

**Riverview Park Community Association
June 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Kris Nanda, Paul Puritt, Alan Landsberg, Adnan Adibi, Carole Moulton, Marilyn Minnes, Shawn Bardell, Dianne Hodginott, Anne Stairs

Absent: Jane Rutherford, Maureen Collins, Bryan Orendorff, Heather Dunlop

Guests: Susan Scott and Alison Lynch from Councilor Cloutier's office

Next meeting: tentatively Sept. 23, 2015 6:45 p.m. **Maplewood Retirement Community**

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

2. Agenda approved – new business by Carol and Marilyn - moved Marilyn seconded by Paul

3. Minutes of May 2015 approved – moved by Shawn and seconded by Paul

Action Items: Kris – to re-send Susan Scott list of questions re AVTC originally sent in March/April
-to email Susan with questions regarding AVTC which can be addressed at open House
- to advise City Hall what will be required for open house in Sept.
- to modify letter on Client Relationship Leaders (CRL) to go to Mayor Watson and Planning Committee members.

Dianne – to email Kris regarding website

Paul – to write to Bill Henderson's replacement re AGM and request for the school for Sept. 16, 2015 for AVTC open house

Shawn – to meet with Alison and Susan from City Hall re: Balena Park fieldhouse

Carol – to ask City if they have template for parental signature for children under 18 helping to clean up parks

- forward Adopt A Park forms to Vice Presidents

-send email to board that we need to appoint an alternate contact for Parks & Rec. presently Chris Mark and a response by Monday, June 22

4. Business arising from May 2015

Kris: follow up with FCA to include Alan Landsberg on e-mail - done

Kris: send Maureen emails regarding by-laws - done

Maureen: send out other Community Association websites -done

Heather: send out membership list to board members - done

Carole: send out FAQ re-rink coordinator for amendments by board members by June 1 -done

Paul: write to Bill Henderson re: AGM on Oct. 21, 2015 – done – response from his Replacement with no confirmation of date

A) Balena Park Field House – Shawn moves that next steps be accepted as presented. That being, that he will sit down with Susan Scott to understand the process of moving forward to access some monies from Canada 150 Fund. Seconded by Marilyn Passed

Susan and Alison state there had been a previous resolution from the board in the past to proceed with the fieldhouse expansion in some form – Councilors Hume and Cloutier campaigned on it and there was a survey sent out around 2010, and people were spoken to at the Corn Roast and a steering committee struck. Proposed project had estimated cost of \$1.3 Million Drawings shared several years ago.

B) Orientation for new Board - As Maureen was away, this item was tabled to September meeting for Maureen to update.

5. Presidents Report – Kris Nanda

Summary of recent activities

1. Received invitation from Councilor Cloutier's office to attend info meeting with Canada Post officials on Community Mailboxes (CMB) on June 19. Alan Landsberg will attend – we have asked for information on size and footprint of mailboxes.
2. Attended AVPG on June 1 where I raised issue of Community Mailboxes and working together to get more information from Canada Post. Also suggested the idea of RPCA working with other Alta Vista CAs to hold yard sale on same day Garage Sale
3. As per direction from the P&D Committee, I sent Councilor Cloutier another message regarding our request for a community Open House for the AVTC in September I have also reiterated our request to get annotated version of questions raised in March – to get confirmation that information we have is accurate and to fill in gaps. No confirmation on date for open house, but Board should suggest possible dates and confirm availability of Riverview Alt School as venue
4. Attended May 21 meeting of Overbrook CA to share information about changes to bus routes and traffic consequences once Transitway is closed between Hurdman and Blair. Overbrook CA voted to write their councilor to request that preliminary planning/design activities start for pedestrian access between VIA Train Station and Terminal Avenue (Trainyards) – either overpass or underpass
5. Have communicated with David Gourlay from Ottawa Champions Baseball Team who offered to give 2 free tickets for RPCA members who show their RPCA Membership Cards (logistics to be worked out)
6. Preliminary discussion with Graham Saul, President of Ecology Ottawa about being speaker at October 21 RPCA AGM.

