

## Riverview Park Community Association

Wednesday, 10 October 2012 • 18:45 – 21:00 Meeting minutes at Maplesoft House, Alta Vista Dr.

Present: Karin Keyes Endemann, Carole Moulton, Alan Landsberg, Paul Puritt, Patrick Meagher, Marian O'Connor, Chris Nanda and Nadine Chamorel.

Absent: Nazish Ahmad, Stefan Dubowski

Next meeting: AGM October 24 at 7 p.m. at Riverview Park Alternative School

### Actions from meetings:

- Committee chairs to provide AGM reports to association chair.
- Patrick to research studies on impacts of casinos on surrounding residential areas.
- Marian to look into loading community newspaper on community website.
- Alan Landsberg will draft a letter to councilors Hume and Chernushenko concerning the need for a traffic light at the intersection of Industrial Road and Neighbourhood Way.
- Carol will ask Sandra Lawson to do “something” for the AGM.
- Karin will contact Stefan and Sherry about staying on as board members.
- All board members are to ask to invite at least one person to join the board.
- Discussion needed on how to organize park clean ups and could include involving churches and schools.
- Karin will hook up a meeting with Allan and Sheila Perry (East of Rideau)
- Kris to send budget letter to Karin for comments, as the letter is deadlined to go out this week.
- Kris will invite Trustee Bronwyn Funicello to the AGM.

1. **Call to order:** about 7 p.m., approval of agenda and approval of minutes of Wed. Sept. 12 meeting.

### 2. Priorities for 2012-13

- AVTC & NDMC
- Community development plan for Industrial Ave (including supporting Hume's efforts to ensure safe access to Industrial from Chomley)
- Intensification and perimeter issues
- Fieldhouse
- Rinks and skating party
- Better links with community: street reps
- Augmenting membership

### 3. Committee reports

#### **Parks, Rec & Environment : Carole Moulton**

Russell Heights park clean-up (next to the Dempsey Community Centre) was a great success as about 45 to 50 people showed up to help. Clean up at two other parks was not so great. One lone guy cleaned up Coronation Park and Carole herself cleaned up at another park.

Carol noted that photos of kids from park clean up and from soccer at Riverview school could not be used for the newspaper because the families had not signed consent forms. Karin suggested that next year families signing up for soccer can sign a photo consent form at the time of registration.

**3. Treasurer report: Alan Landsberg**

The association has a \$10,000 GIC and \$10,353.43 in a bank account and earned a whopping \$0.08 in interest in September.

Approved paying Riverviews newspaper \$122 for two ads (1/2 page colour and 1/4 page colour). Full price is \$225 for one 1/2 page colour and \$137 for one 1/4 page colour.

Approved paying \$105.60 + \$15 for Russell Heights park clean-up day pizza and juice.

Approved paying FCA dues of \$35.

Approved \$25 for Alan to buy stationary and stamps.

Approved paying \$34.81 for room rental for the AGM at the Riverview elementary school.

**4. Communications Report: Marian O'Connor**

Email List: 246 addresses as of October 2012

Statistics – Web Site Visits:

	2009	Avg per day	2010	Avg per day	Var.	2011	Avg per day	Var.	2012		
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Jan		724	23.4	649	20.9	-10%	816	26.3	26%		
Feb		502	17.9	1452	51.9	189%	1250	43.1	-14%		
Mar	58	538	17.4	1838	59.3	242%	961	32.0	-48%		
Apr	166	5.5	509	17.0	207%	872	29.1	71%	810	27.0	-7%
May	216	7.0	394	12.7	82%	1084	35.0	175%	952	30.7	-12%
Jun	388	12.9	373	12.4	-4%	976	32.5	162%	787	26.2	-19%
Jul	489	15.8	344	11.1	-30%	425	13.7	24%	755	24.4	78%
Aug	288	9.3	313	10.1	9%	457	14.7	46%	513	16.5	12%
Sep	263	8.8	536	17.9	104%	690	23.0	29%	786	25.4	14%
Oct	209	6.7	812	26.2	289%	897	28.9	10%			
Nov	170	5.7	387	12.9	128%	802	25.9	107%			
Dec	197	6.4	356	11.5	81%	710	22.9	99%			
Total	2444	11.2	5788	15.9	42%	10852	29.7	87%	7630	27.8	

**5. AGM: logistics speakers etc: Paul and all**

MP David McGuinty and city councilors Peter Hume and David Chernushenko are given 5 minutes each to speak.

Karin will chair the AGM.

Karin suggested that our criteria for volunteer awards be that one must have volunteered for multiple things over multiple years.

Alan reported that the auditor John Hill will have the annual financial report ready for the AGM.

