

**Riverview Park Community Association
April 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Karin Keyes Endemann, Alan Landsberg, Kris Nanda, Heather Dunlop, Jane Rutherford, Dianne Hoddinott, Carole Moul, Anne Stairs

Absent: Paul Puritt, Marilyn Minnes, Nadine Chamourel

Guests: Marty Koshman from Trainyards and Mick Kitor from Eastway Gardens

Next meeting: May 14, 2014 6:45 p.m Maplewood Retirement Community

Actions from April meeting:

1. Called to order at 6:50 p.m.

2. Agenda approved

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

-Alan approached Rona and they will provide 500 cards to hand out to volunteers
-Heather brought map of Riverview Park and board members were assigned streets to canvass for membership drive

Marty advised that Belfast Road will be closed at the end of April with no prior notice. The bridge on Belfast could be closed for up to one year and Belfast Rd. south of the 417 could be closed for two years. The ramps at St. Laurent and the Queensway are closing off and on all summer. There appears to be no plan for traffic movement in the area.

The lumber yard is presently under demolition. A 3-metre wide pathway to Coronation will be built in 2015.

Mick advised construction of a tunnel from the Confederation light rail line to the Belfast Road maintenance facility. Riverside Drive and/or Coventry Rd. will be closed at times while the city works on the water main.

5. Committee Reports:

1. Parks and Recreation given by Carole with Janina
-Balena Field House- at its April 8th meeting, the Parks, Recreation and Environment Committee passed a motion to the effect that it supports the proposed renderings of the Balena Field House and are open to modification discussions

-Rink Grants- the Parks and Recreation Committee recommended that Chris Khoury receive an honoraria of \$1500. and that Warren Fisher receive an honoraria of \$500. for looking after the Balena Park Rinks.

Carole Moulton moved a motion and Alan Landsberg seconded it that Chris Khoury receive \$1500. for the 2014 rink season and that Warren Fisher receive \$500. for the 2014 rink season for looking after the Balena Park Rink. This amount was above the amount of last year, given the additional time required for a longer skating season and was not setting a precedent. Passed.

Carole Moulton also moved a motion, seconded by Alan Landsberg that Chris Khoury be paid expenses of \$1277.48 for the running of the rink. Passed.

It was noted that of the total amount \$419.19 is/ was for non-consumables i.e., for the 2 large coffee urns, a first aid kit, plus re-cycle bin.

-SOLE Tree Planting Project- the Parks, Recreation and Environment Committee recommended that the SOLE (Students on the Leading Edge) Tree Planting Project receive \$500. from the RPCA for their project. At the RPCA March 12th meeting this had been deferred subject to the RPCA receiving a letter of request. Two students sent a letter for the April 9th meeting via their teacher Greg McKean with a request for \$500. Moved by Carole Moulton, seconded by Heather Dunlop, that the RPCA donate \$500. to the SOLE Project for tree planting project. Passed.

2. Communications update by Dianne

-there were 3 postings and 944 inquiries for information

Dianne will check out support for Easter Egg Hunt

Heather reported that there were no new memberships

Heather moved a motion to approve in principle printing stickers for Rona card.

Dianne seconded the motion. Passed

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3. Planning and Development Kris Nanda

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

P&D meeting on March 24 to prepare for Open House held on March 26, 2014. RPCA comments sent to City officials, Councillors Hume and Chernushenko with cc to provincial and federal representatives. Answers have been sought to questions about size and scope of project (including "footprint" during construction), noise mitigation measures, and relocation of rail and need for further Environmental Assessment (EA) work. Councillor Hume has said he would conduct a walking tour through the path of the AVTC road once snow melts and mud dries.

Abbey Road residents met with Councillor Hume and DELCAN officials on March 31 regarding effects of "temporary" rail line relocation and shared notes from the meeting with RPCA Board. Given that area of relocated rail line falls outside of scope of original AVTC EA, possibility of seeking provincial EA for this area is being explored"

b. LRT Impacts: Closure of Belfast Road; Hurdman Transitway Bridge Access

As of April 7, Evelyn Danilko (City of Ottawa) had declined invitation to meet with RPCA Board in April to discuss rationale and ramifications of imminent closure of Belfast Road between Trainyards and Coventry. Her reply stated that "Once the plan (for closing Belfast) has received

final approval the City will release the details of the closure to the public and host an open house to the local community.” This response does not appear to follow the overall principles in the City's new Public Engagement Strategy, particularly the need for consultations to be “Accountable: Ensure that public engagement is meaningful” and “Timely: Ensure that public engagement is conducted in a well-timed manner, providing sufficient time for soliciting input, and for reporting back on how the input was used.”

Another LRT related impact involves the multi-use path (MUP) adjacent to the Transitway Bridge over Rideau River (between Hurdman and Lees) that will be closed during conversion of Transitway from buses to rail. This MUP is heavily used by pedestrians and cyclists travelling between Alta Vista and downtown/University of Ottawa.

c. Neighbourhood Way at Industrial. Narrow exit from Neighbourhood Way and lack of new right-turn only lane onto Industrial has led to buses going over the sidewalk and traffic congestion. These concerns have been shared with Councillor Hume. Awaiting follow-up from Councillor, City Staff or OC Transpo.

d. Other Industrial Avenue issues – At March 30, 2014 Complete Streets Forum, the RPCA representative (Kris) reiterated desire for Industrial Avenue to be considered as location for City to implement its Complete Streets policy.

Pedestrian Plan calls for new sidewalk along South side of Industrial heading east from Neighbourhood Way. RPCA has sought confirmation from Councillor Hume that sidewalk will extend to crossing into access road for Farm Boy/LCBO. Given that there will be additional traffic on Industrial due to imminent closure of Belfast Road for LRT, the RPCA should seek to have construction timeline for this sidewalk project moved up (now scheduled for 2017 or 2018

Treasurer Report

-paid \$30.00 for membership to FCA

6. New Business:

Jane Rutherford was appointed 2nd vice-president. The official authority of the board will constitute for signing authority.

7. Reports from external meetings

none

**Date of Next Board Meeting: May 14, 2014: Starting at 6:45 P.M.
Maplewood Retirement Community**

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