

**Riverview Park Community Association  
April 9, 2012 Meeting minutes**

**Present:** Carole Moulton, Stefan Dubowski, Sherry McPhail, Alan Landsberg, Paul Puritt, Karin Endemann,

**Absent:** Nazish Ahmad, Kris Nanda, Nadine Chamorel, Patrick Meagher, Marian O'Connor

**Next meeting:** May 9, 2012, 7pm Cancer Wellspring House

**Actions from meeting:**

- **Karin** to send Alan's letter to P. Hume
- **Carol** to write letter to Doug James to save trees near Pigeon on Industrial Ave
- **Alan** to write cheque for Fat Cats package, bring it to Karin for co-signing and mail/take it to Linx Stadium
- **Stefan** to find out Fat Cats games schedule
- **Sherry** to take on Street Reps program: email Karin to send material
- **Stefan** to take on duty of minutes
- **Carol** to send Marian Garage Sale ad
- **Carol** to book table from RAS for Garage Sale
- **Karin** to send blurb to Marian to advertise on website for community to do a group buy on ash tree removal
- **Sherry** to ask Waterbomber if they want to play May 12 11am-2pm (for a baseball game box?)
- **Paul** to ask his granddaughter if she could be a face painter for May 12 event
- **Planning committee member** to contact Kim Hiscott for more information on the Andrew Fleck proposal
- **Alan** to look up petty cash policy from minutes in 2010
- **Nazish, Sherry & Carol** to put up Garage Sale signs ~ May 24
- **Kris** to follow up on Carleton Heights letter about rezoning bylaws.

1. **Called to order at 7:15 p.m.**

2. **Agenda approved**

3. **Approval of March Board meeting minutes (with changes) and review of action items**

4. **Committee reports:**

**Communications: Marian O'Connor: absent, no report**

**Planning and Development: Kris Nanda: sent in report, Karin read**

a. **Alta Vista Transportation Corridor (AVTC)/National Defence Medical Centre (NDMC).**

No new updates since last meeting – still waiting to hear about timing for input/consultations for design processes for both AVTC and NDMC. The City continues to work with Ontario Hydro and the rail companies to make the necessary arrangements to resolve issues related to construction of the road and its interface with existing hydro and rail usage right-of-ways. One change that has been publicly shared is that the link to the hospital ring road will be moved westward from its original design.

**b. Proposal involving the Ottawa Carleton District School Board (OCDSB), Riverview Alternative School and Andrew Fleck Child Care Services (AFCCS).**

We will need to touch base with AFCCS Executive Director Kim Hiscott to confirm invitation back to May 2012 meeting. We should also touch base with OCDSB Trustee Bronwyn Funicello re Board view on future of the site.

**Karin's suggestion:** Schedule Kim's visit for a later month, when there is more information available. Planning committee member to contact Kim for the further information needed by the board.

**c. Perley Hospital Seniors Complex**

Construction continues on the Russell Road 45-unit seniors' housing residence. The pile-driving activity that many residents have heard and felt is due to finish by April 20. The next meeting of Perley's Community Liaison Committee (CLC), is scheduled for April 2012. The PRVHC is also planning a public information session in early May.

**d. Local Pedestrian/Cycling Update.**

The RPCA has also asked for a sidewalk to be constructed on the western side of Russell Road, between Haig and Coronation for safety reasons and to address expected increase in potential pedestrian usage, given the new developments that are coming.

The RPCA has also asked city staff to investigate measures which could make travel safer for cyclists on Smyth Road between Alta Vista and the McIlraith Bridge over the Rideau River that connects with Main Street. Unfortunately, plans to rehabilitate the bridge and install bike lanes have once again been delayed as work to renovate the bridge – originally planned for 2009 – have now been put off until at least 2013.

**e. Redevelopment of 1757 Russell Road /1740 St. Laurent Blvd (Alta Vista Ridge)**

While the proposed complex is generally viewed as a good use of underutilized land and an example of smart intensification, the main concern is ensuring traffic flow is maintained along Russell Road, given the proximity of the Alta Vista Ridge entrance to that of the Perley Veterans Complex across the street and the Haig Road intersection.

A few ways have been suggested to addressing issues of vehicular congestion and pedestrian safety. These measures include special left turn lanes into both the Perley Complex and Alta Vista Ridge would help alleviate the congestion somewhat, increasing the frequency of bus service (particularly during peak times), constructing a sidewalk on the west side of Russell Road and installing a pedestrian activated signal or intersection/crosswalk at the Perley entrance to allow people to safely cross Russell.

**f. Highway 417.**

As part of the staging process, certain city-owned property would need to be disposed of and the pathways on both sides of the Rideau River north of the old Hurdman Railway bridge could be closed during construction. The RPCA has written city officials asking that any disruption for pedestrians and cyclists be mitigated.

**g. Proposal for apartment or seniors residence at 340 Industrial:**

Work is ongoing. Pedestrian path between Alta Vista/Industrial and Neighbourhood Way/Coronation is temporarily closed during construction as is Northbound Neighbourhood Way.

Under the approved site plan for this project, the developer is required to design and construct sidewalks fronting the Industrial Avenue and Neighbourhood Way public right-of-ways and to also connect with City owned land as per approved servicing plan (to provide a pedestrian connection from or to the site) and in accordance with City standards. No changes in the width of Neighbourhood where it intersects with Industrial.

