings
<b>6</b>	<b>Guest Speakers</b> – none
<b>7</b>	<b>Communications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Website Changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Events email working; Google map link doesn't work. Account closed – possibly need someone to re-open this. Gideon to investigate.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Past month's social media/Facebook issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No update</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	<b>Planning Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No update</li> </ul>
<b>9</b>	<b>Development Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No update</li> </ul>
<b>10</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Jen provided updated financials for month of January. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Opening balance January 1: \$7,716.73</li> <li>○ Closing Balance January 31: \$7,712.98</li> <li>○ Balance allocations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ \$483.05 for Development Committee</li> <li>▪ \$250 for 2025 Food Drive</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Available funds for KNA activities: \$6,979.93</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>11</b>	<b>Events Report / Food Drive 2025</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Food Drive 2025</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Couple of new sponsors onboard with another new sponsor to confirm sponsorship level tomorrow, more returning sponsors confirmed. Craig's Cookies no longer interested in being involved.</li> <li>○ \$8,250 in confirmed sponsorship at this point</li> <li>○ Bag design being sent to printer this Friday</li> <li>○ Recent ask in social media and newsletters for volunteers for new sign locations, and new apartment food donation bag addresses (those who haven't been receiving a donation bag in the past). Hoping to get more sign locations north of Aberdeen, and hoping to be able to get bags into more apartment buildings this year.</li> <li>○ Volunteer Recruitment will be next area of focus for Food Drive. Hugo is our student Volunteer Leader who will work at answering questions as they come in and will coordinate assignment of routes.</li> <li>● Upcoming Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ April 19 – Easter Egg Hunt – Jen to reach out to Annette to confirm availability of front lawn of Blessings. Vanessa willing to take lead on event.</li> <li>○ May 3 – Food Drive</li> <li>○ May 10 – Compost Sale (pending availability of truck and Blessings parking lot)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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<b>New Business</b>	
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<b>12</b>	<p><b>Other new Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>2024/2025 Neighbour Check-in Survey Results Review</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>Theme 1 – Development &amp; Rent prices</u> – some concern among respondents, nothing overwhelming.</li> <li>○ <u>Theme 2 – HAAA and Neighbourhood Parks</u> – overall response is that Kirkendall has great parks, but people would like more.</li> <li>○ <u>Theme 3 – Pedestrian and Cycling Safety</u> – very important to more than 50% of respondents. Traffic calming importance came in at 18%, however a large number of people didn't seem to understand what was happening with traffic calming and pedestrian safety.</li> <li>○ <u>Theme 4 – Address Crime</u> – Top topic of responses and was very important to more than 50% of respondents. Comments imply there is a perception among respondents that the Kirkendall neighbourhood is not as safe as it once was.</li> <li>○ <u>Theme 5 – Community Connections</u> – Responses show that respondents want more opportunities to celebrate our community and connect with each other. Street repair came up often in comments for an area to improve and Bike lanes scored fairly high in comments.</li> <li>○ <u>Key Initiatives</u> – Food Drive scored high; Community Fridge scored well. Planning and Development important to respondents.</li> <li>○ <u>What people Want</u> - #1 – music nights; #2 – online activity calendar; #3 – garage sales; #4 – block parties; Others – neighbourhood movie nights, walking tours, Dundurn Street Festival. People enjoyed the Locke Street Festival, but don't enjoy Sundays Unlocked as much.</li> <li>○ <u>Next Steps</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ KNA could help with events by putting together a kit – how to close the street, etc.. Work with BIA to help facilitate community event.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Action item:</b> Mark to reach out to BIA to see if there's a way we can work with them to find common ground for an event.</li> <li>▪ Music night – put together working group to explore options for pop-up events and/or one-time event       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Action Item:</b> David and Meltem work together to review possibilities of music event.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Block Party/Garage Sale event – put together working group to facilitate neighbourhood block party/garage sale event.       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Action Item:</b> Jen and Susan look at options for this, look at what's being done elsewhere, what's been done in Kirkendall in the past.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ We currently have a surplus of funds that could support an event but could also go after sponsors.</li> <li>▪ Could host neighbourhood event to celebrate the grand opening of the revitalized HAAA (HAAA will have a designated area for event gatherings).</li> <li>▪ Possibly look at alternative ways to engage people – more online presence using different platforms?</li> <li>• <b>AGM Planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Possible date in April, week of 7, 14, or 21 (Wednesday or Thursday night). Mark to check with Maureen's availability</li> <li>○ Topics ideas           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ LRT</li> <li>▪ First Ontario Place Arena update (Copps)</li> <li>▪ Speaker from McMaster</li> <li>▪ The Forge at MIP</li> <li>▪ BARC (Bay Area Restoration Committee) and what's the latest happening with the rejuvenation of Hamilton's Bayfront waters</li> <li>▪ RBG – natural lands update, fish gateway</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
13	<b>Wrap-up and next Meeting date:</b> Tuesday, March 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 at Blessings