

**Riverview Park Community Association
January 12, 2011 Meeting minutes**

Present: Carole Moulton, Chris Mark, François Allard, Kris Nanda, Karin Keyes Endemann, Sherry McPhail, Bruce Aho, Guests: John Neale and Will Tait

Absent: Marian O'Connor, J.P. Thibault, Nadine Chamorel, Nazish Ahmad

Next meeting: February 9th, 7pm Dempsey

Actions from meeting:

- **John Neale** will ask block captains if they're willing to be point people for the garage sale and use the NW list for advertising.
- **Karin** to send mass email list to Marian about the skating party.
- **Karin** to write Peter again to ask about meeting with architect for new Community Center
- **Chris** to send Marion skating party advertisement for website
- **Chris** to send Councillors Holmes & Harder parks motion to all board members
- **Marian** to post bio pictures sent by email and compile and disseminate coordinates of board members to board members
- **Marian** to send out mass email advertising skating party and asking for volunteers (Chris will send ad)
- **Marion** to create link on RPCA website to city committee members' contact list on City website so that Riverview residents can contact them on various issues
- **Kris** to draft letter on behalf of RPCA to send to City (and cc Peter Hume) with comments on federal building at TrainYards.
- **Kris** to invite Greg Fougere from Perley-Rideau Veterans Hospital (PRVHC) to next RPCA meeting to discuss proposed expansion
- **Francois** to fetch straw bales from Ritchie's for Skating party
- **Field house committee** to consider where to store skating rink boards when planning new building
- **Bruce** to contact Janina to get cheque, insurance and membership stuff
- **Sherry** to ask other community centres how they run soccer & insurance
- **Items for board members:**
 - Jan 13 noon protest at City hall human rights monument to protect the Kanata beaver pond forest
 - Jan 25 home security audit presentation
 - Jan 26 Open House on Bus Garage
 - Jan 27 deadline to comments on Trainyards federal building
 - Jan 30 Skating Party
 - Write to councillors Holmes and Harder to support dedication of Ottawa parks.

1. Called to order 7:01. We have quorum.
2. Agenda approved with addition of new business.

3. Minutes from December accepted with noted changes

4. **Participation of board members on committees:**

- *Garage sale committee:* First weekend in June. Participating: Nazish, Nadine, Karin, François. Need lead. Use block captains for block coordination.

5. **Neighbourhood Watch (NW) security training (Tim Mark & John Neale)**

Would the RPCA sponsor NW's presentation *Conducting a Home Security Audit* by Jordan Steele from Ottawa South Community Police Centre. Tues Jan 25 at Church of Christ 1515 Chomley Cres 7pm. Requested a budget of up to \$100 for advertising, posters, refreshments. RPCA President could open meeting and have membership desk. Hoping for 50 people. Motion to support this event passed

6. **Riverview Park newspaper update (Carole Moulton)**

Carole is new Editor. Still trying to transfer over signers. Three people are still signers until new board in place, must go together to bank to sign. Peter Bishop will also be on the board. Any advertisers are welcome. RPCA very pleased with all the work done.

7. **Committee reports:**

Communications: (Marian O'Connor)

- No report received.

Planning and Development: (Kris Nanda)

a. **Update on Building developments at Trainyards.** Federal Office Buildings: Proposal for 8-storey building at 395 Terminal – east of Sanford Fleming. Development is expected to be completed and substantially occupied by 2013. Deadline for public comments Jan 27. We can suggest that this should lead to improved public transit. The tenant is apparently going to be Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). 296 surface parking spaces. Location is currently separated from Transitway by train tracks, but it may be worthwhile pointing out the need to have access to transit via the pedestrian tunnel that would be required eventually as part of the zoning agreement once approximately 50,000 sq m has been developed. This would link with proposed pedestrian cyclist bridge across 417 between Tremblay and Coventry. Proposed 6 storey building at 455 Terminal is now on hold. Kris will draft letter on behalf of RPCA to send to City (and cc Peter Hume) with comments on proposed development, including need for sidewalks and possible link to Via Train Station.

b. **Perley Hospital.** Two building components - construction of a five storey "A" building of 94 seniors' units linked to the existing Long Term Care facility: Perley and Rideau Veterans Health Centre. Construction of a three-storey "B" building consisting of 45 seniors' units. City website reports that community "Heads Up" has been completed. Nothing new to report since Nov 30 Open House. Kris will invite Greg Fougere to attend next RPCA meeting

c. **Budgetary Request to City on 2011 Funding for Pedestrian and Cycling Plans.** Last month, RPCA agreed to formally ask Council to include this funding in 2011 Budget. Budget Standing Committees will meet in February. May release draft budget next week. Propose advising Federation of Citizen's Association (FCA) members to write their council members as well. Suggested to FCA we put \$ in for cycling and remove \$ for AVTC. Argument: In an era of retrenchment, the AVTC is a big budget item. Opportunity to remove and redistribute funds. Kris will draft letter to Councillors Peter Hume and David Chernushenko (whose wards both include Riverview Park and the AVTC), with cc to other councillors that are contiguous to Riverview Park, to Mayor Jim Watson, and to planning committee.