**h. Upcoming Events**

FCA (Federation of Citizens Associations of Ottawa-Carleton)

Next AVPG – Monday April 23

Planning Summit – hosted by the Mayor and Peter Hume on April 26. Register at [https://ottawa.ca/cgi-bin/form.cgi?dir=planning\\_summit&form=form\\_en](https://ottawa.ca/cgi-bin/form.cgi?dir=planning_summit&form=form_en)

CAFES meeting in June in Old Ottawa East (looking at June 9)

**j. Trainyards Update**

Wal-Mart's 40,000 square foot expansion to become a "super centre" with groceries opened to the public on March 30, 2012.

In addition, site preparation has begun on the parcel of land (641-663 Industrial) between the Pioneer Gas Station and the new bus garage facility. The development will include a Farm Boy store and an adjacent LCBO store, and is part of Phase 3 of the Trainyards development. The rest of Phase 3 – which will include several other smaller retail stores further set back from Industrial. – is expected to be completed by 2015.

The RPCA has asked the City to ensure that the complex is adequately serviced by public transit and that there is sufficient infrastructure for safe pedestrians and cyclist access to the site – this would help encourage customers and staff to choose options besides their own vehicles. In addition, we have asked OC Transpo for rationale about reduced bus service on Industrial (and elimination of service on Lancaster). Awaiting a reply from OC Transpo.

At the same time, the parcel at 505-605 Industrial (just east of the Fitness Depot facility) – also owned by the Trainyards – is the subject of a detailed site plan control application. The plan would involve renovating the existing building at 505 Industrial and anew site plan for rest of the parcel. While there are no new specific buildings planned for the site at this time, further commercial development is anticipated.

**Parks, Rec & Environment: Carole Moul**

- Committee met to revise rink proposal and reinstate volunteer gift cards.
- Carol moved that the new rink budget of \$2,554.21 be approved.
- Motion passed, with gift cards replaced by 2 baseball tickets for each of 15 volunteers.

**Street Representatives Program: Nadine Chamorel absent, no report**

**Membership Drive Committee: TBD**

**Treasurer report: Alan Lansberg**

- Alan requested a bank card to check the account online and deposit; Karin is filling out form.
- RPCA received a cheque from Banfield Seguin; it was intended for RPR; Alan handed it over to Carol to give to her bookkeeper.
- Alan will put \$15,000 of RPCA funds in BMO long term savings interest account at 1.5% interest
- RPCA has petty cash policy: \$50 or \$100. Alan will look up in minutes in 2010.

**5. Reports from External Meetings**

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| • Alta Vista Planning Group    | Marian: no report           |
| • Perley Hospital Consultation | Paul: no report from Perley |
| • East of Rideau group         | Alan: no meeting            |
| • FCA meetings                 | Karin: no meeting           |
| • Cafes                        | Kris: no report             |

**6. Fat Cats Community Association package**

The RPCA is buying 100 tickets, 1 box for 12 for entire season, 1 free pitch, 1 community day, all for \$1,186. Suggestions for what to do with the tickets included:

- Draw for 8 tickets at May 12 community safety day (launch of Blair Court Neighbourhood Watch)
- Garage sale Jun 2 membership table draw
- Lifetime service appreciation
- Park cleanup appreciation
- Give 30 tix to 15 rink volunteers
- Donate a box for a game to Blair Court
- Draw for birthday party box for families at RPCA events

**7. RPCA Garage Sale June 2 Nadine Chamorel**

- Carol: the modified signs are ready. Nazish, Sherry & Carol will put up signs around May 24
- Sherry will take on Street Reps program and get as many emails as possible before the sale to eliminate the need for flyers
- Carol made a motion to rent a table from Lindsay Bell for Garage Sale for \$15 on June 2: passed

- Membership table at RAS will offer 3 ticket packages of 8
- Motion passed to raise amount for signs to \$180

**8. Riverview Park Review update Carole Moulton**

- This issue printed 4200 papers; they had to limit the articles.
- RPR will need to set a policy to limit contributions to the community bulletin board.

**9. New business**

- Blair Court, for the May 12 community safety day has asked if the RPCA will have a booth. We will. They asked if we could find some face painters and other entertainers. Sherry, Paul and others are pursuing.
- Replanting to replace ash trees on Station Blvd: Carol talked to Christy Donnelly and they've asked us to wait on the trees. Karin's suggestion: send email and advertise on website for community to do a group buy on ash tree removal.
- Carleton Heights sent a letter to many CAs asking if they'd be interested in developing a rezoning bylaw with them, to become more involved in blocking in-fills that disrespect the character and nature of the neighbourhood: Kris to follow up
- Park cleanup: May 5<sup>th</sup>. Riverview (Sherry&Stefan), Dale, Balena (Kim Fisher), Coronation, Alderburt, Winsor

**10. Adjournment: 9:00**

***Date of next board meeting: 9 May 2012***

***Board of Directors: Carole Moulton, Marian O'Connor, Kris Nanda, Nadine Chamorel, Karin Keyes Endemann, Sherry McPhail, Nazish Ahmad, Stefan Dubowski, Patrick Meagher, Paul Puritt, Alan Landsberg***