

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

Present: Karin Keyes Endemann, Chris Mark, Carole Moulton, Sherry McPhail, Nadine Chamorel, Marian O'Connor, Kris Nanda

Absent: Bruce Aho, Nazish Ahmad, François Allard, J.P. Thibault

Guests: Stefan Dubowski, Patrick Meagher

Next meeting: November 9, 7pm Cancer Wellspring House

Actions from meeting:

- **Sherry** to check into insurance to cover indoor soccer, school requirements
- **Sherry** to send pic of park cleanup to Marian
- **Karin** to follow up with Bruce about auditing with John Neale
- **Sherry** to get soccer membership \$ to Bruce
- **Sherry** to insert mention of becoming board member in soccer email
- **Sherry** to get pamphlets from Carole
- **Chris** to write up information about crows for website
- **Karin** to announce new meeting venue (Wellspring House) at AGM
- **Karin** to follow up with Peter Hume on CDP

1. Call to order 7:11

2. Approval of agenda

3. Approval of minutes from Sep 14 11 meeting

4. New business:

- Request for RPCA to run a winter soccer program at Riverview School (guest Patrick Meagher). Motion passed to support program in principle after checking on insurance.

5. Committee reports:

Communications: (Marian O'Connor)

Website:

Home page announcements:

- Proposed Road Modifications – Belfast Road
- Community Garden News – Fall Work Day and Pot Luck Lunch – October 15th
- Bicycle path snow clearing for winter (Hurdman to Lees Ave)
- Open House: Bank Street Community Design Plan: Key Recommendations–Oct 4
- RPCA Annual General Meeting – Wednesday, October 26th 7 to 9 PM
- Survey – Balena Park Field House Expansion Project

- 2011 RPCA Fall Social – Saturday, October 22nd
- Riverview Park’s Annual Scarecrow Contest – Judging Oct. 29
- Andrew Fleck Child Care Services Anniversary Conference Nov. 3 to 5

Other Communication:

- Email to residents:
 - Fall Social October 22nd 2011
 - AGM October 26th 2011
 - Scarecrow contest, judging Oct. 29th 2011
 - Balena Park field house survey
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Email List:

- 176 addresses as of October 2011

Statistics – Website Visits:

2009	Avg per day	2010	Avg pd	Var.	2011	Avg pd	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%			
Nov	170 5.7	387	12.9	128%			
Dec	197 6.4	356	11.5	81%			
Total	2444 11.2	5788	15.9	42%	8443	30.9	95%

Planning and Development: (Kris Nanda)

a. Trainyards.

Work continues on an 8-storey federal office building for the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) at 395 Terminal Avenue. Construction is expected to be completed by fall 2012 with substantially occupancy by 2013. Nothing new to report on the development planned for 425 Terminal Avenue on land owned by Via Rail – a 9-storey office tower - or the proposed 6-storey office building at 455 Terminal Avenue that is on hold.

Walmart has started its 40,000 square foot expansion to become a “supercentre” with groceries and is aiming for an early spring 2012 opening.

Work is nearing completion on a small multi-tenant building on the northwest corner of Industrial and Trainyards Drive and a second larger building on the west side of Trainyards Drive.

b. Perley Hospital Seniors Complex

A 5-storey residence will be connected to the current health centre at the main entrance and a second 3-storey residence will be located adjacent to Russell Road. Construction on the Russell Road 45-unit seniors' housing residence is supposed to start this fall. The Perley Rideau Community Liaison Committee – of which the RPCA is a member - is scheduled to meet on October 24 at 5:30 PM. Someone from the Board should attend

c. Local Pedestrian/Cycling Update.

Construction on the Industrial Avenue Sidewalk (north side) scheduled for this year has not yet started, though there are construction cones now. It was still expected to be finished this calendar year, according to Councillor Peter Hume. Work has been completed on the multi-use path (MUP) on Industrial between Alta Vista and Riverside, though additional signage is still needed to ensure that cyclists are aware that they can use the MUP. RPCA has been following up with city officials on this.

Councillor Hume recently announced that winter ploughing of the path between Hurdman and Lees stations (next to the Transitway) would take place this year, after some construction/landscaping changes are carried out. This announcement follows several years of requests from the RPCA and local residents for all-year access and should be welcomed by cyclists and pedestrians

d. Wellspring centre

The formal public opening for the building is scheduled for November 3.

e. Alta Vista Planning Group (AVPG)

Next AVPG meeting (hosted by Councillor Peter Hume) will be held October 17. Kris cannot attend – is there someone else who can?

f. Baseball Stadium.

