

Riverview Park Community Association February 13, 2013 Meeting minutes

Present: Alan Landsberg, Karin Endemann, Marilyn Minnes, Dianne Hoddinott, Sherry McPhail, Carole Moulton

Absent: Stefan Dubowski, Nadine Chamorel, Paul Puritt, Patrick Meagher, Kris Nanda

Next meeting: March 20, 2012, 7pm, 521 Braydon

Actions from meeting:

- **Sherry** to add David McGuinty's contact info on website
- **Marilyn** to call Susan and ask for list of all the money spent on our parks over last 10 yrs
- **Alan** to send email to Dave & Tony to give him our support for removing the island in front of Pioneer

1. **Called to order at 7:05 p.m.**

2. **Agenda approved with changes**

3. **Approval of January Board meeting minutes and review of action items**

4. **Committee reports:**

Planning and Development: Kris Nanda: sent in report, Karin read

a. Proposal from John Neale for cycling subcommittee – John Neale has asked if we can follow up with Councillor Hume's office on proposed "Better Biking in Ward 18" event. John would also like a copy of the responses received from other local CAst.

b. Official Plan – The City process has started for preparing the next Official Plan and Transportation Master Plan in 2013. This would be the opportunity to seek to remove AVTC roadway from the Plan. Still seeking further information on how and when the best opportunities are to provide this input. Need to send someone from RPCA to January 10 Federation of Citizen's Association (FCA) meeting at Overbrook CC on coordinating input into Official Plan. No word back from Sheila Perry as to whether she can attend Jan 9 RPCA meeting to discuss this

c. Identifying specific traffic problems and "choke-points" along Industrial associated with Ongoing Development (much of which associated with Trainyards)
Locations of concern identified between Riverside and St Laurent include: 1) Riverside/Industrial intersection, 2) at Neighbourhood Way; 3) Metro Warehouse/depot (trucks); 4) at Trainyards Drive; 5) Pioneer Gas Station/New access road to Farmboy/LCBO; 6) New traffic light for eastern entrance to Bus Garage

d. Casino issues – no new information on when OLG will announce its preferred site. RPCA should put together site-specific reasons if Stadium or Trainyards is identified as a site. (e.g. traffic congestion, inappropriateness close to residential neighbourhood)
No official reply from Marty to letter from RPCA (Karin) expressing opposition to his offer

to have casino at the Trainyards. No word back on

RPCA (Kris) has been in contact with Jon Legg, to find out about upcoming events by broader coalition opposed to casinos in Ottawa

e. Trainyards Expansion across Industrial Ave (628 Industrial)

Article in Jan 5 Citizen and item on City website regarding proposal to build several buildings on site of former pool warehouse (directly across new access road to Farmboy/LCBO) Would back onto Coronation (near Weyburn) Need more details but buildings will be smaller than big boxes on north side of the road. RPCA will want to provide input including call for sidewalks on south side of Industrial. According to the Citizen article, Peter Hume has opposed "many of the plans' details" for redevelopment of Trainyards.

2 Other P&D Items

a. Alta Vista Transportation Corridor (AVTC)/National Defence Medical Centre (NDMC). No new updates on design process for AVTC or on NDMC lands. No official confirmation whether NDMC has yet been transferred to Canada Lands Corporation (CLC) from DND

b. Proposal involving the Ottawa Carleton District School Board (OCDSB), Riverview Alternative School and Andrew Fleck Child Care Services (AFCCS). Kim Hiscott from AFCCS has informed us that the report on proposed building never went to the OCDSB and the AFFCS project is on hold indefinitely. We will follow up with her in April to see if anything has changed.

c. Perley Hospital Seniors Complex

The Russell Road 45-unit seniors' housing residence is scheduled to be ready for occupancy by March 2013. .

d. Redevelopment of 1757 Russell Road /1740 St. Laurent Blvd (Alta Vista Ridge) No word back from City on suggestions for addressing 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

