

Riverview Park Community Association March 20, 2013 Meeting minutes

Present: Alan Landsberg, Karin Endemann (via teleconference), Marilyn Minnes, Dianne Hoddinott, Carole Moul, Stefan Dubowski, Nadine Chamorel, Paul Puritt, Patrick Meagher, Sherry McPhail, Kris Nanda

Next meeting: April 10, 7 p.m., Maplesoft Centre

For April meeting: Discussion of attempting to bring NW back into RPCA; AGM date and planning

Actions from March meeting:

- **Kris** to follow up with city to get information from other community associations on John Neale's "Better Biking in Ward 18" proposal (see Planning and Development notes below for details)
- **Kris** to invite Marty Koshman to April RPCA Board meeting
- **Stefan** to book Board meeting space at Maplesoft for May and June, look into Maplewood for meetings thereafter

1. Called to order at 6:58 p.m.

2. Agenda approved with changes

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

4. Presentations

Chris Khoury, who manages the Balena Park skating rink, presented expenses for the rink, and gave receipts to Alan Landsberg.

Maintenance/Equipment

7 Shovels.....\$162.74
Lock Box.....\$48.58
Gas Gift Cards.....\$50.00
Advertising.....\$309.00 (Carole)

TOTAL.....\$570.32

Winter Carnival

Prizes.....\$72.04
Pucks.....\$48.58
Recycle Bin.....\$13.55
Raffle Gift Card.....\$25.00
Lou.....\$33.19 (Carole)
Fire Permit.....\$50.00 (Carole)
Scouts Donation....\$50.00 (Carole)
Carole.....\$151.10 (Carole)

Advertising.....\$69.50 (Carole)
Kim.....\$128.22 (Kim)

TOTAL.....\$641.18

Hockey Day

Pucks.....\$48.58
Drinks.....\$33.00

TOTAL.....\$81.58

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Pizza.....\$218.56
Drinks.....\$20.91

TOTAL.....\$239.47

BUDGET.....\$3700.00
TOTAL Expenses.....\$1532.55
\$2167.45
Winter Carnival Raffle.....+ \$190.00
\$2357.45

Chris Khoury receipts total: \$741.54

Rink maintenance and operation, including materials and items related to the skating party and Hockey Day, cost \$1,532.45. The budget is \$3,700. Chris recommended for Warren Fisher, who volunteered more time than any of the other volunteers, \$400 to \$500. Chris also recommended hiring someone to snow blow the rink, probably no more than \$500 (\$25 per hour). The Board approved \$1,300 for Chris and \$450 for Warren. Alan wrote cheques covering the amounts (see Treasurer's report below).

5. Committee reports

Park & Rec: Carole Moul

No further info on the redevelopment of the Balena Park field house – renovation into a larger community centre

The winter carnival was a success. Next time, we'll make sure the politicians are invited. The committee is looking for volunteers for the park cleanup, May 4; Coronation Park cleanup, May 3. 5:30 p.m.

Fall social: Mandaloun, the restaurant on Industrial, looks good and would be cost effective. The Board discussed holding the social without the silent auction. That would reduce revenue by as much as \$2,000. The Board agreed to help solicit auction items from local businesses to reduce the workload on the Parks committee.

Planning and Development: Kris Nanda

a. Proposal from John Neale for cycling subcommittee – John Neale has asked if we can follow up with 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? (Not yet – Kris will look into it.)

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 will participate 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 also hosting a meeting on how it could better consult – unfortunately, there is only one meeting planned for within the Greenbelt and participation is capped at 30 people and the event has already been fully subscribed. There is an opportunity to participate in an online survey. 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 online, 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. The new traffic island on Industrial has greatly reduced the ability of eastbound customers to safely enter and exit the gas station. The RPCA and others have suggested that a safe resolution to address this problem (and reduce the risk of vehicular collisions and injuries) would be to construct a short link between the eastern edge of the gas station and the new access road that would allow Pioneer customers to safely turn east on Industrial at a signalized intersection. Only last month did the RPCA learn that last June there was a notice on the city website inviting comments on the proposed intersection. 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 new 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. According to a Citizen article, Peter Hume has opposed “many of the plans’ details” for redevelopment of Trainyards.

Given the continued Trainyards expansion, it might be advisable to invite Marty K to the April RPCA Board meeting.

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

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 AFFCS project is on hold indefinitely. We will follow up with her in April 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. No 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.)

k. Other Items

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

Communications: Dianne

- Will try to send report graph electronically
- Website: Eight or so updates in the last month

Street Representatives Program: TBD

Membership Drive Committee: TBD

Treasurer's report: Alan Landsberg

- RPCA bank activity:

Cheque approvals:

Payee	Amount	Description
Louis Comerton	33.19	winter carnival - dowels and straw
Chris Mark	50.00	winter carnival - fire permit
101st Scout Troop	50.00	winter carnival - donation
Kim Fisher	128.22	winter carnival - snacks and treats
Warren Fisher	450.00	Balena rink maintenance
Chris Khoury	1300.00	Balena rink maintenance
Chris Khoury	741.54	Balena rink expenses

- Alan recommends putting approximately \$5,000 into a GIC for better interest – approved
- Does the Board want to hire a researcher to look into gathering information against the casino? Participants discussed and agreed to consider this if Trainyards is the city's preferred location for the facility.

6. New business

Pioneer gas station – Approx. 1,000 people have signed the petition at the gas station's counter indicating the need for better driveway access from Industrial Avenue into and out of the station. Pioneer has recommended building a driveway towards the rear of the property instead of the side. Building towards the rear would avoid the "stacking" traffic issue on Industrial. Kris has contacted CTV News about this issue. He also plans to invite Marty Koshman to the April Board meeting to discuss. Alan sent an email to Dave and Tony to communicate the RPCA's support for creating a link from Pioneer to the new arterial road.

Temporary sliding facility at local parks – Last May, the Parks, Rec and Environment Committee asked Alta Vista ward councillor Peter Hume if the city would install a toboggan sliding hill in Balena Park for small children to use. Peter is now moving ahead with this. Riverview Park resident Louis Comerton is researching this issue for Balena and potentially two other parks (considering Riverview, Dale and Coronation) and will reply back to the councillor.

Garage sale – Scheduled for the first Saturday of June, as usual – Nadine will manage the event, but she will need help erecting signs because she won't be available near the time of the event.

Russell-Smyth intersection – Alan would like to defer this discussion until next meeting.

AGM – Next meeting we'll discuss the AGM date and planning

Meetings at Maplesoft – Stefan will contact Sarah Bellissimo at Maplesoft to book room for May and June, and also contact Maplewood (the new retirement residence) to see about holding meetings there after that.

7. Reports from External Meetings

Alta Vista Planning Group: Nadine and Alan: two presentations on livable cities
from city staff – building density

Perley Hospital Consultation: Marilyn: no update

East of Rideau group: Alan: no update

FCA meetings: Kris: no update

Cafes: Kris: no update

8. Riverview Park Review update

The next issue is 52 pages – delayed a few days for March break

9. Adjourned 8:59 p.m.

Date of next board meeting: 10 April 2013: Starting at 7pm, Maplesoft

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