As a member of the Public Consultation Group for the pathway connection, the RPCA will be involved in the Public Workshops which will consider the future use for the stadium and parking lot; the first workshop was scheduled for September 2011 and the process is slated for completion by March 2012. However, we have not yet received any notification on such a workshop.

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

Claridge Homes has submitted a site plan proposal to build a five-story retirement residence on the property at 340 Industrial/1481 Alta Vista (near corner of Neighbourhood Way and Industrial) While this new proposal is lower in height than original plan, there are still concerns about on-street parking and the implications of accessing the completed building from either Neighbourhood Way or Industrial

h. Alta Vista Corridor Update and future of NDMC.

Still no new information on planning activities etc for either project to date. Peter Hume has assured the RPCA that it will be given an opportunity to provide input into the AVTC design process later this year. The RPCA will be involved in the reconstituted Hospital

Lands Area Planning Study Committee that Councillor Hume will be reconvening to guide the planning effort. No date has been set for this first Committee meeting.

The time to make recommendations to remove the AVTC Hospital Link funding from the 2012 budget is now. A meeting of interested stakeholders is scheduled for November 1 to discuss options to try to remove the AVTC from the Official Plan when it comes up for review in 2013.

i. 415 and 455 Industrial (Former Capone's restaurant)

A proposal is on hold regarding an application for the development of a new three-storey light industrial building with 112 surface parking spaces on this site.

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

Peter Hume has informed us that construction is underway on the alternate access for buses so that most buses will be able to use Belfast instead of Industrial.

k. General municipal issues

Peter Hume is holding a Budgetary Input meeting on November 1 at Rideau United Church at 7 PM. The RPCA may want to send someone to make a presentation. Input to the municipal budget can be made via Ottawa 311 or the City website.

CBC Radio reports that the City has yet to implement the community benefits requirement that developers are to provide in exchange for carrying out intensification as per Section 37 of the Planning Act

Parks, Recreation and Environment: (Chris Mark)

a. Fall Social (with Pam Clayton)

- Thanks to everyone for all the work. We sold all 70 tix. Kris will introduce band. Need cheque for \$50 for one band member. Need cheque for \$1400 to church for meal. Any more items for silent auction can go to Pam. Karin will give speech, recognize David McGuinty and his wife, and all the donors. \$4 for wine/beer.

b. Balena rink

- Chris Khoury will be volunteer again this year. Lights are up.

c. Fall park cleanup

- Thanks to all volunteers, 25 people and 16 bags from all parks.

6. Riverview Park newspaper update (Carole Moulton)

- Got out last issue before election. Need distributors for Station & Chaucer.
- Ads went very well. It is best for the distributors if the paper has no more than 40 pages, and this time we had to squeeze.

7. Treasurer report: (Bruce Aho)

- No report; Bruce not present.

8. AGM

- Speakers, process, board, logistics

9. Standing proposals for discussion:

- **Street Representatives Program:** coordinator needed
- **Membership Drive:** coordinator needed
- Meetings will continue in **Cancer Wellspring House**. They will hold their Nordic Walk (3km & 7km) Sunday Oct 30th.
- Karin interviewed by Queen's design student working on **Hurdman light rail redesign**. Mentioned all of the community input we would like to have, including better access, integration with ped and bike paths, mediation of flood plain, etc.
- **Carol singing:** Linda Egan would like to do it on Friday Dec 16, 6pm. Need volunteer to organize this.
- Peter Hume said he would look into flashing **Fitness depot sign**, which is dangerous.
- People are leaving **shopping carts** on Coronation. Orrin is taking on this issue. Susan asked Walmart mgr, who promised to pick up carts. Plan for preventing this?
- **Crows:** Chris went to Sept 23 meeting with city falconer and forester in Coronation Woods. Need variety of strategies. Never a permanent cure. Same strategies in hospital woods. Going to be expensive. Will use pyrotechnic and noisemakers, can be problem in residential areas as it sounds like gunshots. Encourage people to write their councillor to show level of concern.
- **Development:** Is there a CDP for Riverview Park, so developers can't put triplexes on our large lots? Karin: CDP are only for streets. Check zoning with city, but we will probably find that it's mixed residential, so developers can do anything.
- Next year: Check with parks and rec committee that the city forester is checking on our **Ash trees**. Can get them treated for \$250 per tree, cheaper than taking them down.
- **Motion** passed unanimously to ask city to remove \$50 million for hospital link from budget.
- Marian: Should we buy our parallel "**xxx**" **domain** to protect ourselves from porn hackers?

- **AV shopping centre:** hung up in wills and probates

10. Adjourned at 8:59

Next board meeting: after AGM, November 9, 7pm Cancer Wellspring House

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