



Glenmore Valley Community Association

Minutes of the Wednesday, March 27th, 2013

General Meeting

Kelowna Bible Chapel

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

25 members and guests in attendance.

- 1.1 Kim Dodds called the General Meeting to order at 7:05 PM.
- 1.2 Approval of Agenda as circulated, moved by John Harling, seconded by Graeme James; Carried.

- 2.1 Kim introduced himself and the directors.

- 2.2 Announcements.
 - The annual Brandt's Creek Clean up is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th.
 - Kim handed out Graffiti Hot Line cards [with the phone number].
 - The Open House for the proposed rezoning and OCP amendments for 1982 Kane Road is on Wednesday April 3rd, 7 to 9 PM at the Jewish Community Centre, 102 Snowsell Street.

3. Guest Speaker(s).

The proposed speaker for the Mini Blocks Program of the Block Watch Program is out of town this week. The alternate speaker, after reading the article in the paper this morning, felt that they were not prepared to make a presentation this evening as did not have enough knowledge of the Glenmore area.

- 4.1 Traffic Safety. Kim described the difficulty that he had in attempting to have someone from the City attend this meeting to address traffic safety measures. Many of the other Community Associations in Kelowna are having the same difficulty. This seems strange when the City has just had a survey regarding citizen's ability to communicate with the City. One person recounted his conversation with Brian Olivier, a city transportation engineer. He was told that no one from the City would attend the meeting this evening because they were afraid of being a whipping boy. This may be due to the City being criticized with regard to other projects in Kelowna.

The high usage of Jack Robertson Park has created excess traffic and

4.1 Continued.

parking problems because some users of the park are commuting from outside of the immediate neighbourhood. [The surrounding residents are a victim of the Park's success.]

It was reported that a current 60 unit project near Capri Mall had to pay for a Traffic Survey. The 40 unit Skyview Terraces project did not have to pay for a Traffic Survey. Normally, Traffic Surveys are not required for projects of less than 100 units. It was also reported that before the City sold the property at 1515 Highland Drive North, a minimal look at traffic concluded that there would be no problem.

The main concern is that the un-controlled intersection at Clifton Road and Highland Drive North will be made more difficult with the addition of 40 families at 1515 Highland Drive North and potentially another 20 families directly to the East. When the new water main project under Clifton Road was announced in 2010, it was stated that Clifton Road would be widened to four lanes when funding became available. With four lanes, due to the proximity to Clement Road and the hill at the intersection, the Clifton Road and Highland Drive North intersection would have to be a right in right out configuration for safety. The result of that configuration would require that motor vehicle drivers would have to take detour through one of two neighbourhoods to go towards the downtown area. This, of course would create other problems for these neighbourhoods.

Some suggestions for presenting the problems and proposed constructive solutions were presented and discussed.

Politicians, apparently, do not like statistics [numbers]. The Association needs to tell the City "Here are the numbers." "You are not living up to your own policies."

"You asked for our input and you do not appear to be listening!"

Maybe the Advisory Planning Commission should be reinstated.

Need to get political and get a grass roots candidate who is willing to listen to the citizens.

The pedestrian crosswalk near the Park entrance would be safer if it was aligned with the walkway between 1650 and 1660 Willow Crescent.

The western orphaned fraction of Highland Drive North and the sharp narrow intersections at Willow Crescent and Blondeaux Crescent are a safety concern.

- 5.0 The meeting recessed for a short refreshment break.
- 5.1 The meeting was recalled to order. Draw for the Door Prize. Dave McCoubrey won the gift certificate for photography work at XX .
- 6.1 Traffic Calming Measures.

It was agreed to look at the best ways to approach these issues.

We should concentrate on two or 3 safety issues. List the issues and propose solutions.

Contact Council to discuss the issues and proposed solutions.
[Maxine Dehart, Mohini Singh, Robert Hobson, and Colin Basran].
[Mention that there was no representation of the city at this meeting. The city sold the property at 1515 Highland Drive North and should have sent someone to attend].

If required, contact the media.

Issues:

- Put the emphasis on safety, not the property.
- Children's safety – hidden walkway at Jack Robertson Park north entrance.
- Alignment of intersection at Willow Crescent and Highland Drive N.

Solutions. Kim recorded names and contact info of people interested to work as sub-committee on proposing solutions for these safety issues.

Several people volunteered to deliver flyers to let people in the affected area know of the sub-committee.

- 7. Member Business or motions. There was none.
- 8. Announcements.
 - The next General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29th.
- 9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM, by general consent.

Minutes recorded by Bruce Gillon