

Minutes Fort Richmond/University Heights Neighbourhood Association

Annual General Meeting,

May 25, 2017

Call to Order – 7:05

Welcome and thank you – Jacquie Field Vice- Chair Communications

Jacquie welcomed everyone, thanked them for coming and for their active involvement in the organization. She also thanked the outgoing Board of Directors, Denise Crosby – Chair, Jacquie Field - Vice Chair Communications, Cora Dupuis – Vice Chair Volunteers, Jason Nedohin-Macek – Secretary Treasurer, Jason Zhu – International Relations. She extended a special thanks to Janice Lukes – City Councilor for all her support and the support of her office.

In addition Jacquie thanked Olga Bazan for her work monitoring the Kijiji site for inappropriate rental postings and the street captains for their work this year.

History Presentation - Kathy Stokes

Kathy shared the history of Kings Park from a hundred years ago to today. Many changes have happened since the old agricultural days, to early cottage country, to Ladco development and mature neighbourhood.

Neighbourhood Association Report – Jacquie Field Chair Communications

Jacquie highlighted the activities of the association over the past year.

Working from a list of the top concerns identified at the last AGM that included:

- The increasing number of homes that were being rented to students in what appear to be a rooming house model.
- The number of students that are living in a single family rental homes sometimes reaching as many as 10 per home.
- The safety of these living situations, size of basement windows, smoke detectors, rodent control
- The declining live ability of these homes including the length of grass, weed control, garbage, noise and the number of vehicles parked

The Neighbourhood Association took the following actions:

- Developed a Mission, Vision and Values statement to guide our work,
- Developed a website www.neighbourhoodassociation.ca with information on City of Winnipeg bylaws that govern these topics for both residents and renters. This included letters that can be copied and put in mailboxes to inform people of the bylaws. Residents have been encouraged to report infractions and patiently follow up with 311 and the bylaw enforcement employees.
- Developed postcards to inform residents and renters of the webpage. Set up street captains for most streets to deliver these postcards twice last year. The street captains also created a list of suspected rentals that could be shared with the taxation department to ensure proper procedures were being implemented
- Two meetings with Uof M staff.
- Distributed postcards through welcome packages to new international students and set up a booth at the Student Orientation to distribute the postcards and welcome the students to the neighbourhood.
- Arrange with the Planning/Design 1 students to study the neighbourhood and report on recommendations to assist us moving forward. They presented to the community in two community consultations and created 3 excellent documents to inform our actions for the future.
- Supported Janice in a number of neighbourhood meetings on topics of interest such as, fire safety regulations, bylaw enforcement, landlord responsibilities.
- Supported Janice in getting the parking violations moved from the bylaw responsibility to the parking authority.
- Supported Janice's motion to have the city research best practices in other jurisdictions around rental licensing.
- Meeting and sharing ideas with other Neighbourhood Associations.

City Councilor Report – Janice Lukes

Janice raised two concerns that she needs community support and input on.

Firstly, to identifying the data that would be useful for analysis to assist communities in planning and assessing their strategies for improvement.

Second there will be a community consultation on the licensing of rental properties.

She called for volunteers to help with these two areas. A number of people indicated their interest.

Nomination Report – Jacquie Field Vice- Chair Communications

The following slate of Board members was presented and approved: Jacquie Field/ Bob Newman

Chair – Jacquie Field

Vice Chair – Denise Crosby

Secretary- Treasurer – Mariyln Iwanick

Street Captain Coordinator – Gord Carson

Technical Communications Coordinator – Joey Pothe

Student Outreach – Kerri Johnson (volunteered following the meeting)

City Councilor – Janice Lukes

MLA – Sarah Guilmond

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People were encouraged to donate money to help fund some of our activities.

People were encouraged to sign up as street captains and for the two committees outlined during the meeting.

A question and answer period followed

Adjournment 8:30