

Riverview Park Community Association 10 April, 2013 Meeting minutes

Present: Alan Landsberg, Karin Endemann, Marilyn Minnes, Dianne Hoddinott, Carole Moul, Nadine Chamorel, Paul Puritt, Patrick Meagher, Kris Nanda

Absent: Stefan Dubowski, Sherry McPhail

Next meeting: May 8, 7 p.m., Maplesoft Centre

1. Called to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Approval of agenda

Agenda approved with changes

3. Approval of March Board meeting minutes and review of action items

Minutes approved

4. Presentations

Marty Koshman: President of Controllex, the property developer responsible for the Train Yards retail complex situated in Riverview Park, provided the RPCA Board with an update on proposed developments on both sides of Industrial Avenue, including at 628 Industrial. He was asked about the intersection near Pioneer Gas and disagreed with statements by Pioneer officials that they had not been consulted. RPCA Board members stressed that they had not been consulted and felt that the access to and from the gas station was unsafe. RPCA members also reiterated their opposition to a casino in Ottawa, particularly near the Train Yards, but Koshman said that he had not removed the Train Yards from consideration as a potential site. The RPCA Board thanked Koshman for coming to the meeting and indicated that they would like him to come back again to future meetings.

5. Committee reports

Park & Rec: Carole Moul

1. Spring clean up of the local parks will be on May 4th. at 10 a.m. with the joint effort of the RPCA and Blair Court to be held on May 3rd. at 5:30 p.m. Pizza and drinks will be served to all participants.

2. Louis Comerton contacted Peter Hume with regard to having a berm in Balena Park. Councillor Hume has suggested that Louis look at the locations in 3 parks. Louis has taken pictures at Dovercourt and sent them to people who might have useful input as to where berms could be located in our parks.

3. The Mandaloun Restaurant at Industrial Avenue and Russell Road has been suggested as the venue for our Fall Social. The Parks, Recreation and Environment Committee has too few members to look after both the Social and a Silent Auction. The RPCA will look after the Silent Auction, with Alan Landsberg in charge. The Parks, Recreation, and Environment Committee will organize the Fall Social.

4. Blair Court Community Safety Day will be held on Saturday, May 11th at 11 a.m. Volunteers are required and the RPCA has been asked to help.
5. Marilyn Minnes contacted City Hall and has found out when upcoming upgrades will be coming to our local parks. Dale Park, in a partnership program, will receive a water source for rink flooding in 2013, and there will be a playground upgrade at Hutton Park in 2015. There are also options for upgrading elements in our parks and these were presented to the RPCA.
6. When getting donations Alan will ask businesses their thoughts on a street name change for Industrial Ave.

Planning and Development: Kris Nanda

a. Proposal from John Neale for cycling subcommittee – John Neale has followed up with Susan Scott in Councillor Hume’s office on proposed “Better Biking in Ward 18” event. John would also like a copy of the responses received from other local CAs – any word back yet?

b. Official Plan/City of Ottawa matters – The City process has started for preparing the next Official Plan and Transportation Master Plan in 2013. RPCA has submitted comments including rationale for removing AVTC roadway from the Plan. Awaiting information on when to provide further comments.

Kris participated in the March 23, 2013 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Roundtable that the City is hosting to look at means of reducing GHG emissions in Ottawa

The City is seeking residents' comments on the public engagement strategy from March 25 to April 19 through a series of public meetings and an online survey: ottawa.ca/en/city-hall/public-consultations/public-engagement/public-engagement-strategy-and-consultations . Several citizens’ groups are planning on writing the Mayor and Council to ask for more opportunities to provide input in person rather than just by on-line, citing concerns about transparency.

c. New Intersection for Farm Boy and LCBO/Safe Access issues for Pioneer Concerns have been raised about the implications of the new signalized traffic intersection and traffic island on Industrial at the entrance to Farm Boy, and LCBO. Pioneer shares our concerns and has indicated to the RPCA that it had not been properly consulted about the new traffic arrangement either. Marty Koshman has indicated that the suggested changes were not feasible.

d. Casino issues – no new information on when OLG will announce its preferred site. RPCA should put together site-specific reasons if Stadium or Trainyards is identified as a site. (e.g. traffic congestion, inappropriateness close to residential neighbourhood) No official reply from Marty to letter from RPCA (Karin) expressing opposition to his offer to have casino at the Trainyards.

e. Trainyards Expansion across Industrial Ave (628 Industrial) –No Marty Koshman invited to attend RPCA meeting on April 10 to provide more information on proposal to build several buildings on site of former pool warehouse (directly across new access road to Farm Boy/LCBO) Would back onto Coronation (near Weyburn) Need more details but buildings will be smaller than big boxes on north side of the road. RPCA will want to provide input including call for sidewalks on south side of Industrial

f. Alta Vista Transportation Corridor (AVTC)/National Defence Medical Centre (NDMC). No new updates on design process for AVTC or on NDMC lands. No official confirmation whether NDMC has yet been transferred to Canada Lands Corporation (CLC) from DND. Kris has emailed the CLC lead official for this file and is awaiting a response.

g. Proposal involving the Ottawa Carleton District School Board (OCDSB), Riverview Alternative School and Andrew Fleck Child Care Services (AFCCS). Kim Hiscott from AFCCS has informed us that the AFCCS project is on hold indefinitely. Kris has emailed her to see if anything has changed.

h. Perley Hospital Seniors Complex - The Russell Road 45-unit seniors' housing residence is scheduled to be ready for occupancy by March 2013. Any word on official opening date?

i. Redevelopment of 1757 Russell Road /1740 St. Laurent Blvd (Alta Vista Ridge)- No word back from City on suggestions for addressing issues of vehicular congestion and pedestrian safety given the proximity of the Alta Vista Ridge entrance to that of the Perley Veterans Complex across the street and the Haig Road intersection.

j. 340 Industrial (Riverstone Retirement Home):- No response back yet from David Graham (Riverstone Retirement Home Marketing Director) re suggested traffic/infrastructure improvement to raise with the City (as per the December 12 RPCA Board meeting.) Kris has followed up with David via email and phone call

k. Other Items

CAFES –next meeting scheduled for late spring. They are wondering whether the RPCA can host the event.

Communications: Dianne

- Sherry was looking at different options to change our website – we'll continue to search for a better version

Street Representatives Program: TBD

Membership Drive Committee: TBD

Treasurer's report: Alan Landsberg

- RPCA bank activity:

No update

9. Adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Date of next board meeting: 8 May 2013: Starting at 7pm, Maplesoft

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