

King East Neighbourhood Association (KENA)

**General Membership Meeting**

Thursday March 31, 2016

Art District Gallery, 301 King Street East

Start Time: 7:00pm - 9:20pm

**Present:** Annie Doran, Carin Lowerison, Megan Anderson, Taryn Klinkman, Jennifer Adams, Skylar Van Kruistum, 6 members, and 3 guests (15 total)

**Regrets:** Angela Spitale

**1. Colouring “Colour My Hood” Books and Social**

**2. Welcome/Introduction of the Art Gallery**

Jax Rula

- It's a co-operative - each member plays a role in helping the gallery function
- The Arty Gallery likes to focus on modern contemporary artists
- It has 14 members that are a part of the co-op and they rotate their art every six weeks

**3. Explanation of Neighbourhood Strategy**

Darren Kropf

- The city of Kitchener is developing a strategy to capitalize on neighbourhoods strengths and make neighborhoods even better. They are asking for input from the community members to see what neighbours want to see. The strategies will be developed and built on what the community wants to see. The City of Kitchener is looking for volunteers to be a part of their “Street Team” to conduct short interviews and gather information for the strategy. There will also be online tools and focus groups. The strategy will be written and presented to council in December 2016. For more information and resources including team minutes: [kitchener.ca/neighbourhoods](http://kitchener.ca/neighbourhoods) or call or email Darren Kropf 519-741-2200 ext 7083, [darren.kropf@kitchener.ca](mailto:darren.kropf@kitchener.ca)

**4. Updates on Activities**

**Website**

Annie Doran

- The website is up and running
- KENA is looking for someone who is comfortable with Wordpress to volunteer to help out with the website.
- Please contact [kena.kitchener@gmail.com](mailto:kena.kitchener@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering your time

## **Newsletter**

Carin Lowerison

- The newsletter will be created and distributed quarterly
- We will be looking for neighbourhood content as well as a volunteers to help format the newsletter. This person would be an active community member who comes to general meetings
- We are also looking for community members to volunteer on our distribution team.
- Please contact [kena.kitchener@gmail.com](mailto:kena.kitchener@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

## **Winter Carnival**

Carin Lowerison

- The first Winter Carnival was a huge success
- We had approximately 200 people attend throughout the course of the afternoon/evening
- The event seemed to be well received by the community. The feedback received was all positive. Many people commented that the event was “friendly, and authentic.”

## **Bashful Butterfly**

Taryn Klinkman

- The painting party was successful. The event seemed to be well attended by families. We painted a lot of butterfly wings and now we need to start assembling the butterflies.
- We are looking for volunteers to help with assembly - please contact Taryn Klinkman if you are interested in volunteering [klinktaryn@hotmail.com](mailto:klinktaryn@hotmail.com) or 519-497-5311. This is an activity that is not kid friendly as we will be using glue and varnish.
- We do not have an exact date set for the game to begin as of yet but we are aiming for the end of April. If you are interested in being a “starter” (the person who gets the game going on your street) please contact Taryn Klinkman

## **Weber Crossing**

Skylar Van Kruistrum

- There will be reconstruction on Weber in 2018.
- We have some concerns that we would like to see addressed before the final plan is approved by Council. Our concerns include - sidewalks will be right beside the road, They will be getting rid of all old growth trees (they do plan to replant), We are petitioning for a crossing at Fairview.
- The recent pedestrian count was quite high and the City of Kitchener will take this data and reassess their current plan. Council will be meeting with members of our community to hear our concerns and have an open discussion about their plan.

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

Jennifer Adams

- We are still looking for Watch Captains on **Onward, Fairview, Stirling, King and Weber**
- Beginning in April, representatives will come to begin to gather information and then the Watch will be up and running ASAP
- In the meantime please be diligent in reporting suspicious activity to police. Any safety concerns or info to share with police please e-mail Constable McIlmoyle

dwayne.mcilmoyle@wrps.on.ca (he wants details: licence plates, descriptions, times, activity etc).