d. **Pilot Project on Segregated Bike Lane Downtown.** P & D committee voted to provide support for the project and communicate support to the City. Our input and support were acknowledged positively by City officials.

e. **Local Pedestrian/Cycling Update.** Industrial Avenue MUP was paved in December – final touches expected later this year once snow clears. Open house currently taking place on potential pedestrian bridge across Rideau River between Sandy Hill and Overbrook (Somerset St). Kris is going to raise issue of ploughing path between Hurdman and Lees stations at the January 17 Roads and Cycling Advisory Committee (RCAC) meeting.

f. **Alta Vista Corridor Update.** Ask that funding for the project be removed from the 2011 budget. Propose advising Federation of Citizen's Association (FCA) members to write their council members as well. This is an agenda item at the January 13 FCA meeting (tomorrow). Kris cannot attend this meeting – Karin indicated that she could go instead.

g. **Bus Garage Update.** Air quality monitoring update (near Balena and Russell to measure impact of bus garage) received from Peter Hume. Karin and Kris attended a meeting of the Community Working Group on January 10 to receive update on Belfast Road access project design, noise and pollution monitoring and Environmental Assessment. Meeting went well. They plan to reduce by 20 buses. EA will be held on right of way to Belfast that will come out across from Pepsi plant. Shared buses and cars. New traffic light at Belfast near Sail. Will do more noise monitoring later. Public Open House tentatively scheduled for January 26. Board members invited to attend.

h. **Rick Chiarelli proposal to have City support bringing Blue Jays farm team to Lynx Stadium.** Karin has sent letter to Peter Hume in support of this project.

i. **Wellspring centre.** The MAPLESOFT Centre is on schedule to be completed before April 1, 2011 – with some finishing touches and landscaping to be done before summer. The centre will officially open to the public in Fall 2011. The Cancer Foundation will launch pilot programs at the centre to address the emotional, practical and psychological needs of cancer survivors and their families.

j. **Community garden:** Kris is in contact with A Rocha Canada about possibility of a community garden at Trinity Nazarene Church (on Avalon/Braydon). A Rocha representative will be coming to Ottawa in early 2011 for meetings and site visit to determine if this is a good location. Pastor Frank Chouinard at the church is interested. Kris to advise Board members when details are available and will make sure Chris M is invited to meeting

k. **Alta Vista Planning Group (AVPG):** Peter Hume's office says next AVPG meeting will be held in February – date TBD.

l. **Friends of Lansdowne:** The RPCA sent \$500 to Friends of Lansdowne in December to support their litigation and appeal of decision on Lansdowne Live development.

Parks, Recreation and Environment: (Chris Mark)

a. **Winter carnival/skating party.** Jan 30th 2-4. Need volunteers to set up at 1:30. Need cheque for \$26, included under \$400 approved. Chris Khoury running rink. Talking to city about 3 foot boards just for ends of hockey rink. Trying to get Tim Horton's/Rogers van for hot chocolate etc. Games, toboggan races, beanbag toss, shoot to win, etc. All under control. Bruce will be buying shovel for rink (one broke). Will Tait will help on carnival day.

b. **Need date for spring cleaning.** Any dates which don't work? Let Chris know. Will we support Blair Court cleaning event? To be raised at next meeting.

b. **Status of parks.** In light of City allowing Sylvia Holden Park to be used as part of Lansdowne Live development, a motion has been introduced by Councillors Holmes and Harder in city hall to dedicate all parks in city's inventory (850). Will be debated in Jan. We have asked Susan Scott (Pete Hume's office) about status of parks in Riverview Park community. Susan will let us know outcome.

8. Fieldhouse development (Chris, Pam, Karin, Will, Francois)

No word from Peter Hume on meeting with architect.

9. Treasurer report: (Bruce Aho)

Current balance \$16, 646, down by \$86, another \$1,000 committed. \$500 for Lansdowne, \$400 for skating party, \$100 for Neighbourhood Watch. We need to identify ways to bring in funding.

10. New business: Soccer leagues insurance

Will RPCA cover insurance for league? Will add RPCA membership as part of participation. Not if it's run on school property. If it's run on a city park, maybe. Does RPCA have director's liability, or something more. Janina checked into it, and it was for discussion in the fall (June minutes). Kris will send Sherry, Karin and Chris copy of June

2010 email from Janina with information about our policy so that they can follow up on it with insurance company.

11. Adjourned at 8:35 pm

Next meeting: February 9, 7pm Dempsey