Notional completion date for Farmboy and LCBO is late February/March 2013. Increased traffic congestion at Trainyards continues to be a problem - westbound Railmarket intersection with Trainyards Drive particularly problematic Peter Hume response to question about better public transit for Trainyards noted that the 121 route provides service along Terminal Avenue every 30 minutes and that "the plan is to have a direct connection either over the train tracks or via the existing underground passage to the train station which will give Train yards full access to the new LRT station at Train which by 2018 will provide a significantly improved service." No response from OC Transpo for rationale about reduced bus service on Industrial (and elimination of service on Lancaster).

f. 700 Coronation

Site plan approved to construct a new 3 storey condominium building on the west side of the site with 31 units and two levels of underground parking. Expected occupancy in

2014.

g 340 Industrial (Riverstone Retirement Home):
info to David Graham from Riverstone Retirement Home Marketing Director with suggested traffic/infrastructure improvement that he can raise with the City (as per the December 12 RPCA Board meeting.) Expected to be open later this year.

h. Other Items

CAFES –next meeting scheduled for Feb 2 to be hosted by Glebe CA (Kris plans to attend). Issues expected to include casino proposal .
Alan debrief on meeting on resident input on Official Plan. In Needs Assessment phase. Dr. Mowat from Peel Public Health had a great presentation on how to improve community health while saving \$. No discussion was permitted afterward. Followed by Infrastructure presentation and Colin Simpson speaking about multi-modal “complete” streets (bike, bus, car, pedestrian). 17 minutes of Q&A allowed 5 questions, then 30 minutes of video with Mayor PR. We are sending a letter to Hume, Harder & Watson to say that prevention of public input is unacceptable.

The next steps for RPCA having input into Official Plan: find out when NA input events are happening, and we should attend.

Deadline for comments March 1 2013 on Building a Liveable Ottawa 2031.

Communications: Sherry McPhail

- **Website:** Home page announcement on Winter Carnival
- **January Email:** Carnival, Toboggan Sundays, volunteers for paper and rinks, Coronation Survey
- **Email List:** 250 addresses as of February 2013
- Karin requested that we make the website our core of communication and the email as a teaser.

Parks, Rec & Environment: Carole Moul

- **Coronation Park revamp:** Members of the board would like to know where the initiative came from. What is the “Funds in lieu of parkland” reference? Could the \$ go to other parks in Riverview instead? Which is most in need?
- **Carnival:** 250 carnival attendees. Only 4 volunteers present. More committee members needed.

Street Representatives Program: TBD

Membership Drive Committee: TBD

Treasurer report: Alan Lansberg

- Alan looking for cheque for \$104
- Motion passed to approve approx \$50 for Kev Hosting for website redirect
- \$151.10 was approved for payment to Carole in respect of winter carnival supplies and rentals

5. Reports from External Meetings

- **Alta Vista Planning Group** Karin going in Feb, about Liveable Ottawa
- **Perley Hospital Consultation** Marilyn: No meeting coming up
- **East of Rideau group** Alan: no meeting
- **FCA meetings** Kris went, not present today
- **Cafes** Kris went, not present today

6. New business:

Industrial island

With the new island, there is only one entrance in and one out of the Pioneer station. There was an opportunity to construct an entrance off the Trainyards access road to Farm Boy. Karin met with Tony Aoune, Pioneer Manager. He said that the Pioneer District manager flew in to complain about the island and request the access road. They were told (by the City?) that the Community Association wanted the island and not the access road. This is not the case, if he is referring to the RPCA. Next steps:

- Alan: send email to Dave & Tony to give him our support for removing the island that is creating “high probability of hazards,” to use Marty’s term.
- We need to get the info that Tony has gathered and meet with Dave McFarlane & Chris Bracefield, and then meet with Peter Hume.

Industrial avenue redesign

Peter Hume advised Karin that a Community Development plan means high density and multi-storey development, and that a Public Realm plan would be more appropriate.

Volunteer award

David McGuinty is looking for names of people who are outstanding volunteers. The board suggested several. We can send more. He will present them at the AGM in October.

Adjournment: 9:00

Date of next board meeting: 20 March 2013: Starting at 7pm

Board of Directors: Carole Moulton, Kris Nanda, Nadine Chamorel, Karin Keyes Endemann, Sherry McPhail, Stefan Dubowski, Patrick Meagher, Paul Puritt, Alan Landsberg, Marilyn Minnes, Dianne Hoddinott,