

Riverview Park Community Association May 8, 2013 Meeting minutes

Present: Alan Landsberg, Karin Endemann, Dianne Hoddinott, Carole Moul, Stefan Dubowski, Nadine Chamorel, Patrick Meagher, Sherry McPhail, Kris Nanda

Absent: Marilyn Minnes, Paul Puritt

Next meeting: June 12, 6:45 p.m., Maplesoft Centre

Actions from May meeting:

- **Stefan** to book tour of Maplewood (as a potential venue for future Board meetings)
- **Kris** to send details from Marty Koshman's April presentation to the Board, to add to the April meeting minutes
- **Sherry or Dianne** to advertise need for volunteers for Community Safety Day on website
- **Patrick** to contact city: How are parks chosen for rejuvenation?
- **Karin** to follow up with David Graham at Maplewood re: support for enhancing Industrial-Neighbourhood Way intersection
- **Sherry or Dianne** to revise and post new website posting policy
- **Alan** to write to Hume re: widening Neighbourhood at Industrial
- **Karin** to alert politicians of AGM date (Oct. 23)
- **Carole** to follow-up with Riverview Park school to verify gym is free Oct. 23 for AGM
- **Sherry** to speak with Tim Mark re: integrating Neighbourhood Watch with RPCA
- **Sherry or Dianne** to publicize Perley expansion grand opening (June 19) on website
- **Kris** to connect with Perley representatives to support Board's call for sidewalk on Russell Road

1. Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Agenda approved with changes

3. Approval of April Board meeting minutes and review of action items Requested changes: add April Planning and Development Committee notes; verify dates; add details about Marty's Koshman's presentation (Train Yards development): casino still on the table, Pioneer had been consulted; felt that intersection does not need to be changed; identify action items

4. Committee reports

Park & Rec: Carole Moul

Coronation Park – Community Safety Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers are needed. The Communications committee will post the notice on the RPCA website.

The Youth Council of Blair Court would like lights for the basketball court at Coronation Park. Councillor Hume likes this idea and says he will consider it as the park

rejuvenation moves forward.

Louis Comerton took pictures for toboggan hills (berms) – Coronation seems to be used most, then Balena, Riverview and Dale – Louis will inform Hume.

No update on the Balena Park field house.

More trees are marked for cutting.

Dale Park and Balena Park both had successful winter parties.

The committee is checking to make sure the rink reports have been sent to City Hall.

Spring cleanup: a team of volunteers from CHEO helped out at Balena Park. At Blair Court, about 50 people came out. A small but dedicated and handsome crew valiantly swept Riverview clean of any and all debris. Carole has receipts to give to Alan, for pizza and juice.

Karin requests more information to understand how parks are chosen for rejuvenation and when. Patrick will follow up with the city.

Planning and Development: Kris Nanda

a. Improving Industrial Avenue Urban Design – On April 29, Councillor Hume forwarded a report he commissioned from urban designer Michael Spaziani on standards and advice for future Trainyards related development on Industrial Avenue to improve its appearance. The report was critical of some elements of the recent redevelopments of along Industrial and suggested ways to make the future development more visually appealing.

As part of the Ecology Campaign to encourage the City to adopt the Complete Streets program, the RPCA has drafted a letter and has put forth Industrial Avenue as a candidate for becoming a “Complete Street.”

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.

Several RPCA Board members provided input into City’s online survey on public engagement strategy, expressing concerns that it was inadequate. Several citizens’ groups contacted 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 Traffic signals on Industrial Avenue – No new communications from Pioneer officials regarding implications of the new signalized traffic intersection and traffic island on Industrial at the entrance to Farm Boy, and LCBO. Marty Koshman has indicated that the suggested changes were not feasible. The new traffic signals at the eastern exit of the bus station is scheduled to begin shortly and be substantially completed by the end of June.

d. Casino issues – No new information on when Ontario Lottery and Gaming (OLG) will announce its preferred site for a casino in Ottawa. 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). During his meeting with the RPCA Board on April 10, Marty Koshman indicated that he was still open to the Trainyards serving as a venue for the casino, despite vocal opposition from the Board and others in the Community.

f. Alta Vista Transportation Corridor (AVTC)/National Defence Medical Centre (NDMC) – No new updates on design process for AVTC or on NDMC lands. Councilor Hume has said he does not expect to have any news on the AVTC before September. The Canada Lands Corporation (CLC) official handling the transfer of NDMC from Department of National Defence has indicated that the transfer will not take place until 2014. He indicated that the RPCA would be involved in design planning discussions for the NDMC. (NDMC contact: James Cox)

g. Perley Hospital Seniors Complex – The Russell Road 45-unit seniors' housing residence is now open for occupancy. Official opening scheduled for June 2013.

h. Redevelopment of 1757 Russell Road /1740 St. Laurent Blvd (Alta Vista Ridge) – Construction continues on phases 1 and 2 of Alta Vista Ridges and phase 3 has just been released for sale. Still 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.

i. 340 Industrial (Riverstone Retirement Home) – Still no response back yet from David Graham (Riverstone Retirement Home Marketing Director) re: suggested traffic/infrastructure improvement to raise with the City. Kris has followed up with David via email and phone call.

