

27 February 2018

Attendees:

Druh Farrell, Councillor Ward 7

Dale Calkins, Ward 7

Iris Li, Business Improvement Area (BIA) Partnership Coordinator, City of Calgary

Brandi Kapell, Business Improvement Area (BIA) Partnership Coordinator

Gord Hobbins, Gord's Running Store

Kevin Jesuino, Engagement Coordinator, Crescent Heights Community Association

Jennifer Black, Engagement Director, Crescent Heights Community Association

Kevin Jesuino:

- Upcoming initiatives:
 - Networking hub
 - Village Days
 - Murals
 - Community Hub

Councillor Druh Farrell:

- Connect with the library regarding a pop-up library
- City is currently experimenting with libraries and public transit
- Precedence of partnering with city on city-owned properties to create art/community hubs
- Street artists – international mural festival?
- Work with City on public art funding. Program needs to focus on human-scale art in communities or will lose support.

Jennifer:

- Working on starting a BIA
- Full Moon party this weekend will be kick-off
- Signature due at the end of March – 25% of businesses
- Hold up right now is assessment data with list of businesses – can't officially start doorknocking without that list. It's getting critical to have that information to meet the March 30 deadline.
- Big changes are going to be coming to Centre Street as a result of Green Line and Main Streets, businesses need a voice.

Gord:

- More pedestrian traffic would be good for his business
- When Centre Street was under construction, business went way up
- Lack of 2-hour parking in neighbourhood would be an issue.

Councillor Farrell:

- Kensington waves permit-only parking during special events
- Partner with Green Line's "taking care of business" initiative
- If businesses are organized, will make it significantly better for them
- Another group is interested in forming a BIA on 16th Avenue. Some businesses may want to be part of the Chinatown BIA.
- How was boundary selected?

Jennifer:

- Centre Street is heart of our community, decided to start there. Wanted to bite off something manageable. Can always be expanded later.

Kevin:

- Centre Street is unfortunately not closed until 6 PM this year. Wanted to have a waterfight – can the Ward 7 help in getting it closed earlier?

Councillor Farrell:

- Yes, if no luck with City, loop back in with Ward 7 office.