Motion: Marilyn moved that RPCA establish one garage sale in June around free giveaway weekend in consultation with school. Coordinate with Awesome Alta Vista garage sale. Adnan seconds Passed

Items to note for consideration

1. *Planning for next AGM October 21, 2015* – time to start thinking about possible, nominating committee – is anyone planning on stepping down at this point? Kris asked members to consider future plans on whether they wish to remain on Board for 2015-16 (Can speak to Kris privately if they wish). Volunteer extraordinaire awards to be presented at AGM – usually awardees are not notified in advance (though their families are)

6. Committee Reports:

- a. **Communications:** reviewed Community Association websites that Maureen sent out and will touch base with someone to upgrade ours

-posted Trinity Gardens

b. **Membership:** no report – Heather absent

c. **Parks and Recreation and Environment Committee:** Carole Moulton

Cheryl Khoury and Kim Fisher are leaving board

Received forms for Adopt A Park – Chris Marks is still **listed** as alternate

Parent signature required if children under 18 are involved with park clean up. Blair Court and

Russell Heights are where most children are involved and where parental approval would be

required. Questions about logistics and how complicated this will be to get signatures

Fall clean up of Alda Burt in Sept or Oct.

Adopt a Park requires two cleanup per year – 2 year commitment June 15, 2015 to June 14, 2017

Carole wishes to nominate Jennifer Sayer for Dale Park for volunteer extraordinaire.

d. Planning and Development – Kris Nanda

Committee met on June 8 (Paul P, Shawn B, Heather D, Bryan O and Kris N)

a. Alta Vista Transportation Corridor (AVTC)

RPCA still waiting for answers to questions about size and scope of project (including “footprint” during construction), noise mitigation measures

At June 8 meeting, Committee unanimously endorsed idea of an info session/open house in mid-late September as being the best time frame.)

b. National Defence Medical Centre (NDMC) No response yet to P&D member inquiries with Algonquins of Ontario office and federal officials to get more details

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

Work is continuing in area just north of the existing Hurdman Station, in preparation for preliminary construction work on the new Light Rail Transit (LRT) station. Weekly construction summaries are available at www.ottawa.ca/confederationline.

Transitway between Hurdman and Blair to close on June 29. Work on Hwy 417 between Nicholas and St. Laurent should be largely done by then.

Re-opening of Belfast Road between Tremblay and Coventry to pedestrians and cyclists scheduled for late June 2015. Road will not be re-opened until December 2015

d. Trainyards Developments and New Retail

No new developments or store openings to note.

-405 Terminal Avenue –Office building, site plan draft approved by the City. Construction may still start by late Spring 2015 and take about 18 months.

e.. Community Mailboxes (CMB) – CMB not expected to come to Riverview Park before 2016, but Councilor Cloutier has arranged for meeting between Canada Post officials and Community Association representatives Alan Landsberg to attend on behalf of RPCA

No response received from letter of concern about CMBs that was written to local MPs, with cc to MPP John Fraser, Mayor Watson, and Councilors Cloutier and Chernushenko.

f. Client Relationship Leaders (CRL) initiative for developers

June 1 *Ottawa Citizen* article reported that City is setting up a CRL (“ambassador”) pilot project where city staff will work with be assigned to developers “ to discern what the issues are, communicate with the file lead, client, and management to determine next steps and what possible solutions may exist in order to bring a resolution, an ambassador within the planning department.”

Many Community Associations and other stakeholders have expressed concern about the optics and questioning why “ambassadors” are being assigned to developers and not to assist Community Associations and others who track these issues on a volunteer basis or shoe-string budget. A letter expressing concerns has been drafted to the Mayor and Councilors. Copy has been shared with P&D

Discussion on date for AVTC Open House (September 16) – at Riverview School: Board to publicize open house in Sept. at Corn Roast in Sept., word of mouth and email - too much information for AGM and November is too late – open house to demystify the construction process. Susan and Alison confirmed that September 16 works for Councilor Cloutier, and asked that we provide details on questions/issues we anticipate. Format would probably include presentation plus time for Questions and Asnwere

Motion: by Shawn to have open house on Sept. 16 and move Board meeting to the 23rd^h. Seconded by Adnan Passed

Motion: Paul suggests we authorize Kris to send CRL letter to the Mayor and Councilors Ambassador. Seconded by Carole

Following discussion, Kris made some changes to letter which were approved by mover and seconder.

