

Riverview Park Community Association December 14, 2011 Meeting minutes

Present: Carole Moulton, Nadine Chamorel, Marian O'Connor, Patrick Meagher, Paul Puritt, Alan Landsberg, Nazish Ahmad, Stefan Dubowski

Absent: Sherry McPhail, Kris Nanda, Karin Endemann

Next meeting: January 11, 2012, 7pm Cancer Wellspring House

Actions from meeting (verify):

- Alan to provide cheque to Carole covering cost of scarecrow prize pizzas
- Alan to obtain ATM card for bank account for web banking
- Alan to review bylaws concerning financial record keeping
- Nazish to prepare song books for carol sing
- Nazish and Carole to supply cookies for carol sing
- Carole to relay request that Parks and Rec committee consider annual fundraising event

1. **Called to order at 7:05 p.m.**
2. **Agenda approval: moved by Carole Moulton, seconded by Nazish Ahmad, approved**
3. **Minutes from Nov. 9 meeting approval: moved by Paul Puritt, seconded by Nadine Chamorel, approved**
4. **Committee reports:**

Communications: (Marian O'Connor)

Website:

Home page announcements:

- [Friday Dec. 16th – Holiday Carolling](#)
- ["New to You" Kid's Skate Sale](#)
- [Removal of Ash Trees on Private Property – City to Negotiate Prices to Help Citizens](#)
- Removal of Ash Trees in Ward 18 due to Emerald Ash Borer
- [UPDATE – Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre Construction News](#) (parking lot)
- [Abandoned Shopping Carts](#)
- [Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre Construction News](#)
- [Volunteers Working in the Community](#) – Daffodil Planting at the Cancer Survivor's Park
- [Nov. 26 – Brainstorming Session on Cycling Safety](#)
- [RPCA Fall Social's a Huge Success](#)

Updates to other website pages:

- Update to Board of Directors page (new Board members)

Other Communication:

- Email to residents about the skate sale (sent Dec. 1st)

Email List:

- 249 addresses as of December 2011 (many new additions from AGM)

Statistics – Website Visits:

	2009	Avg per day	2010	Avg per day	Var.	2011	Avg per day	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%	897	28.9	10%
Nov	170	5.7	387	12.9	128%	802	25.9	107%
Dec	197	6.4	356	11.5	81%			
Total	2444	11.2	5788	15.9	42%	10142	30.4	91%

Paul noted that some Riverview Park streets with diseased Ash trees don't appear on the city's list of streets to be addressed. Marianne O'Connor pointed out that some local streets will be addressed in a second round closer to spring.

Planning and Development: (Kris Nanda)

a. *Alta Vista Transportation Corridor (AVTC)/National Defence Medical Centre (NDMC).*

Carole Moulton and representative from Old Ottawa East CA spoke to Transportation Committee last month, asking that funding for AVTC Hospital Link be removed from the 2012 budget. However, Council voted on November 30 to fund AVTC construction via the 2012 Budget. Neither Councillors Hume nor Chernushenko mentioned AVTC or NDMC in their submissions to latest issue of Riverview Park Review. Most media reports say that Budget 2012 passed with little outcry.

No new information on planning activities etc for either AVTC or NDMC though NDMC will be on the agenda for the next Alta Vista Planning Group meeting in January. It is more than 3 years since the RPCA was promised input into the design process. Still no date set for this first Committee meeting for either AVTC or NDMC. .

Traffic data from the City shows that Southbound traffic on Alta Vista Drive (the traffic that would theoretically be removed by the Hospital Link) has remained virtually the same on Alta Vista Drive between 2004-2011, which calls into question the link.

b. Perley Hospital Seniors Complex

Construction has begun on the Russell Road 45-unit seniors' housing residence. They have abided by cease and desist order for parking lot west of Botsford footpath. Paul P and Alan L attended the November 21 Community Liaison Committee (CLC) meeting,

c. Local Pedestrian/Cycling Update.

Work on Industrial Avenue Sidewalk has been completed. Landscaping work has also been completed on pathway near Hurdman Bridge to allow for year-round snowplowing and access for pedestrians and cyclists. Much gentler slope now approaching Lees Ave.

Municipal budget has included much more robust funding levels for pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure. RPCA has reiterated support for new pedestrian bridge across Rideau Canal (between 5th Ave in the Glebe and Clegg in Old Ottawa East)

d. Redevelopment of 1757 Russell Road /1740 St. Laurent Blvd (Alta Vista Ridge)

Update on this proposal was to have been discussed at the December Alta Vista Planning Group (AVPG) meeting that was postponed until January. It calls for a number of blocks for residential development including a private access road and one commercial block. The Site Plan Control would facilitate the development of a total of 320 residential units consisting of townhouses and low-rise apartment blocks.

e. Alta Vista Planning Group (AVPG)

AVPG meeting (hosted by Councillor Peter Hume) scheduled for December was postponed until January 23, due to limited number of available attendees.

f. Traffic on Industrial Avenue.

RPCA (Kris) wrote Peter Hume regarding to having an advance green in the left-turn lane on Industrial going West at the Russell intersection. This is symptomatic of larger problems faced arising out of increased traffic due to Trainyard Developments etc.

