



## Minutes – Dec 4th, 2024 Elmwood Community Center

KCCB's mission: to inspire and educate individuals to take daily actions to improve and beautify their community environment.

KCCB's vision: To create a community where everyone enjoys a clean, green, and beautiful place to live, work and play.

**ATTENDANCE:** Dana Stahl, Monica Battreal, Jim Peterson, Steve Dodd, Karin Forrest, Debbie Vidlak, Rachel Brandenburg, Elizabeth Umshler, Cindy Cruse

**ABSENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:16pm

### OLD BUSINESS

1. **Approve November Minutes** – Motion by Peterson to approve November Meeting Minutes; Second by Forrest; All in favor, none opposed – motion approved.
2. **Approve November Treasurer's Reports** – Motion by Forrest to approve November Treasurer's Reports; Second by Battreal; All in favor, none opposed – motion approved.
3. **Update on Pumpkins and Holiday Lights drive** – Pumpkin collection has ended but fencing is still up. Four truckloads of pumpkins were collected. Holiday lights drive is still open: collection is available in most villages.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. **Fill Open VP position?** Lois Froistad has resigned her board seat, requiring appointment of a new Vice President.
  - Should the VP position be filled before the next round of elections? If yes, what would the process be?
    - Eligible members: Forrest, Peterson, Dodd, Battreal. Members will consider and discuss further/vote at January's meeting.
2. **KCCB Intern** – \$5,000 in funds remain that must be used before December 31<sup>st</sup>. Consider hiring an intern for special projects.
  - Sydney Honaker is an interested volunteer. We could consider recruiting her as an intern.
    - What special projects could she work on? Social media projects?
  - Also plan to pay Tristan and Maci Cruse to assist Cindy with recycling while Dana is traveling.
3. **Employee Salaries** – The Board approved a 3.5% pay increase for Dana and 2.5% increase for Cindy, which will go into effect January 1, 2025.

4. **Strategic Planning** – updates from previous meeting? Dana will share the notes from the meeting and plan a follow-up meeting for late January.

## Pending/Ongoing Items of business

### FUTURE MEETINGS- 2025

January 8, Feb 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, Aug 6, Sept 3, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3

### PROGRAMS, INITIATIVES, & DEADLINES

- *Waste in Place*: Youth Environmental Programs upon request
- IRS 941 Payroll Tax Deposit due monthly by the 12<sup>th</sup>
- Adopt-a-Spot program is available for individuals, families, or small groups.

#### **Director's report November:**

Nov 1-30th- Manage Pumpkin Collection

Nov 1 Little Steps to Sustainability presentation Kiwanis Club Bellevue University

Nov 6 KCCB Board meeting via zoom

Nov 8 HyVee Network Event

Nov 11 Recycle show Elmwood and Louisville (10:40 & 2:00)

Nov 12-Recycle All schools

Nov 11 KNB zoom 2-3pm

Nov 14 Sus dinnerware @ Plattsmouth library Humanities event

Nov 15-Jan -Holiday lights recycling drive

Nov 19-20 St. Johns Recycling lessons

Nov 20 Conestoga Enviro Club

Nov 21 Strategic Planning meeting Platts Library

Nov 26 or 27 Recycle all schools/Bus before Thanksgiving

Nov 22 Deliver cups for Nativity event 3B Farm

Nov 30 Pumpkin Recycling END

#### **Director's Report Upcoming Activities December:**

Dec 1-end Holiday recycling collection drive

Dec 3 Enviro Club Holiday Party

Dec 4 KCCB Board meeting/Holiday party

Dec 3-6 Conestoga Recycling lessons

Dec 4 deliver cups for Victorian Christmas event

Dec 9 KNB zoom meeting @2:00pm

#### **KCCB Positive news:**

We held our first strategic planning meeting, light and pumpkin collection going well! Received our public ed NDEE Grant reimb for \$24,000, received our \$10,000 sponsorship from the County.

#### **Board Member shout outs:**

Thank you Steve for helping with the recycle route in November! Thank you Rachel for leading our strategic planning meeting and Lois, Steve, Monica and Cindy for attending.

#### **\*\*Current Board of Directors & positions\*\***

President: Elizabeth Umshler Jan 2022 (Term Expires Jan 2031)

Vice President: OPEN

Secretary: Debbie Vidlak Jan 2018 (Term Expires Dec 2026)

Treasurer: Rachel Brandenburg Nov 2020 (Term Expires Jan 2030)

Member: Karin Forrest Dec 2020 (Term Expires Jan 2030)

Member: Jim Peterson January 2024- (Term Expires 2033)

Member: Steve Dodd – Jan 2022 (Term expires 2031)

**CALL TO CLOSE:** 7:34pm