Motion: Letter addressed to Mayor endorsed by members of the Community Associations Forum on Environmental Sustainability (CAFES) welcoming Council's decision to develop forest management strategy for the City. Adan moved that RPCA endorse this letter. Seconded by Alan. Approved

7. RPR update

The paper is independent of the RPCA. Two new members of the board will include Marion O’Connor, former vice president of RPCA and George Stairs, former owner of the UPS Store, printer. The paper must stick to format listed on page 6 in order to not slow production. The paper is not sustainable if kept within the confines of Riverview Park as there are not enough advertisers to pay costs. Please support our advertisers.

8. Treasurer’s Report - Alan Landsberg (handing over to Adnan – who will present at September meeting)
Account at BMO appears to be still open. Kris asked Alan to get written confirmation from BMO that the account is closed.

Kris thanked Alan for his years of service as treasurer. Alan now moves into position of Vice President.

9. Reports from external meetings

Alta Vista Planning Group – Kris Nanda attended June 1, 2015 meeting – Main issues was infill of corner lots – applies more to other areas of Alta Vista Ward than to Riverview Park

Also a presentation on City proposal to reduce parking requirements that developers have to included for developments close to Rapid Transit. Map for this presentation showed that it covered some of the NDMC lands that are scheduled for development. Parking for this parcel of land is of interest to RPCA, and reduced parking at that development could be something the RPCA might support (i.e. fewer cars)

St. Thomas Anglican Church (on Alta Vista) – Outreach meeting on June 9 – report from Alan Landsberg – the church is interested in helping and connecting to the community – groups were coordinated by members of the congregation and table discussions ensued - want to define the purpose of the meeting – not enough meeting places in neighbourhood i.e. sit and have a drink and talk – concerns around Industrial Ave. turning into a Merivale Road

-would like a shredding service added to events for public to use

Fire Station – in 2014, Ottawa Fire Service (OFS) has completed a 3 year study to determine the needs of the communities and fire stations.

Industrial Avenue station (which currently houses 1 fire truck that is dispatched) will be turned solely into a Training Centre – Blair Road station and Industrial Ave station will be amalgamated into one station near the Costco off Innes Road

-service to our area is not supposed to be affected as there are new response standards. Presently, trucks in the nearest station are called out to an emergency but with new technology, the nearest truck will be called i.e. if a truck is in your area but not from your station, they will respond to the call.

-they can send out 14-17 firefighters within 13 minutes depending on need and at least, 4 firefighters initially. It's important to be very specific when calling 911 as different risk assessments are made i.e. a garbage can fire, a kitchen fire or whole house burning

FCA- AGM held June 4, 2015 – Anne attended. Councilor Keith Egli spoke on traffic calming i.e. Speeding, congestion, delays, cutting through neighbourhoods – individual funds have been set up for each councilor to work with the community - \$45,000 for each councilor starting with \$10,000 – speed boards cost \$3000-5000 but are reusable, pavement marking is \$500.00 and deteriorates with time, hashing to narrow road, signage

O'Connor bike lanes being established between Wellington and the Glebes– need for balance i.e. cars, bikes, buses – O'Connor has medical centre with people with special needs and parking required- bike lanes to be adapted

John Manconi from OC Transpo said that they are into the most significant changes in 150 years – Guiding Policies are long term affordability- service excellence – transit service standards

The FCA pays for Survey Monkey and any paid up community association has access for free

With new President, Gary Sealey, they are looking at clusters in the city, East, West, Central, South

10. New Business: planning for AGM in October –Marilyn moves that we create a list of tasks, Adnan seconds – Kris will follow up with Graham Saul, President of Ecology, to confirm he is speaking. Will also touch base with Karin K-E to see if old checklist is available

-Maureen is preparing an orientation package for new board members

Meeting adjourned 9:20 p.m.

Date of Next Board Meeting: Sept, 2015:
Starting at 6:45 P.M. Maplewood Retirement Community

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