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

RPCA also wrote Councillor Hume regarding the potential parking problems on neighbourhood streets once Claridge has built a five-story retirement residence on the property at 340 Industrial/1481 Alta Vista (near corner of Neighbourhood Way and Industrial)

i. CAFES (Community Associations for Environmental Sustainability) and Development Charges

Kris attended December 10 CAFES meeting in Hintonburg – next meeting will be in Spring 2012. Kris raised issues of consultation processes and shared concerns about *Development Charges Act* with those present, including MPP Yasir Naqvi.

Development charges were a major item of discussion at meeting - other CAs present seem open to the idea of revising the Act to allow for Development Charges to be used to fix existing infrastructure, rather than just build new roads and facilities. Kris to draft letter on this issue for January 2012 RPCA meeting.

Other items of interest: 1) Ecology Ottawa is looking for volunteers to help with its Council Watch Committee (the one that gave Councillors Chernushenko, Fleury, Holmes and Hume an "A") – contact is Trevor Hache 2) CAs encourage to ask City to increase staff for its forestry program – some CAs are doing inventory of types of trees in the area; 3) Rebecca Aird and Andrea Flowers from City are available to speak to CAs about Community Sustainability

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

Construction on alternate access for buses continues so that most buses will be able to use Belfast instead of Industrial – seeking confirmation of official completion date

k. Next P& D meeting

December 13 meeting postponed until Monday January 9, 2012 – will be opportunity to discuss priorities for 2012.

Parks, Recreation and Environment: (Carole Moul)

The Parks, Recreation and Environment committee met Dec. 6. Topics of discussion included the Balena Field House renovation, the fall social, the incidents of indecent exposure in Coronation Park, renewing the Adopt a Park program, removal of diseased Ash trees, daffodil planting in Cancer Survivors Park, and the abandoned Wal Mart shopping carts on Coronation.

Skate sale: The skate sale attracted just one customer on its first day, but the committee has high hopes for the second run.

Balena Park skating rink: The city recently sent an instalment cheque for the Balena Park skating rink.

Coronation Adopt a Road: Coronation has been adopted in the Adopt a Road program for regular volunteer cleanup.

Winter carnival: The annual winter carnival and skating party in Balena Park is scheduled for Feb. 5, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The committee will be looking to RPCA board members to help out. The committee is currently assessing how much hot chocolate et al. supplies will be required. The committee has asked the RPCA board to approve expenses up to \$500 for the winter carnival – moved by Carole, seconded by Alan, approved.

Committee structure: The committee suggests that instead of assigning a specific chairperson, Carole will act as liaison with the RPCA board.

Marianne requests that the committee considers an annual event of some sort – Carole to relay request to committee.

Street Representatives Program: (Nadine Chamorel)

No updates – Nadine to take two to three months off for health reasons

Membership Drive Committee: (TBD)

No updates

Treasurer Report: (Alan Lansberg)

Alan presented a spreadsheet indicating that the community association's bank account contains \$20,082.79. He said he would also prepare an annual statement to present at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Alan plans to review the association's bylaws to see how long the association is supposed to keep financial records, since it currently has records dating back a decade. He also plans to attain an ATM card for the account so he can manage the account via web banking.

Carole requested a cheque for \$71 to cover the pizzas provided as prizes to the winners of the scarecrow contest.

5. Carol Sing preparations (Nazish and Nadine)

The carol sing is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 16 at the cancer centre on Alta Vista. Nazish Ahmad has volunteered to lead the singers (tell them which song will be sung next, which page in the song book, etc.). Nazish and Carole volunteered to provide cookies for the post-sing get-together on the cancer centre's veranda, where Tim Horton hot chocolate will also be served.

6. Committee Assignments:

Representative

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|--------------------------------|---|
| • Alta Vista Planning Group | monthly (Kris, Marianne and Karin) |
| • Perley Hospital Consultation | periodically (Paul and Alan) |
| • East of Rideau group | monthly (Alan – Marianne to connect him with Kris to bring up to speed) |
| • FCA meetings | monthly (Karin) |
| • CAFES | periodically (Kris) |

Frequency

7. RPCA annual activities planning:

- | | <u>Date</u> | <u>Chair</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| • Invited speakers | On-going | |
| • New Community Center | On going | Karin |
| • Garage sale | June | Nadine |
| • Scarecrow contest | October | |
| • Social (annual?) | October | |
| • AGM | October | |
| • Carol sing | December | Nazish |

For next year's summer garage sale, Marianne recommends getting list of addresses participating so the community association can direct visitors to the neighbourhood – also recommends tables at Riverview Alternative for community use.

8. Riverview Park Review update (Carole Moulton)

The December 2011 issue consisted of a print run of 4,500. With more article submissions from the community than usual, the size of the paper was increased from 40 to 44 pages.

9. New business

Industrial Road and Neighbourhood Way intersection: concern with left turns from Neighbourhood onto Industrial, and lefts from Industrial to Neighbourhood – increased traffic makes left turns at this intersection more dangerous

10. Adjournment: Paul moves, Patrick seconds – approved

Date of next board meeting: 11 January, 2012

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