

Riverview Park Community Association January 11, 2011 Meeting minutes

Present: Carole Moulton, Marian O'Connor, Paul Puritt, Alan Landsberg, Nazish Ahmad, Stefan Dubowski, Sherry McPhail, Kris Nanda,

Absent: Karin Endemann, Nadine Chamorel, Patrick Meagher

Next meeting: February 8, 2012, 7pm Cancer Wellspring House

Actions from meeting:

- **Stefan** will call 311 to report garbage in Dorion/Drake walkthrough
- **Marian** will attend AVPG Jan 23, 5:30. Ask whether sidewalk on Industrial will run all the way to AV and to see plans for access to new retirement home from Industrial.
- **Kris** to contact Rebecca at the city to discuss community dev plan (this effort was postponed; Rebecca will contact us when it's going forward)
- **Alan** to send Sherry expenses for last month to enter into minutes
- **Sherry** to talk to Beth Stubbert about snowman flash mob
- **All to** email Stefan with any contacts on AV shopping centre story.

1. **Called to order at 7:10 p.m.**

2. **Agenda approved**

3. **Approval of December Board meeting minutes** (with slight change) moved by Sherry, seconded by Alan. Follow-up of the action items:

- Alan to obtain ATM card for bank account for web banking: **Done**
- Alan to review bylaws concerning financial record keeping: **delayed pending Karin's return**
- Carole to relay request that Parks and Rec committee consider annual fundraising event: **update in P&Rec committee report**

Thanks to Alan for providing a cheque to Carole after our last meeting for the prizes for the scarecrow contest and special thanks to Nazish, Nadine, Carole and all who were involved at the carol sing.

4. **Committee reports:**

Communications: (Marian O'Connor)

Website:

Home page announcements:

- Winter Carnival, Sunday February 5th
- Road modification project – 340 Industrial Avenue (site of new Maplewood Home)
- Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre construction update

Email List:

- 248 addresses as of January 2012

Statistics - Website Visits

	2009	Avg per day	2010	Avg per day	Var.	2011	Avg per day	Var.
Jan		724	23.4	649	20.9	-10%		
Feb		502	17.9	1452	51.9	189%		
Mar	58	538	17.4	1838	59.3	242%		
Apr	166	5.5	509	17.0	207%	872	29.1	71%
May	216	7.0	394	12.7	82%	1084	35.0	175%
Jun	388	12.9	373	12.4	-4%	976	32.5	162%
Jul	489	15.8	344	11.1	-30%	425	13.7	24%
Aug	288	9.3	313	10.1	9%	457	14.7	46%
Sep	263	8.8	536	17.9	104%	690	23.0	29%
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%

Planning and Development: (Kris Nanda)

Planning and Development Committee met on January 9, 2012 – and confirmed that priorities will continue to include: Alta Vista Corridor and National Defence Medical Centre, intensification issues, traffic levels/congestion along Industrial Avenue, Trainyards, promoting cycling/pedestrian access, and liaising with other Community Associations on issues of common interest. Monitoring of potential developments at the Alta Vista shopping centre is another item of interest. Paul Purritt is going to contact Ecology Ottawa to join the group that helps monitor and grade city councillors on environmental issues. Stefan plans to write an article about the history of the AV shopping centre and current state of it: email Stefan with any contacts on this story.

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

Update for this item courtesy of Councilor Peter Hume on January 9, 2012
"With respect to the National Defence Medical Centre Lands Canada Lands Corporation continues the due diligence process and we expect the transfer to take place as anticipated in 2012. As you know the City undertook to develop and approve the planning framework for the site but for the specific land division and zoning process CLC and the City have agreed that CLC should undertake them using the normal application processes. Therefore, CLC will be making application to approve a road network and a division of land using the plan of subdivision process -
http://ottawa.ca/residents/planning/dev_review_process/dev_application/17_3_3_en.html
. With respect to zoning CLC will be making an application to amend the City of Ottawa zoning by-law to implement the framework approved by City Council -
http://ottawa.ca/residents/planning/dev_review_process/dev_application/17_3_4_en.html
. The stakeholder group will be engaged immediately upon filing of an application by CLC and in the interim any news will be reported to Community Associations via the Alta Vista Planning Group.

With respect to the Alta Vista Transportation Corridor – work continues with Ontario Hydro and the rail companies and as a result the design will not be ready for public comment until later this year. However, I am pleased to advise you that one small piece of the corridor has been resolved – the link to the hospital ring road will be moved

westward and will intersect the hospital ring road immediately past the TransAlta plant. The link to the ring road shown in the Environmental Assessment document and used by the RPCA is no longer valid and will not be part of the design for the hospital link.”

NDMC is on agenda for the January 23, Alta Vista Planning Group (AVPG) meeting.

b. New Issue – Proposal involving the Ottawa Carleton District School Board (OCDSB), Riverview Alternative School and Andrew Fleck Child Care Services (AFCCS).

AFCCS has approached the OCDSB with a proposal to construct a 40,000 sq foot building, which is equivalent to the size of the existing school, to develop a child and family centre. The centre would house the organization's current offices and programs, including: Licensed Home Child Care, Thursday's Child Nursery School - a specialized nursery school program for children on the autism spectrum, playgroups and parent supports through their Ontario Early Years Centre, Children's Integration Support Services, Child Care information, including the centralized waiting list (CWL), plus the addition of licensed early learning and care for approximately 100 children between 18 months and 3.8 years. Their vision for the space also includes space available for community use.

The proposed location is the vacant OCDSB land to the east of Riverview Alternative School – the field currently used for soccer and variety of other recreational activities. The entire OCDSB property from the school to the eastern property boundary is zoned as a minor institutional zone, which permits a variety of uses including a daycare.

