

Riverview Park Community Association June 13, 2012 Meeting minutes

Present: Carole Moul, Nadine Chamorel, Sherry McPhail, Paul Puritt, Karin Endemann, Marian O'Connor, Patrick Meagher, Kris Nanda, Stefan Dubowski

Absent: Alan Landsberg, Nazish Ahmad

Next meeting: Sept. 12, 2012, 6:30pm Cancer Wellspring House

Actions from meeting:

- **Kris** to write letter to Mayor Watson and City Council opposing downtown casino
- **Patrick** to research neighbourhood decline in areas surrounding casinos
- **Kris** to write to city to get lease to pursue use of stadium for baseball
- **Kris** to research holding CAFES meeting at Cancer Wellspring House
- **Sherry** to publish advertisement on RPCA website and send email message to members to promote Street Rep program
- **Paul** to organize AGM for Oct. 24

1. **Called to order at 6:40 p.m.**
2. **Agenda approved with changes**
3. **Approval of May Board meeting minutes (with changes) and review of action items**
4. **Committee reports:**

Communications: Marian O'Connor

Website:

Home page announcements:

- Spaghetti Dinner at Trinity Church – Friday, June 8th
- Community Wide Joint Garage Sale – June 2
- Abbey Road's Annual Garage Sale – June 9
- Perley Rideau Village News Construction update
- Little girl's sweater found during park clean-up
- Maplesoft Centre selected for Doors Open Ottawa – June 2-3
- Community Safety Day/Neighbourhood Watch – May 12th

Other Communication:

- Community Wide Joint Garage Sale – June 2

Email List:

- 245 addresses as of June 2012

Statistics – Web Site Visits:

Waiting to hear back from City on these 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. Highway 417/ University of Ottawa Expansion

As part of the staging process, certain city-owned property would need to be disposed of and the pathways on both sides of the Rideau River north of the old Hurdman railway bridge closed during Hwy 417 expansion. The RPCA has written city officials asking that any disruption for pedestrians and cyclists be mitigated.

f. Trainyards

Site preparation continues on the parcel of land (641-663 Industrial) between the Pioneer gas station and the new bus garage facility where Farm Boy will be.

No response yet from RPCA request to the City to ensure that the complex is adequately serviced by public transit and that there is sufficient infrastructure for safe pedestrians and cyclist access to the site – this would help encourage customers and staff to choose options besides their own vehicles.

g. Proposed new bus entrance/traffic light on Industrial Avenue

New signalized intersection has been proposed 200 metres east of Russell Road. This was not envisioned when bus garage consultations took place – it was opposed at the time due to concerns about traffic flow

h. LRT Transit Oriented Development Open House at City Hall June 14

Of interest to RPCA given that one of the study areas is near the Train LRT station and will directly affect our community. Current proposal for eventual development shows row of 14-16 story office buildings/condos along Terminal Avenue

i. Apartment or seniors residence at 340 Industrial

Work is ongoing. Pathway behind project has been reopened. We may want to follow up with Councillor Hume and the project managers regarding constructing sidewalks fronting the Industrial Avenue and Neighbourhood Way public right-of-ways

j. Other recent events

May 24 Tall Building Event (6:30 PM) -- Stefan Dubowski and Benjamin Clare from P&D attended this event that featured Neil Malhotra (Claridge Homes), Alex Munter (CEO, CHEO) who discussed tall building developments in Ottawa. Potential implications for RPCA given due to potential NDMC development

Federation of Citizens Associations (FCA) AGM on June 5. Kris attended. Featured a presentation from the Mayor followed by Q and A session which ended before Kris could pose questions regarding intensification, future of baseball stadium

CAFES meeting in June in Old Ottawa East (June 9 – hosted by Old Ottawa East) Kris attended – items discussed included: presentation on Emerald Ash borer and City tree program, Heritage tree cataloguing program (can be broadly interpreted if documented over the years – children planting trees and then celebrating their growth over the years may get them “heritage” protection) greening events, preparing for budget ask from the City (September 2012)