Note that our biggest expenses of the year were: the rink and Fat Cats baseball tickets.

Paul will meet with the new custodian at Riverview school next week to discuss association needs for the AGM.

## **6. Riverview Park Review update (Carole Moulton)**

The latest edition included 38 ads and was delivered to 4,300 homes and businesses and the trunk of Carole's car. Carole urged everyone to support the advertisers who pay for our community newspaper.

## **7. Planning and Development update: (Kris Nanda)**

*a. Alta Vista Transportation Corridor (AVTC)/National Defence Medical Centre (NDMC):* No new updates on design process for AVTC or on NDMC lands.

*b. Proposal involving the Ottawa Carleton District School Board (OCDSB), Riverview Alternative School and Andrew Fleck Child Care Services (AFCCS):* No changes since last RPCA meeting.

*c. Perley Hospital Seniors Complex:* Russell Road 45-unit seniors' housing residence is scheduled to be ready for occupancy in January 2013. Other residence slated for opening later in 2013.

*d. Redevelopment of 1757 Russell Road /1740 St. Laurent Blvd (Alta Vista Ridge:* Demolition work has been carried out on this site across from the Perley and down to St. Laurent towards St. Hubert and Petro Canada gas station) to allow mixed residential/and commercial uses. Excavating work being done on this planned development comprised of 320 residential units with a total of 320 parking spaces (both at grade and underground).

Still waiting to hear back from City on 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.

*e. Trainyards:* Construction on an 8-storey federal office building for the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) at **395 Terminal Avenue** is expected to be ready this fall.

Increased traffic congestion at Trainyards continues to be a problem – issue should be raised at AGM. No response yet from RPCA request to the City to ensure that the complex is adequately serviced by public transit. Still awaiting response from OC Transpo for rationale about reduced bus service on Industrial (and elimination of service on Lancaster).

*f. 700 Coronation:* Site plan approval is imminent on proposal to construct a new 3 storey condominium building on the west side of the site with 31 units and two levels of underground parking (one level completely underground while the other is half below grade)..

*g. New bus entrance/traffic light proposed 200 Metres East of Russell Road :* This was not envisioned when Bus Garage consultations took place – it was opposed at the time due to concerns about traffic flow. No further information as to installation – tentatively this Fall.

*h. Ottawa Neighbourhood Connection Office (NCO)* representatives have confirmed that they will be attending RPCA Oct 24 AGM.

*i. Proposal for apartment or seniors residence at 340 Industrial:* Work is ongoing. Councillor Hume has assured RPCA that installation of new sidewalks and curbs along Neighbourhood Way will be undertaken once construction of the seniors home is substantially completed and the new sidewalks can be safely linked with the existing sidewalk network

*j: Baseball Stadium:* the City has reached an agreement in principle with Beacon Sports Capital Partners for a lease and renovation plan for the Ottawa Stadium. The new lease would take effect on January 1, 2013. Beacon Sports Capital Partners has reached an agreement in principle with the Eastern League to bring a double A team to Ottawa for the 2014 season. Some observers have expressed concerns that the City will not undertake the necessary steps to finalize such an agreement.

*k: Participation in public meetings on proposed Footbridge across Rideau Canal (between Glebe and Old Ottawa East) and on proposed downtown Casino:* RPCA participation in the former was much appreciated by footbridge proponents and RPCA was the only Community Association to formally speak at the consultation on Casino (our opposition to proposal was appreciated by casino opponents but Council voted 10-1 in favour anyway right after hearing from the public. Concerns raised about transparency of the process.

*l:* RPCA will host CAFES meeting in November at the Maplesoft Centre (likely date is November 24 as Nov 17 is the date one of the City's Free Urban Design workshops)

*m: October 27 3rd Annual Sustainable Community Summit:* Liberal MPP Yasir Naqvi is hosting this event at Hintonburg Community Centre (9:30 am) -- to explore reform of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), and the use of Community-Design Plans.

## **8. New business**

Farmboy store on Industrial Road will include an entrance from the Trainyards and Industrial Road and intersection lights on Industrial Road. A second new set of intersection lights will be erected farther west at the OC Transpo terminal on Industrial Road. Karin noted that the association was not informed about about the new traffic lights.

Marian O'Connor will step down from the board.

Date of next board meeting: 14 November 2012 – (Maplesoft House)

Board of Directors: Carole Moulton, Marian O'Connor, Kris Nanda, Nadine Chamorel, Karin Keyes Endemann, Sherry McPhail, Nazish Ahmad, Stephan Dubrowski, Patrick Meagher, Paul Puritt, Alan Landsberg.