Councillor Hume reports that he has spoken to AFCCS Executive Director Kim Hiscott to let her know that the RPCA monitors development in Riverview Park. Ms Hiscott would like to meet with the RPCA.

Discussion:

Concerns include: Head office within a small neighbourhood. Big increase of traffic on Knox and other streets in the vicinity. Loss of recreational land (follows on loss of land at Balena, AVTC, NDMC etc.). We need a community development plan to see what we need in our community, not just what others want to build here.

Pros: Better than high density housing. Limited to day use.

Questions for Kim: How many employees? How many clients served daily on an appointment basis? How many daycare spots will be reserved for RP children? How many parking spaces? How much field preserved for community use?

c. Perley Hospital Seniors Complex

Construction continues on the Russell Road 45-unit seniors' housing residence. Paul P and Alan L are now the RPCA representatives on the Perley Community Liaison Committee (CLC).

d. Local Pedestrian/Cycling Update.

Kris will ask City to look into bike lane for Smyth Road between Alta Vista and Rideau River (McIlraith Bridge)

e. Redevelopment of 1757 Russell Road /1740 St. Laurent Blvd (Alta Vista Ridge)

Update on this proposal to be discussed at the January 2012 AVPG meeting. It calls for a number of blocks for residential development including a private access road and one commercial block. The Site Plan Control would facilitate the development of a total of 320 residential units consisting of townhouses and low-rise apartment blocks.

f. Traffic on Industrial Avenue.

RPCA wrote Peter Hume in November 2011 regarding possible installation of an advance green in the left-turn lane on Industrial going West at the Russell intersection. This is symptomatic of larger problems faced arising out of increased traffic due to Trainyards Developments etc. Councillor Hume has said he would ask City staff to look into this issue.

g. Proposal for apartment or seniors residence at 340 Industrial:

Approval has been received to build a 5 storey retirement home. The proposed building would consist of 124 dwelling units and 45 parking spaces underground and 14 surface parking spaces for a total of 59 parking spaces. The dwelling units are for seniors, medical respite and medical recuperation.

In response to an inquiry from RPCA regarding potential parking implications for neighbourhood streets resulting from this facility, Councillor Hume replied that parking provided was in compliance and according to the zoning by-law and during day to day operation will be sufficient. In response to the issue of additional congestion along Industrial Avenue, Hume stated that access to the majority of the site parking and loading facilities is solely off of Industrial Avenue and that access does not allow left turns – the concrete median prevents left turns into the site – this parking and loading access is a right in/right out only. He envisioned that the traffic flow would operate in a similar manner to the Figure 8 store access which is on the other side of Neighbourhood Way.

Under the approved site plan for this project, the developer is required to design and construct sidewalks fronting the Industrial Avenue and Neighbourhood Way public right-of-ways and to also connect with City owned land as per approved servicing plan (to provide a pedestrian connection from or to the site) and in accordance with City standards.

h. FCA (Federation of Citizens Associations of Ottawa-Carleton)

Nobody from the RPCA was able to attend the January 10 meeting of the FCA. However items of interest on the agenda included a resolution calling for the city to implement Section 37 of the Planning Act regarding the need for developers to provide community benefits associated with significant rezoning. The FCA has also proposed hosting a February 19 workshop on building an effective community association that may be of interest to the RPCA.

i. OC Transpo Bus Garage on Industrial Avenue – alternate access

Construction on alternate access for buses continues so that most buses will be able to use Belfast instead of Industrial – OC Transpo hopes to begin routing buses onto Belfast in the first quarter of 2012.

Parks, Recreation and Environment: (Carole Moul)

Winter carnival , Feb 5

- The committee would like support of all RPCA
- Will include games for all ages such as Shoot to Win, + hot chocolate, cider, etc.

Annual fundraising event rather than biennial

- The P&R committee voted that it should continue to be a biennial fundraiser.

Committee leadership

- Marian moved, based on P&R committee recommendation, that Carole be chair and sit on the RPCA board, and Kim and Cheryl will be Co-chairs. Kris seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: (Alan Lansberg)

Annual report

Alan will prepare annual report now that he knows it's past due. He requested that we have short description for every receipt.

December approved expenditures:

Nadine Chamorel	\$16.95
Orrin Clayton	\$15.56

January approved expenditures

Chris Mark	\$50.00
City of Ottawa	\$26.41

Balance, revenue & expenses

- The current balance is \$20,9004.
- Acknowledged \$50 + \$26 for winter carnival (amounts were already pre-approved)
- Carole moved that we give NWatch coordinators for up to \$30 for meeting next Tuesday at Church of Christ for block captains. Motion passed.
- Sherry provided \$720 from membership sales through neighbourhood soccer in summer 2011 + and 2 memberships of \$10 each = \$740.

Discussion: Should we be investing the balance? (Until we decide how the money should be wisely spent in the community, perhaps in relation to a community plan). Alan suggested we invest 10G. Kris suggested the decision be deferred for next meeting, if Alan could call past treasurers for a history of investing and make a recommendation on type and amount of investment for next meeting.

5. Riverview Park Review update Carole Moul

Sherry moved that RPCA (rather than Carole, as before) pay Greg Money for layout design for RPCA ads that run for free in the paper, as of January 1. Kris seconded. Motion passed.

6. New business

Neighbourhood watch asking for \$ for meeting: already discussed under Treasurer's Report.

Snowman building flash mob in AVTC: Kris will forward email to some people in neighbourhood who might be interested in organizing from our neighbourhood.

7. Adjournment: 9:04.

Date of next board meeting: 8 February, 2012

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