

**Riverview Park Community Association
May 11, 2011 Meeting minutes**

Present: Karin Keyes Endemann, Kris Nanda, Marian O'Connor, Sherry McPhail, François Allard, Bruce Aho

Absent: Carole Moulton, Chris Mark, Nazish Ahmad, Nadine Chamorel, J.P. Thibault

Guest: Bernadette Bailey (community garden) and Marg Karsh (interested in parks and invasive species) from Riverview Park

Next meeting: June 8th, 7pm Dempsey

Actions from meeting:

- **Riverview Garage sale and RAS Fun day volunteers:**
 - **Signs:** team of Nazish, Carole and Francois to print and post
 - **Flyers:** Nadine, Chris M and Sherry: design, print, deliver/post.
 - **Street ambassadors:** Karin will create job description and sign-up sheet.
- **Sherry** to send membership sign-up form to Karin
- **Karin** to write letter to ask for a CDP for Industrial Road
- **Kris** to invite Sheila Perry to June meeting.
- **Karin** to ask Chernushenko about FHCA claiming Oak Park as theirs
- **Sherry** to send final garage sale poster to Marian to send out to email list and post on web
- **Chris Mark** to contact Marg Karsh (613) 260-2086 about invasive species in park
- **Next AVPG:** May 26

1. Call to order & introductions

2. Approval of agenda with additions: April 13, 2011 Board meeting minutes not approved (no quorum at that point).

3. Guest speakers

Bernadette Bailey on the Community Garden

Committee includes Sarah Musavi, Bernadette, Jeannette LePhan and Frank Chouinard the pastor of Trinity Church of the Nazarene. They are in touch with Jessie from the Vegetable Patch, which sells shares to Ottawa residents who get weekly produce throughout summer. Frank agreed to let them develop entire lot between church playground and hydro line. About 20 people came out May 7th. Cut sod and piled it aside to compost. Small garden 20X20 this year to till among the committee and volunteers. Jesse will grow vegetables in the rest of the space this year. Next year 20X65 feet for plots for community. Will register people for plots over the winter. If there are volunteers, they will release more of the plots earlier. Will advertise at the plant sale at school on Garage Sale June 4. In RPR, print deadline May 18 to ask for plant donations.

Marg Karsh asked about RP parks and invasive species. Garlic mustard (and dog-strangling vine: Bernadette) is an invasive species in our parks: Coronation, Dale, others. If we let these species get established, they'll take over. Can RPCA help? RPCA has adopted them. All of our parks are designated. Chris Mark will contact Marg (613) 260-2086 to discuss what to do. Bernadette volunteers at Fletcher, where they also have trouble with dog-strangling vine. Chris to ask city and Fletcher Wildlife Garden to understand what city/feds are doing about it, what they should be doing.

4. Committee reports:

Communication Update – Marian O'Connor

Website:

Home page announcements:

- All candidates meeting April 18th for the May 2nd Federal Election
- Rideau River Clean-up – May 7th
- Neighbourhood Watch Alert - Theft from Cars – April 25th
- Canal Footbridge Open House – June 2nd
- iWalk iBike, Bike to Work, Every Day in May Physical Activity Challenge
- City of Ottawa Road Safety Forum – May 14th
- New Community Garden working with The Vegetable Patch (behind Trinity Church) breaking ground on May 7th
- Pictures of the Coronation Park clean-up
- Thank you to those who helped with the May 7th park clean-ups.

Community Organization & Events:

- Friends of the Farm activities May to August

Bylaws, Constitution and policies:

- New website guidelines and policies: RPCA approved in principle, subject to any changes other members may have.

RPCA Membership:

- Updated site and membership form with new address (Chris Mark's).

Other Communication:

- Email to residents about the April 18th all candidates meeting.
- Website guidelines and policies (to be reviewed and approved by Board)
- Riverview Park added to City of Ottawa Community Associations/Groups

website:

http://www.ottawa.ca/residents/parks_recreation/partners/community_orgs/west/comm_a_ssoc_en.html

Email List:

- 176 addresses as of April 20, 2011

Director of Blair Court appreciated being sent the information on the various upcoming events and asked to be added to the email list.

Web stats highlights: 71% increase from April to April, average 21 visits per day.

