



Glenmore Valley Community Association

Minutes of the February 22nd, 2011

General Meeting

Kelowna Bible Chapel

Directors in attendance: John Harling, Kim Dodds, Marlene Miller, Bruce Gillon, Richard Wensink, Dan Midtdal and Bonnie Hunter.

52 members and guests in the attendance.

1. President John Harling welcomed the members and guests to the General Meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.
2. John introduced the directors and Guests.
3. Announcements.
4. Sustainability in Glenmore.

Michelle Kam, Kelowna Sustainability Co-ordinator, Policy and Planning noted that the City has presented the draft of the 2030 Official Community Plan at several Open Houses. This is the vision for the next twenty years. There is an on line survey at kelowna2030.ca.

The Sustainability project is an outgrowth of several Sustainability Workshops. Kelowna has partnered with UBCO to create this project. This sustainability project will use the Glenmore neighbourhood as a living laboratory. Sustainability needs to fit into the four pillars of environmental, economic, social and cultural.

Leanne Bilodeau, UBCO Director, Sustainability Operations continued with UBCO's portion of the project. UBCO will be providing up to four grants of up to ten thousand dollars each for sustainability research projects. These projects will engage members of the community. Leanne noted that most research report documents tend to end up on a shelf somewhere. It is envisioned that these research projects will provide ideas that can be used in other Kelowna neighbourhoods. The idea for the sustainability research grants is emergent and unfolded rapidly, thus not everyone was able to be notified.

Leanne and Michelle answered several questions from the audience. Even though the application period has closed, it is not known what projects have been submitted. Currently the definition of sustainability is not well defined. It can mean different things to different people.

One member suggested that given that the city boundaries are mostly fixed, is there a plan or any thoughts about reducing the rate of growth so that the growth rate approaches a flat line? It was suggested that a lot of the growth will be redevelopment or renewal of existing properties. It was also suggested that 'sustainable development' is an oxymoron.

A group of UBCO students inquired about when a safe cycling route from Glenmore to the west side of UBCO will be built? Students have planned a rally to raise awareness of the poor biking access to UBCO on the weekend.

5. Break. The meeting recessed for refreshments.

After the refreshment break, the meeting was reconvened. Richard drew tickets for the door prizes.

GVCA thanks:

- Paragon Centuria Pharmacy(at Gordon Drive and Bernard Avenue) for the two gift mugs stuffed with chocolates, pen, etc, and six writing tablets,
- Precision Sharp (Gordon and Clement) for the \$30.00 gift certificate,
- Nesters Market for the \$20.00 gift certificate.
- Best Friend Dog Grooming and Spa (Gordon and Clement) for the 20% Off first grooming certificate.

6. Brandt's Creek Project. Richard noted that GVCA is planning on highlighting Brandt's Creek this year. The waterway will be reviewed to see if it can be returned to a healthy sustainable condition. If you have any ideas about Brandt's Creek, please let the executive know about them.
7. Norm Letnick. Norm is the MLA for the Kelowna-Lake Country riding. there are about 60,00 people in this area. Norm talked about the provincial budget, health care and the results of the recent local Capital Projects survey. It is planned that the provincial budget should be balanced by 2013/2014. The statistics indicate that the province has a lot of medical successes. Norm answered a wide range of questions.

8. Announcements.

- The next GVCA General Meeting is planned for May 26th, 2011.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 by general consent.

Minutes recorded by Bruce Gillon