

Hamilton Heights Neighbourhood Association Executive Meeting Minutes

Oct 08, 2020

Attendees:

Jennifer Peterson Tom Wright Ingo Klose Mark Chevalier Andrew Dye Pam Pike

Meeting commenced at 7:05pm

General Administration:

Mark nominated Jennifer as a Director of the Hamilton Heights Neighbourhood Association. Tom seconded the nomination. All voted in favour of the new Director. Congratulations Jennifer!

All agreed that we will look to have an Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the new year.

Financial:

Current balance: \$341

Gardening:

Deborah applied for a Vancouver Foundation Small City grant due to the program limitations on the regular grant opportunities not being available due to COVID restrictions. (Traditionally HHNA has received a grant for the block party).

A Grant was awarded for the community gardens in the amount of \$300. All garden volunteers have been given equal quantity of bulbs purchased to date noting these bulbs have now been planted. \$222 of the \$300 in total has been used to date.

Additional options for the remaining grant funds include the following:

- signs for each garden including the our logo along with noting the volunteers who attend the

gardens. Signs must be durable and damage resistant. - signs for "pick-up your dog poo" for the neighbourhood.

Current garden volunteers include the following people:

- Deborah looks after the Cumberland garden with assistance from Valarie, Margie and Andrew
- Teresa looks after 20th garden with assistance from Jennifer and Margaret
- Pam looks after 21st garden with support from Marie and Evi

The garden volunteers are looking for more volunteers for next year as the current volunteers may not be available 100 percent next year! Any and all assistance is greatly appreciated.

Additionally, Pam has some more bird houses which she will provide to Jennifer for an "arts day" with the neighbourhood kids.

Concrete bridge update:

The City has advised that the bridge will be relocated to another City park (Sun Rise Park). The City has not provided any signage as promised for the bridge in its current location. The City has advised that the bridge will be relocated into the gravel fields next to the material storage areas. As a neighbourhood group, we have suggested that this would be a waste of tax payers money and could attract issues such as parties, graffiti etc in the proposed location.

Other Neighbourhood Issues:

The "Welcome to Hamilton Heights" tile art work has not been installed and as a group we need to follow-up again with the City to determine timing.

The current closure of the washrooms at the sport fields is a concern noting that apparently all the other City Park bathrooms are open. We will follow-up with the City.

Noted the issue of the sports field entrance chain not being up all the time which is a general safety concern.

Noted that the homeless person camping behind the School Board Works Yard has been given notice from the District as this is not a permanent place to camp.

General neighbourhood awareness message: If you see anyone in the area behaving inappropriately, and or having activity within the neighbourhood such as property and or car break-ins etc., please ensure this is reported to the RCMP! Report all incidents as this will assist the RCMP in their statistics and community watch schedules. As an additional suggestion, please do not leave items in your vehicle, car port or yard as this attracts unwanted behaviour.

Halloween:

How do we as a neighbourhood association assist and advise the on this item?

For Trick or Treating protocols, please reference the link below to obtain the current details from the BC Centre of Disease Control.

## http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/social-interactions/halloween

Hamilton Heights Neighbourhood Association will also Post this information on Facebook noting that households should follow the guide lines. Additionally, as a neighbourhood, we would suggest that households do not encourage other neighbourhoods to come to trick or treat here, respect individual household decisions and please ensure guidelines as checked periodically as additional updates may occur in these pandemic times.

All households and individual families need to make your own informed decisions based on the current information available. As a Neighbourhood Association, from a liability approach, we can only provide the current recommendations from the Province.

Lucas Center update:

Pam had requested an update from the School Board but nothing has transpired to date. Pam to forward details for contact to allow Andrew to follow-up.

New topics:

Discussed the current water front commercial and residential development has started to move forward along with the Capilano Mall re-development planning process which can be viewed online for additional details.

The street light on the corner of Nelson and 20th has come up through the City with the City requesting feedback and recommendations from the immediate neighbours to see what needs to be done in terms of relocating and or other options.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25pm