- We have also started a *KENA Neighbourhood Watch* Facebook group to share information

## **5. Intensification of our neighbourhood, summary of community consultation meeting and brief discussion - Annie Doran**

- KENA will have representation at these meetings to bring the neighbourhoods voice to the table.
- Community engagement is key and all members of KENA are welcome to give feedback.
- A group brainstorming session was conducted to consider two questions - What are the core characteristics of your street? How will KENA benefit from higher residential numbers? (Please see attached documents)

## **6. New Activities**

### **Rain Barrel Fundraiser**

Megan Anderson

- KENA is hosting a rain barrel fundraiser - for every \$50 spent KENA will receive \$10. We have to sell a minimum of 50 barrels.
- For more information please see [www.rainbarrel.ca/kena](http://www.rainbarrel.ca/kena)
- Deliveries will be made on April 22 and 23, 2016. We are looking for 10 volunteers to handout barrels at Rockway Mennonite Church (47 Onward) on the Saturday morning and to assist with deliveries.
- Please share the event on Facebook, talk to neighbours and relatives, or anywhere else you have a connection so that we can keep this initiative going.

### **Garden Swap**

Megan Anderson

- This event is being hosted by KENA and CFNA (Central Frederick Neighbourhood Association). It appears this event could be quite large as 69 people have said they are attending on Facebook.
- The idea of the event is to bring your perennials that need to be separated and your extra seedlings and houseplants to trade with other gardeners. There will be an organized method to swapping to keep things fair.
- Any extras will be sold at the end of the event to raise money for KENA's future Community Garden and CFNA's refugee resettlement.
- Date: May 7, 2016 - check in at 8:30am and the sale will begin at 9:00am.

### **Ray of Hope Dinner**

Jennifer Adams

- Will take place on Monday May 30th
- The cost of the event is \$500 - Donors are being sought by Jennifer.
- The event will begin at 3:30pm - dinner will be prepared in the Ray of Hope kitchen. This event will require **15 volunteers**.
- Ray of Hope Community Centre serves a wide variety of people from our community. For more information please refer to [www.rayofhope.net](http://www.rayofhope.net)

- This meal will benefit 200-250 people
- Please contact KENA if you are interested in participating at [kena.kitchener@gmail.com](mailto:kena.kitchener@gmail.com)

### **Porch View Dances**

Carin Lowerison

- Event will take place on June 25, 2016 (with the rain date, or additional date, of June 26, 2016 scheduled as an alternative) at 1:00pm and will run for approximately 1 hour.
- This event is being hosted by the Registry Theatre. Several families from our neighbourhood will be participating
- The event will include professional choreographers creating dances for families in our neighbourhood to perform in their front yards. The Contemporary School of Dance will be dancing on Duke Street and will perform a “flash dance style” piece at the Kitchener Market
- The Registry Theatre is looking for insight into a community event to partner with.

### **KENA Yard Sale**

Annie Proxy

- Will take place June 18, 2016 from 8am-2pm
- This event was huge success last year and will run again this year but will be KENA wide
- The event is being headed up by **Liana Field**
- A suggested 5-10% donation from each household participating is recommended and will go to the KENA general fund to be applied to future events.

### **Canada Day Party**

Annie Doran

- KENA will not be hosting the party this year.

### **Community Garden**

Annie Doran

- KENA is presently looking for volunteers with different skill sets to assist with this project - finances, planning, maintenance etc.
- KENA is looking for a Project Manager to head up this project.
- Meeting 10am April 10, 2016 at 54 Betzner St. N (Becca's house) to discuss this initiative further

## **7. Other Business**

### **Community Car Share**

Heather Bigelow

- There is a location in our neighbourhood on Cameron and King (2 cars)
- For more information visit [www.communiycarshare.ca](http://www.communiycarshare.ca)

### **KCNER Update**

Angela Spitale (Annie Proxy)

- Volunteer drivers are always needed to transport the family to and from appointments.
- Baby Rimas' leg is healing, she will be able to have the cast off in another week.