



Glenmore Valley Community Association

Minutes of the September 14th, 2011

General Meeting

Kelowna Bible Chapel

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

40 members and guests in attendance.

1. John Harling welcomed the members and guests to the General Meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.
2. John introduced directors and guests. John referred to several areas that GVCA has been involved in recently: the Family fun Day that was a joint project with Grace Baptist Church in June, working with the other resident's associations to save a lakefront area for all residents and visitors, attending several Kelowna Council meetings, Kelowna Advisory Planning Commission meetings, the Glenmore Business Network meetings and met with two developers. The guest speakers were introduced.
3. Announcements. - A tour of the Conservatory has been arranged for Monday afternoon. Sign up with Bruce at the break.
4. Guest Speakers.
 - 4.1 Ellen Morrison, ComPASS Public Transit Design Project. This is one of the submissions that won a grant from UBCO for sustainability projects in Glenmore last February. It is part of Ellen's MA work in Transportation Engineering. The intent of the study is to decrease the number of single occupancy vehicles on the road. The steering group has been working in the spring and over the summer. There is one final public Design Workshop at Glenmore Elementary School on Tuesday, September 20th at 6:30 PM. The final report will be presented at UBCO at the end of September. The report will also be presented to City Council for funding for a pilot project in Glenmore.
 - 4.2 Preservation Farm at UBCO. Claude Desmarais and Kyle Conne. Claude is the professorial sponsor of the Preservation Farm a sustainability project in Glenmore. Currently getting the students to take the reins. Kyle explained the Preservation Farm Initiative is a student run forum for sustainability in food production. The farm is located on Curtis Road. The first harvest came off this past summer. The food goes to the Gospel Mission and the Food Bank. The rest is sold at the Farmer's Market. An interdisciplinary object is to measure

the impact of farming on the population. Another goal is to train community members to grow their own chemical free food.

4.3 Terry Barton, Manager, Parks and Places Infrastructure Planning spoke about the history and steps that have led up to the proposed Glenmore Recreational Park for the south east corner of the Valley Road and Longhill Road intersection. The team plans for all different aspects of infrastructure in Kelowna. Over the years some planning divisions did not leave a lot of good space for a decent park in Glenmore. There are no large plots of land remaining in Glenmore. The Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) is a provincially appointed body tasked with protecting and retaining agricultural land. "Community Benefit" is not in the mandate of the various provincial bodies whose scope is generally very narrow.

The park proposal is waiting for the ALC to rule on the City's request to remove the land from the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR). The Development of the proposed park and buildings on it is currently a big "IF". There is no guarantee at this time that the project will be successful. The proposed facilities are similar to those at the Ben Lee Park in Rutland. The Infrastructure Planning Team will work with the community on the park development.

5. Refreshments. The meeting recessed for refreshments.
6. Guest Speaker. Mayor Sharon Shepherd. Had just returned from a meeting in Victoria with the Minister of Transportation.

The 2030 Official Community Plan (OCP) has just received approval. The previous OCP noted four town centres, Downtown City Centre, Rutland, Pandosy by the Lake and Highway 97/Sprigfield . The newly recognised town centre of the Capri/Landmark area is the fifth town centre in the new OCP. Glenmore is considered a Village centre in the OCP. The area around Kelowna General Hospital to Cottonwoods has been identified as the Hospital Precinct. Other neighbourhoods near the hospital have been identified as Character areas so that they can remain as single family housing.

Lots of planning has taken place at the airport and is ongoing. The connector from Glenmore Road to UBCO is a priority with this council and hopefully with the next. There may be a restriction on the Glenmore Recreation Park site to ban buildings.

The Kelowna rental market has gone from zero to about seven percent due to the glut of condos.

There will be an open house on September 27th at the Laurel Museum regarding sustainability and having a better quality of life. A new senior's building will be attached to the Parkinson Rec Centre. After completion of that project, the senior centre on Water Street will be demolished. Then the Yacht Club will build a new building at that location. When the old yacht club facilities come down, Stuart Park will be expanded.

There needs to be more regular communication with the resident's associations. Input from the community to the needs list is lacking. The list of Resident's Associations on the City's Website needs to be kept up to date.

The Kelowna residential to business property tax ratio is one to 2.38, one of the lowest municipal ratios. The current issue for businesses is transit. There is a problem for potential employees to get to the employer's premises for 6:00 AM.

The mayor felt that enforcement of a cat bylaw would be very costly.

A member suggested that Glenmore should have some "Agriculture in Progress" signs similar to South East Kelowna.

7. Other Items. None.
8. Announcements.
 - The GVCA Annual General Meeting is planned for November 23rd, 2011.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 by general consent.

Minutes recorded by Bruce Gillon