Final Open house on 5th Avenue-Clegg Rideau Canal Crossing postponed to September 2012

Kris moves to write to city to get lease to pursue use of stadium for baseball – Paul seconds – approved – Kris to draft letter

Casino: Regarding news that Ottawa may host a new provincial casino, the Board debated the pros and cons. Kris said a casino situated downtown would be out of character for Ottawa, and the Board should oppose the development. He volunteered to write to Mayor Jim Watson and Ottawa City Council to this effect. Patrick volunteered to research information regarding social decline in areas around casinos. The Board approved.

CAFES plans to hold its next meeting in the fall. Kris wondered if it could be held at the Cancer Wellspring Centre (Maplesoft). He said he would research that.

The Board discussed the new trees on Alta Vista Drive, noting that trees have been planted south of Smyth Road, but not north of Smyth where Riverview Park is situated. The Board discussed recommending new trees for the perimeter of the neighbourhood.

Parks, Rec & Environment: Carole Moul

- The Committee proposes developing a budget for next year to proactively deal with rinks and other parks and recreation activities.
- The Committee discussed the fact that 2013 is a fundraising year, and is open to new revenue-generating ideas. The fall social may not be the only option.
- Regarding the community’s annual park cleanup day, the Committee suggested reaching out to the Russell Heights community to involve this part of the neighbourhood, similar to the special park cleanup activities planned for the Blair Court community. Carole sent an email message to representatives of Russell Heights to gauge interest.

Street Representatives Program: Sherry McPhail

- Sherry plans to publish an advertisement on the RPCA website and send email message to members to promote the program.
- The Board discussed designing a new Riverview Park community logo to use with the Street Representatives Program.
- The program will include cards for representatives to leave with neighbours.

Membership Drive Committee: TBD

principle to consider providing up to \$2,000 for the traffic consultant. Paul seconded the motion. The Board approved.

- **Ash trees:** RPCA placed an ad in the paper proposing an application for group rates to heal Ash trees in RP. Karin said no one responded. Kris reported that during the last CAFES meeting a representative from the city talked about Ottawa's response to the emerald ash borer, and the insect's devastating effect on the city's ash population. Following information indicating that the City of Oakville, Ont. has done a better job of managing the insect and saving its ash trees, the city representative said Ottawa is larger and therefore much more difficult to manage.
- **Perley Hospital Consultation: Paul:** no meeting
- **East of Rideau group: Alan:** no meeting
- **FCA meetings:** See Other recent events under Planning and Development

6. Fat Cats Community Association package

- Marian will handle this while Alan is away. Karin said people who have responded to the offer of free tickets to Fat Cats games have been thrilled. Carole said the Board needs to reconsider how it delivers the tickets. She made deliveries herself and it was time consuming. Marian agreed to verify how many tickets for the suites were still available.

7. RPCA Garage Sale June 2 - Nadine Chamorel

- The rain deterred broad community participation, but as Kris pointed out, the weather did encourage people to visit Riverview Park school, where individuals and organizations had set up tables to sell items indoors.
- Kris also discussed an idea from CAFES: events where people bicycle through neighbourhoods to learn about areas otherwise unfamiliar to them. Riverview Park could arrange something similar the same day as the community-wide yard sale to encourage people from outside the community to come and check out bargains.

8. Annual General Meeting

- Planned for Oct. 24. Paul volunteered to connect with Riverview Park school to secure the gym for the meeting.

9. Riverview Park Review update

- 4,300 print run – covers had to be changed manually
- AGM ad \$80; Garage sale ad \$225
- 41 ads – 50 per cent from out of the area
- Plenty of compliments on Helen's story
- Dandy Brisket – new ad; likewise G Willikers (toy store in Elmvale mall) – 15 new advertisers this issue

10. New business: none

12. Adjournment: 8:45 p.m.

Date of next board meeting: 13 June 2012: Starting at 6:30

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