

#1 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, Jan 16, 2020

5:30 – 6:20 p.m.: #1 Meeting Room Okanagan Regional Library 1380 Ellis

6:30 - 8:00 pm: Journey Home presentation at New Arts Collective, #5 - 375 Bernard Ave.

- A. Welcome guests. **In attendance: Heather Rice, Amanda Poon, Saskia Makela, Maria Tokarchuk, Jason Stewart, Chantal Weill, Robin Jarman, Derek Murphy, Sepi Mashkuri, Tom MacDonald, Roslynn Raina, Ester Moore, Gail Swintak**
- B. Review and Approval of the agenda: **Heather 1, Maria 2**
- C. Review & Approval of minutes from last meeting: **Maria 1, Saskia 2**
- D. Treasurer's report-**Current Balance: \$1,481.87 as reported by Maria**
- E. New Business
- F. Carry Over Business
- G. Development Proposals
- H. Wrap Up

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E) New Business

- 1) **Website Refresh** (see Jason's questions, Appendix A)
 - agreed any website suggestions to go to Jason – see his questions in Appendix
 - primary goal of the website is as a resource and to gain/inform membership
 - board to start e-mail thread re suggested updates to site
- 2) **REQUEST: Letter of Support - BikeBC Grant Application** Due Feb 1 (Appendix B)
 - board is in favour of drafting a letter of support re grant application
- 3) **Neighbourhood Grant 2020:** Discuss Opportunity to apply for Spring or Summer Project / event.
[Neighbourhood Grant deadline: March 6](#) [Neighbourhood Event applications available: March 16](#). In the interest of time, please submit ideas by email & Amanda will send out a poll to vote on favourite.

Examples:

- Fuller Avenue Verge improvement
- Summer Park Potluck/BBQ
- Spring Clean-up work party followed by a BBQ
- Beautify a laneway

-board agreed that an event would be easier to plan than a project, Amanda will follow up with board re suggestions for an event

- 4) **All-Neighbourhood Association Meeting:** Darren Schlamp (KLO Association) taking lead on All-association board meeting. Amanda confirmed she will attend. Does anyone else want to attend? Focus on Urban Design, Zoning, Transit and Active transport & more. Date TBA.
-all agree that this initiative important - Heather reminded group that attempts have been made in past for joint support of other neighbourhood associations. Follow through important and strong leader to keep it moving forward. Amanda will keep board in the loop.

F) Carryover Business

- 1) **Business Cards** - Heather, Follow Up. **Heather to connect with Jason re design of card**
- 2) **Garbage Cans:** More are needed along Ellis from Cawston to Bay Avenue. **All should continue to monitor for garbage.**

G) Development Proposals To Watch (skip discussion this meeting)

[1095 Ellis Street](#) (Former OK Builders) - applying for commercial rezoning for Supermarket

[541-545 Bernard Avenue](#) Mixed use commercial residential building

[1659 Water St](#) Six storey office and retail commercial building the “Wedge”

[430 Harvey Avenue](#) (Dragon King)- 22 story tower allowing Airbnb

H) Wrap Up

Confirm next meeting date: **Thursday, March 12, 2020 6:30 – 8:00**

Adjourn meeting (time): **6:20 – all proceeded to Journey Home presentation**

6:30 - 8:00 PRESENTATION JOURNEY HOME SOCIETY - A moderated discussion on the 5 Year strategy to end homelessness in Kelowna. Guests: Stephanie Ball (Journey Home Executive Director), Darren Caul (CoK Directory Community Safety), Gerard Joyal (Convener LECoh).

Stephanie:

- Kelowna rents have increased over 30% in last few years but incomes only 20%
- Income spent on housing should be below 30% but in Kelowna is between 30 – 50%
- Require approx. income of \$52,000/yr to live in Kelowna
- BC is higher than national average re child poverty

Gerard:

- Working with Lived Experience group, talking directly with homeless to determine their needs
- Working with homeless re 1. Peer Development/empowerment 2. Public Awareness – reduce shame/stigma 3. Giving effective voice in decision making “nothing about us without us”
- Housing First is a human right

Darren:

- Homeless grew from about 23 to 110 on Leon Ave. in short period of time
- City decided to move homeless Nov. 16 and gave seven days to implement the move
- Move coordinated with RCMP, Bylaw and contractors
- Not enough sector capacity to accommodate all homeless inside
- Temporary site selections considered current use, size of area, proximity to services and access for emergency services

APPENDIX 1

A) Website Refresh Questions

Navigation of the site is as follows. Consider Consolidating/ Reorganizing.

1. Home Page
2. About KDKM
3. Join KDKM
4. Community Happenings - Combine
5. Projects
6. Calendar Add minutes of the previous meetings found under Calendar in the About section ?
7. Contact

1) What is the primary goal of the site? i.e. new member signups / encouraging participation in various association and/or neighbourhood events / informational guide on the boundary area that KDKM represents / association responses to news in the area. You can rank these in order of importance if you like, and/or add to this list.

KDKM – What are we trying to achieve: Awareness, participation. Continue promoting on social media, with businesses and neighbouring households. Social Media: more content, easier streamlining of accounts.

2) Community Happenings / Projects pages not being updated often - Why?

3) What do you feel is missing from the current site – ease of use and/or inability to update site / a blog / local links to neighbourhood resources, etc. Please add to this list if you like.

4) Are you comfortable with the current way you direct people to send (and you receive) money for membership. An ecommerce account can be created for free allowing people to join directly on the new website. Each website transaction charge would have a standard credit card fee of 2.9% + .30 cents per transaction. We would use square for this (<https://squareup.com/ca/en/ecommerce>). So a \$10 transaction would mean that \$9.41 would be deposited into the KDKM account, provided KDKM has a bank account.

4) Creation of emails affiliated directly with the site – i.e. amanda@kdkm.org, info@kdkm.org etc. Are there any existing emails that you know of? The previous designer informed us that she did create membership@kdkm.org - do we use it?

5) What we absolutely do need are photos! higher resolution photos (the photos on the current site are not high resolution to give you an example of what we're looking for - we would need the quality of them to be better). If you or anyone you know have photos of some of our more iconic spots in the neighbourhood (Knox Mountain, etc.), please send them. You can either add them to your Google Docs account if you have one, and share that folder with my email, or simply use this free service – <https://wettransfer.com/> – to send photos.

B) Letter of Support Protected Bike Lanes

from: Matt Worona <MWorona@kelowna.ca>
date: 2 Dec 2019, 16:14
subject: REQUEST: Letter of Support - BikeBC Grant Application - Feb 1st

The City of Kelowna will be applying for the 2020 BikeBC Provincial government grant for its two flagship bicycle projects this year. We're hoping your organization is interested in supporting these applications by **writing a letter of support** for the projects.

Kelowna's two flagship bicycle projects for 2020 are:

1. **Protected Bike Lanes on Ethel St. from Springfield to Raymer (1.2km)**
2. **Protected Bike Lanes on Leathead and Lester from the Okanagan Rail Trail to the Houghton Rd. Active Transportation Corridor (0.75 km)**

Grants from the province will both enhance the quality of these projects and allow the City to accelerate construction of new active transportation facilities in Kelowna.

We will need letters of support by **February 1st** to include with the grant applications to the Province.

I have attached an example of a letter of support from last year. If you would like more details about these projects or the grant program, feel free to reach out. Please let me know if your organization is interested in sending a letter of support.