Planning & Development (Kris Nanda)

- a. *Trainyards.*
 1. *425 Terminal Avenue* – Via Rail Building Project still “on hold” according to City of Ottawa Website. This application proposes the development of a 9-storey, office tower. Concerns about proposed placement of pedestrian link to Train Station in the basement of the building. Discussed at April 20 AVPG meeting.
- b. *Perley Hospital Seniors Complex* – No word back from Greg Fougere at Perley regarding design of building along Russell Road. Francois unable to attend the April Community Meeting. Construction has not begun.
- c. *Local Pedestrian/Cycling Update.* Kris Work on Industrial Avenue Sidewalk (north side) will begin on May 1 and should be finished by July 8. Further work has begun on multi-use path (MUP) on Industrial between Alta Vista and Riverside, adjacent to new continuous eastbound lane being constructed to provide additional car traffic capacity.
- d. *Wellspring centre.* No new developments. The MAPLESOFT Centre was scheduled to be completed before April 1, 2011, but construction work still ongoing. New date June, moving in in the Fall. Awaiting update from Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation.
- e. *Alta Vista Planning Group (AVPG):* last AVPG meeting April 20 – topics included 425 Terminal Avenue Building, proposed residential building on Russell (across from Perley – on the site behind St. Hubert), Community Development Plan for Belfast Corridor and federal government office node at Tremblay and St. Laurent. Next AVPG meeting (hosted by Councillor Peter Hume) will be held May 26.

Karin: CDP for Riverview Park. Ottawa East plan was actually for Main Street. So asking for a CDP for Industrial Road.

- f. *Alta Vista Plaza:* A Riverview Park Resident has filed by-law complaints regarding the deteriorating conditions of some buildings and the broken fence behind Tim Horton’s (with cc to Peter Hume and RPCA). Apparently some remedial work will be done in response to this complaint. Fence has been fixed. No response from Capital Properties (property manager) to follow-up questions from RPCA (Kris). This was discussed at AVPG in April.

- g. *Baseball Stadium*. Overbrook CA hosted a meeting to get suggestions on how to proceed vis-à-vis future of Stadium – Kris following up with Sheila Perry from Overbrook. (Opening Day next weekend) We could see about getting a Riverview at the BallPark event! Kris will invite Sheila Perry to June meeting.
- h. *Alta Vista Corridor Update*. No new information on planning activities etc. In response to RPCA question about old city dump that runs parallel to Riverside Dr, Peter Hume directed us to the website link for the AVTC Environmental Assessment. Councillors Chernushenko and Diane Holmes recently met with the Deputy City Manager to talk about the appropriate future for the AVTC. More details of the meeting and options to be shared with RPCA and other CAs with concerns about AVTC.
- i. *Future of NDMC*. Karin inquired with NDMC to get name of contact who could provide us with details. According to Vistas article, NDMC will be sold to Canada Lands within the next year, but according to some people who work there, they will be there at least until 2015.
- j. *Intensification*. City is holding consultations on Implementation Guidelines for Section 37 Planning Act (Intensification and Negotiating Community Benefits).
- k. *Upcoming meetings of Interest*
 - 1. FCA meeting May 12 (Glebe CA)
 - 2. Sustainability Summit hosted by MPP Yasir Naqvi (May 14)

City Website Link http://www.ottawa.ca/residents/planning/index_en.html (Click on “Development Application Search;” then type in “Alta Vista <http://app01.ottawa.ca/postingplans/searchResults.jsf?lang=en&newReq=yes&action=qs&keyword=Alta+Vista>)

Parks, Recreation and Environment: (no report as Chris Mark was in the UK)

Treasurer’s report: Bruce Aho

\$16,359.56 in account

5. Communication with RP residents (Karin)

Motion passed to print 500 copies of RPCA marketing brochure. No plans to deliver them door-to-door.

Motion passed to raise \$5 for members to \$10 for the household.

Will hand out street rep program info and have sign-up sheet at Garage Sale membership table.

To discuss at June 8th meeting:

- Send monthly emails to members?
- Establish area reps and block captains/street reps to communicate events, understand resident concerns
- Have membership campaign? Glebe has one every May.

6. Riverview Garage Sale (June 4, 2011)

Street signs: \$150 for 20 13x19 signs. \$90 for 2 32x48 signs

Motion passed to pay for small signs, not large.

Flyers: only post 30 posters, no home delivery

7. New business:

Should we have an annual picnic? Kick-off summer, kick-off soccer season. Let's talk about doing this next year.

10. Adjourned at 9:10