



## Glenmore Valley Community Association

Minutes of the Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

### General Meeting

Grace Baptist

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

25 members and guests in attendance.

#### Item

1. Kim Dodds called the General Meeting to order at 7:15 PM.
2. Kim introduced himself, the directors and the guest speaker, Glenda Cooper.
3. Guest Speaker. Glenda Cooper is the Kelowna Neighbourhood Development Co-ordinator.

A few years ago the City surveyed residents to see what they valued in their area of the City. Out of that the City set up the Strong Neighbourhoods program and the position Neighbourhood Development Co-ordinator was created.

It has been estimated that a lack neighbourhood connections is similar to smoking 15 cigarettes a day.

In 2015 the city enabled 11 neighbourhood groups, both large and small, to put on neighbourhood events. For 2016, the city would like to provide funding for 15 events. The City requests each applicant group to match the grant by raising funds in cash or in kind. The grants go up to 1,000 dollars.

Areas that the grants can be used are Safety, Increase neighbourhood capacity of leadership, and social offerings. Examples of social offerings from last year were block potluck picnics and little free libraries. New for 2016 Youth development and engagement grants.

Please visit the web site at [Kelowna.ca/neighbourhoods](http://Kelowna.ca/neighbourhoods) for program information and Grant applications. There are pictures of last year's neighbourhood events. The *'Introducing Strong Neighbourhoods'* video is also here.

There will be a Neighbourhood Day – Get to know your neighbours.

Glenda left some information pamphlets on the table for members to

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3. Neighbourhood Development, Continued.

take.

Together we are connected building strong neighbourhoods.  
Kim thanked Glenda for her presentation.

4. The meeting recessed for a short refreshment break.

Kim reconvened the meeting.

5. Kim announced the sixth annual Glenmore Family Fun Day. It will be on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> in the parking lot at the back of Grace Baptist Church. The poster will be e-mailed out.

A few members volunteered to assist with the Fun Day event. They will be notified of the next GFFD meeting.

A member inquired if the City could be approached to see if Highland Drive North could be made one way only west bound during the event.

A member asked if GVCA will be offering flea market tables this year. That can be incorporated.

6. Kim mentioned that many community associations in BC and Alberta are using Facebook rather than web sites these days for communicating with members. Kim noted that we would like to do that and need some assistance to get started. Two people may be able to assist with creating a Facebook presence for GVCA.

7. A member asked how to contact the City about problems. Kim advised that the City's Kelowna.ca web page has a Service Request button. Also on the page is an e-Subscribe button. The City sends out information on several subject areas several times a month.

The Service Request could be used to ask for a cross walk between the Glen Park Village Mall and Brandt's Crossing Shopping Centre. Street light outages can also be reported here.

Questions were asked about Heritage, densification and green space.

8. A Brandt's Creek Clean Up could be organized for this year.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM, by general consent.

Minutes recorded by Bruce Gillon