Communications: Sherry

Email sent April 17

- Topics: May Park Clean-up, June Garage Sale, Community Soccer
- List: 254 addresses
- Email topics for May?

Website

Home page posts in April/May;

- Building a Liveable Ottawa 2031
- New lost and found page: asked folks to email anything lost and found. No further action.
- Trinity Community Garden Registration
- Spring Clean-up at our parks
- June 1: Community-wide Garage Sale

Page views

The website gets on average 30 visits a day, with 2-4 pages viewed per visit. Views were up in March 47% over last March, and 31% in April over last April.

Mar Apr

2012 956 809

2013 1410 1063

Top website views in the past week

- Riverview Park Review online, 14 views
- Local businesses, 11 views
- Trainyards LCBO Opening 25 March 2013!, 10 views
- June 1: Community-wide Garage Sale, 6 views
- Riverview Park Community Soccer, 6 views
- Meeting minutes, 5 views
- Schools and day cares, 5 views
- Map and boundaries, 5 views

Top Searches

lcbo trainyards, riverview park review, riversview school garage sale, lcbo trainyards hours

The Committee developed a policy to help the Board decide which items it should and should not post on the website (see below). The Board discussed the wording. The Committee will amend according to Board input and publish on the website.

Website posting policy for www.riverviewpark.ca

The goal of the Riverview Park Community Association website is to improve communication in the neighbourhood. We want people to come out to events, get involved in local activities and build community. A strong, vibrant neighbourhood is good for all of us, and helps strengthen our voice within the city of Ottawa.

If you have an event or notice you think would benefit your neighbours, please send it our way [email link]. We reserve final say over what is posted on our website, but here are some general guidelines.

What we will post

- Events, activities and stories that benefit people in Riverview Park
- City of Ottawa notices that affect people in Riverview Park

What we will not post

- Material related to events outside of our community
- Commercial notices that will benefit for-profit businesses

Comments

- We encourage healthy debate.
- We will not post insulting or rude comments.

Copyright

- Any copyrighted material posted on the website will be attributed to its author.

Photos

- We need permission from all identifiable people appearing in any photo before we can post it on the site.

Street Representatives Program: TBD

Membership Drive Committee: TBD

Treasurer's report: Alan Landsberg

- Alan sent the latest bank activity report (below) but no petty cash report as there was no petty cash activity in April:

Opening Balance at 01/04/2013				13,723.57			
Date	Chq. #	Debit	Credit		Cat.	Approval	Explanation
01/04/2013	52	-450.00			RnkB	20/03/2013	Balena Rink maintenance honorarium - Warren Fisher
03/04/2013			200.00		Xfrln		Transfer from Petty Cash to maintain approximately \$200 on hand
03/04/2013			925.00		Baln		Balena rink cheque 3rd instalment
05/04/2013	259	-50.00			Prmt	20/03/2013	winter carnival - fire permit
08/04/2013	48	-741.54			RnkB	20/03/2013	Balena Rink maintenance expenses - Chris Khoury
08/04/2013	47	-1300.00			RnkB	20/03/2013	Balena Rink maintenance honorarium - Chris Khoury
09/04/2013	261	-128.22			Fexp	20/03/2013	winter carnival - snacks and treats
18/04/2013	260	-50.00			Hosp	20/03/2013	winter carnival - donation
19/04/2013	258	-33.19			FExp	20/03/2013	Louis Comerton - winter carnival - dowels and straw
25/04/2013			275.00		Daln		Dale rink cheque 3rd instalment
30/04/2013			0.09		Int		
Closing Balance				12,370.71			
Commitments (approvals not spent, cheques issued not cashed, deposits following month, firm approved plans, approved liabilities)							
25/04/2013		-60.00			Advt		Garage Sale and Spring Cleanup advertisements - cheque issued, not cashed
Balance including commitments				12,310.71			does not include future plans, commitments or liabilities
Memo							
				10,000.00			BMO Gauranteed Investment certificate, 1.4 %, purchased April 4, 2012

Cheque approvals:

RPCA Cheque (no stub) Register - October 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013							
Number	Date	Description of Transaction	Debit (-)	Category	Approval	Stamp	Notes
251	22/11/2011	Diane Schmolka	78.00				
252	28/11/2011	Kim Fisher	25.00				
253	14/12/2011	Carole Moutt	71.00				pizza prizes - Scarecrow Contest
254	14/12/2011	Nadine Chamorel	16.95				photocopies - Celebration of Hope
255	10/01/2012	Orin Clayton	15.56				frames and certificates
256	11/01/2012	Cris Mark	50.00	Prmt	20/03/2013		winter carnival fire permit
257	11/01/2012	City of Ottawa	26.41	Prmt	20/03/2013	✓	winter carnival - use of park permit
258	27/03/2013	Louis Comerton	33.19	Fexp	20/03/2013		winter carnival - dowels and straw
259	27/03/2013	Chris Mark	50.00	Prmt	20/03/2013		winter carnival - fire permit
260	27/03/2013	101st Scout Troop	50.00	Hosp	20/03/2013	✓	winter carnival - donation
261	22/03/2013	Kim Fisher	128.22	Hosp	20/03/2013		winter carnival - snacks and treats
262	08/05/2013	Carole Moutt	126.12	Hosp	08/05/2013		Blair Court cleanup - refreshments
263	08/05/2013	Bruce Aho	800.00	RnkD	08/05/2013		Dale Rink maintenance - 2012/13

5. New business

Standing expenditure approvals: Alan moves to have a single approval for recurring expenses so we don't have to approve each one individually every time as long as they don't go over a specific limit. The Board agreed.

Letter to Councillor Hume re: widening Neighbourhood Way: Alan will write a letter to Hume indicating the community's desire for a widening of Neighbourhood Way at Industrial Ave. and a right-hand turn lane. This solution would alleviate traffic backup on Neighbourhood caused by vehicles waiting to turn left on Industrial.

Fall social date and silent auction support: Karin will help Alan collect items from businesses for the auction. The event will be held at Mandaloun on Sept. 29, early evening. Guests will be charged \$30 per person. Beaudry's will supply orchids for tables.

Complete Streets and Industrial Ave.: See Planning & Development Committee notes.

AGM: Create nominating committee: Paul is the only one on the nominating committee at this point. Kris recommends Industrial Ave. redevelopment as a theme for the AGM. Karin recommends for the meeting a presentation from Mike Bulhuis, representative of the Vanier Community Association, who will have attended a place-making conference. The Board agrees to invite politicians but not have them make presentations, to ensure the meeting stays focused on local issues. Karin will alert the politicians about the date of the meeting (Oct. 23). Carole will contact the school to verify that the gym is free Oct. 23.

Options for RPCA Board meeting locations: Stefan reported that David Graham (Riverstone) indicated that Maplewood would be available for RPCA Board meetings. Graham requested confirmation that meetings would include no more than 15 people, held every second Wednesday each month, September to June. Stefan will coordinate with David a site visit and report back to the Board.

Reintegrating Neighbourhood Watch into RPCA: Sherry will speak with Tim Mark, head of NW in Riverview Park, to learn about potentially integrating the Community Association with NW.

Community yard sale: Nadine says she priced out new signs at the UPS store: \$190 to \$220. She purchased them. Carole has 15 old signs and Nadine, five. Board members will erect the big one the weekend before the event. Board members will also put signs on their own lawns. The Communications Committee will publicize the yard sale.

Ash trees: Karin says she plans to walk with Councillor Hume and Paul along Coronation Ave. on June 13. The trio will identify trees that need to be removed and spots where replanting is required.

6. Reports from External Meetings

Alta Vista Planning Group: Karin attended. Cheryl Brouillard, an Ottawa planner, made a presentation. Karin recommends Cheryl as a potential presenter at the RPCA AGM. Brouillard discussed plans for residential development around LRT hubs including our local station, Hurdman. Karin and others brought up the need for services such as schools and retail to serve the 8,000 to 10,000 new residents in the neighbourhood. (We do have Train Yards but it would be a long walk.) Karin notes that no affordable housing was discussed as part of the new development.

Perley Hospital Consultation: Official opening on June 19 – Sherry to publicize on website – next meeting Oct. 21 – Kris recommends getting Perley on board with the Board's push for a sidewalk on Russell Rd. Kris will follow up with Perley.

East of Rideau group: Alan: no update

FCA meetings: Kris: no update

CAFES: Kris: no update

7. Riverview Park Review update

No update, but the next issue is June 1 – needs a design by May 20 for ad calling for nominations for Board at AGM.

NB: Karin will not attend the June meeting.

8. Adjourned 8:59 p.m.

Date of next board meeting: 12 June 2013: Starting at 6:45 pm, Maplesoft

Board of Directors: Carole Mault, Kris Nanda, Nadine Chamorel, Karin Keyes Endemann, Sherry McPhail, Stefan Dubowski, Patrick Meagher, Paul Puritt, Alan Landsberg, Marilyn Minnes, Dianne Hoddinott