



Minutes from Thursday, March 27, 2014

Tolko Mill, Kelowna

Present: Heather Rice, Saskia Makela, Maria Tokarchuk, Lisa Masini, Kathy Sukkau, Sarah Norrlund-Lewis

Regrets: Sue Parfitt, Tamara Terlesky

Absent: Sepi Mashkuri

Meeting was called to order by Heather at 7:05 pm.

Kyle Spence and Gail Temple presented Westcorp's proposed downtown hotel development to the membership. If interested, a scale model is available for viewing at Westcorp office (suite 200) on corner of Pandosy and Queensway. The first reading at council will be April 24th. Public hearing will likely be late May or early June. Gail Temple can be contacted for any further questions 250.763.1400 ext 22 or gtemple@westcorp.net. A shadow-study will be forwarded to KDKM.

1. Agenda presented.
2. Minutes of September 26 2013 reviewed and approved by Lisa, seconded by Maria. No quorum at January 2014 meeting, therefore no minutes to approve.
3. Treasurer's report: Maria reports that Bank of Montreal has introduced monthly account charge of \$6/month. Alternative would be to change account to "Community Account" which costs \$2.50/month with quarterly paper statements included. Comparable prices were found when researching with other banks, however a free online bank account would be a possibility. Motion presented to request that Maria change B of M account to Community Account. Approved. Maria will move ahead with account change, however minimum of 2 signers required. Previously past-president (Cherie Hanson) was required for signature as well as VP and Treasurer. Heather to consider change in KDKM bylaws to reflect 3 signers including VP, treasurer and one board member.
4. Postcard delivery/mail out. Some concern voiced that delivery not completed to every house within KDKM boundaries. Saskia and Tara present at Post office for send out – not likely a record of every street covered, however goal was for all streets within KDKM boundaries. Website monitoring for viewings not set up prior to mail out, but now will be recording views to monitor any further KDKM marketing. Despite marketing, low turnout continues at meetings.
5. Lisa Masini attended coalition of neighbourhood association meeting. President Mark Thompson presented a "Memorandum of Understanding between the city of Kelowna and the Kelowna Neighborhood Associations" in document form. The thorough document was supported by all associations, except KSAN. Many associations opposed the inclusion of a request/suggestion that the city provide moneys to different associations to support their functioning. Majority of associations voted for inclusion of request for funding.
6. Tolko Mill update. Precipitator to be upgraded/improved and will be closed for 20 days starting March 31, 2014. It is unclear whether there is a phone number available for members to call when air quality is reduced. Sarah texts/calls Brent Rogers directly.
7. Information on new developments within the KDKM boundaries:
 - Downtown Hotel (possibly "Willow") - as discussed above. In general KDKM members appear to approve of the overall design. Concerns were voiced regarding height and possible shadowing of nearby parks. Saskia also voiced concern regarding lack of inclusion of bike lanes separate from pedestrian spaces.
 - Pleasantvale – Open house to be held at the Laurel building on April 3rd from 5:30-7:30.

- New RCMP detachment – Maria and Lisa attended open house. Alternative approval electoral response form to be completed by March 27, 2014 if in disagreement with \$42 million loan required to pay for new detachment. Heather had forms available.
- Urban Square – corner of Clement and Ethel. Renovation of old Apple storing facility for use as year-round public market.
- Clement and St Paul – new commercial development on 3 residential lots.
- Monaco – no activity at building site, despite start date published as fall 2013.
- Kensington Terrace – townhomes on corner of Fuller and Bertram (constructed by the same developer as the Madison)
- Visitor Information Centre – to be built at end of Queensway on the water (does this conflict with plans for downtown hotel?). Members expressed concern regarding planned two story height.
- Queensway transit station – to be improved/renovated, including roundabout at corner of Water street.

8. Business arising:

- Neighbourwoods trees – large trees available from the city of Kelowna for a cost of \$30. Available trees this year include: black hawk mountain ash, spring snow crabapple, northwood maple, French blue scotch pine. To reserve a tree go to city of Kelowna website between March 28 and April 11. Trees can be picked up on April 26 in Mission Park by CNC.
- Community clean up month is April. The kick-start is Wednesday April 2 for 20 minutes (10 am – 10:20). Saskia will register KDKM and schedule a clean up time on a Saturday.
- Garden tour Kelowna 2014 includes an address on Ethel street within KDKM boundaries. Would KDKM be interested in marketing/advertising at this location on June 14? Organisers of this year's tour report members of neighbourhood associations will be eligible for a reduced ticket cost. Funds raised by the tour will go to "farm to Kitchen" cooking programs at two local elementary schools.
- Two board members have moved. Will Smith has moved to Anarchist Mountain and Tamara Terlesky has moved to Invermere. Tamara has offered to stay on as a board member and attend meetings when she is in Kelowna. She continues to own property within KDKM boundaries. Heather will consult bylaws to determine how members can be removed from director's positions. Sepi Mashkuri has not attended meetings, or advised of her absence to recent meetings.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Thursday May 29, 2014 scheduled at Tolko.