

## KDKM Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2020, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m: Zoom

Action items in yellow Motions in blue

A. Welcome guests.

In attendance: Amanda Poon, Lisa Masini, Maria Tokarchuk, Ray Lewis, Heather Rice, Saskia Makela, Jason Stewart. Regrets: Esther Moore.

B. Review and Approval of the agenda

Lisa moves, Maria second, all in favor.

C. Treasurer's report - Current Balance: \$1562.27

D. New Business

E. Carry Over Business

F. Development Proposals to watch

G. Wrap Up

### GENERAL MEETING

#### D) New Business

- 1) **New Board Member:** Shall we add Ray Lewis as an official board; there is a \$15 filing fee with registrar to do so. The consensus is that it is helpful to have another voting member on the board.  
Maria proposes a motion that we add Ray Lewis as a new board member. All in favor. (Amanda abstains/is unable to vote because she does not live in the KDKM catchment area. She is however eligible to be a non-voting member and as member, eligible to hold the President position).
- 2) **RU6 Changes:** The City of Kelowna has circulated an application to amend the [RU6 Zoning Bylaw](#). [More information here](#). This appears to remove the lot width requirements so 2 dwelling/ semi detached houses can be built for the following purposes, so long as the plan meets the density (height) requirements.  
This could open the neighborhood up to '2 dwelling lots' rather than home/carriage home – implications for Air bnb etc.  
This change in RU6 needs to be clarified when KDKM meets with Ryan.  
There is also some concern with the height of the new homes being built ie. rooftop patios seem to make the house very tall.
- 3) **Role of Resident Associations:** 2021 Council Action Plan Includes a point about the role of Neighborhood Resident Associations.  
We will keep an eye on what they come up with here; historically, at some points in time, there has been receptivity to community associations.
- 4) **Public Hearings:** Due to COVID19 restrictions, the City has elected to waive requirement for Public Hearings for Applications that have significant staff support and are consistent with the OCP. <https://kelownapublishing.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=30681>  
Important to keep on top of developments to prevent fast-tracking; Amanda will send a city link to receive email updates about new developments in one's neighborhood.  
The criteria around which hearings are waived is vague. This is another issue to bring up with Ryan.
- 5) **Community Event:** Although limited by uncertainty re: COVID19 restrictions, some sort of Neighborhood event might be a good idea. As big as applying for an improvement grant, or as simple as another Spring Clean Up.

There is agreement amongst the board in support of a spring clean up. This is a covid-friendly spring event, **will pick a date closer to spring.**

- 6) **City of Kelowna Planners Meeting:** Tentatively Feb 4, evening zoom. Amanda will send out a survey this week to gather advance feedback to present at the meeting as a group. **Please send your question suggestions ASAP.**  
Another issue is sidewalks on Richter, especially around the brewery areas, lots of bar hopping/jay walking, unsafe for them and pedestrians and bikes.
- 7) **Email from South Pandosy Community Association.** They claim that taxes have gone up 30% with this council, would like support from KDKM for writing a letter of protest over the tax increase + that development must stop.  
Perhaps pivot a letter of support to align more so with associations having a meaningful role and exposure to developments as per 2040 OCP.  
**Amanda will circulate email for board to comment on how to respond.**
- 8) Ray has contact with senior managers at **Tolko** in case anyone has questions, or see if there are potential ideas for the site. **He will ask if the excavator floating on a barge in the Sutherland Bay is related to potential bay clean up, or if it is associated with the dive training equipment.**
- 9) Will the **3 towers approved on Leon** push more homeless people to the North End? Something to keep an eye on.

**Draft 2040 OCP was presented to council this last Monday Jan 11, 2021:**

<https://kelownapublishing.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=30504>

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<https://www.kelowna.ca/our-community/planning-projects/official-community-plan>  
[Growth Evaluation Dashboard](#)

#### **E) Carryover Business:**

- 1) **Ellis Street Supportive Housing:** Cathy Higgins has joined the Community Advisory Committee and will update us as major items arise.
- 2) **Website Refresh:** Jason has much of the website revamp laid out and will continue to work on it as time permits (See Appendix 2 for details)

#### **F) Development Proposals To Watch**

1. **UBCO Downtown:** New Campus location at old Daily Courier site (550 Doyle). Residents can join their open house and share feedback [via zoom this January 19th at 7:00 pm.](#)
2. **Civic Precinct Plan:** A smaller “Cultural Hub” with 13 floors of private residences will start the development process in 2021 for completion 2023. [More info here.](#)
3. **Kelowna Community Theatre:** A larger Performing Arts Centre is in the early stages of planning at the current location. 100K budgeted for planning but no plan in place yet for necessary financing.
4. **Bertram Affordable Housing:** BC Housing to build non-market, affordable housing at 1451 and 1469 Bertram Street for low income seniors, families, individuals. [Share your feedback here.](#)
5. **St-Paul/Clement Avenue 5 storey Hotel:** (1193 St. Paul Street)37 stalls (0.8/unit). [More info.](#)

#### **G) Wrap Up**

Confirm next meeting date: will organize by email.

Adjourn meeting (time): 6:05pm

## APPENDIX 2: 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](mailto:amanda@kdkm.org), [info@kdkm.org](mailto: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](mailto: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://wetansfer.com/> – to send photos.