

## **Riverview Park Community Association March 14, 2011 Meeting minutes**

**Present:** Carole Moulton, Karin Endemann, Alan Landsberg, Nazish Ahmad, Stefan Dubowski, Kris Nanda, Marian O'Connor, Patrick Meagher, Paul Puritt, Nadine Chamorel, and representatives of Andrew Fleck Child Care Services: Kim Hiscott, Dan Carson

**Absent:** Sherry McPhail

**Next meeting:** April 11, 2012, 7pm Cancer Wellspring House

### **Actions from meeting:**

- **Kris** to ask city for rationale behind cancelling bus on Industrial and Lancaster
- **Kris** to arrange a community meeting to discuss Andrew Fleck Child Care Services considering vacant land north of Riverview Alternative for new headquarters/ child care facility
- **Kris** to acquire site plan from AFCCS and circulate to board
- **Alan** to write to Peter Hume re: need for widened intersection at Industrial and Neighbourhood Way to accommodate increased traffic resulting from new retirement residence being built at corner
- **Someone** to check Ottawa archives for RP plan from 1979 (This follows advice from Sheila Perry, president of the Overbrook Community Association – in her presentation last month she talked about using the neighbourhood association's community plan to build current plan – the board seeks a volunteer for the archives research.)
- **Carol** to research cost of new signs needed for community garage sale
- **Karin** to send board members a list of things to do to prepare for garage sale
- **Alan** to present options for investing RPCA money

**1. Called to order at 7:07 p.m.**

**2. Agenda approved**

**3. Approval of February board meeting minutes and review of action items**

**4. Invited guest: presentation and discussion** Kim Hiscott, director, Andrew Fleck Child Care Services (AFCCS), and Dan Carson, board member, AFCCS

- AFCCS recently celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The organization started in Lower Town for families requiring assistance. It's a non profit charity offering childcare services across Ottawa, including Thursday's Child for children on the autism spectrum, Children's Integration Support Services, childcare information including the centralized waiting list for childcare, and the Ontario Early Years Centres main site at Don Reid and locations throughout Ottawa South including Industrial Avenue. The organization also registers licensed home daycares and runs the licensed kindergarten program at Riverview Alternative School.
- The organization's location on Industrial houses 40 to 45 staff members. AFCCS has outgrown the space and needs to find an alternative location.

- AFCCS discussed the possibility of a location at the Train Yards shopping complex but nothing is available that would suit the organization's needs.
- The Ontario government recommends situating childcare services close to elementary schools.
- AFCCS is exploring the possibility of acquiring vacant land north of Riverview Alternative for a new facility.
- The neighbourhood has many young families looking for childcare.
- There are 4,000 children on list in ward 10, the catchment of Riverview. (Kim said she would find out what the boundaries of ward 10 are.)
- The vacant land would be suitable for a 40,000 sq. ft. building – the same size as Riverview Alternative.
- This is all preliminary. AFCCS doesn't know if it will be able to finance a 40,000 sq. ft. building.
- The organization has reached out to city councillor Peter Hume and the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) to begin considering the location.
- AFCCS is not committed to this plan. The organization needs to find out if the OCDSB is willing to offer the land in the first place.
- It's important that the Riverview Park community benefits. AFCCS seeks input from the community: what would make this idea attractive to the community?
- AFCCS will be looking to all levels of government for funding.
- AFCCS is a good neighbour and a good property steward.
- Discussion: Karin explains that Riverview Park aims to maintain its family-friendly atmosphere and green space, however, the community has been experiencing development creep with new projects in and around the area.
- A question posed to the AFCCS representatives: What challenges do you think this project will bring the community, and what benefits?
- Kim: AFCCS has primarily considered the benefits: improved childcare service levels for community, support for Riverview Alternative school enrolment, improved property values (for families looking for nearby services, attractive), and space in the building for community use. Challenges: increased activity in the neighbourhood. AFCCS would work to make the building attractive with green space. Busy times would occur primarily during daytime hours, not at night.
- Karin points out that traffic is already a concern, and some streets are requesting traffic-calming measures.
- The building would see 150 to 160 cars twice a day (in and out).
- The building would be designed such that on-street parking wouldn't be required.
- Marian asks if AFCCS would consider Alta Vista Centre as a possible location. It's on a main road and it probably has the amount of space AFCCS requires.
- Dan points out that AFCCS needs green space for child care programs. Alta Vista Centre wouldn't provide that.
- Carol said she's concerned about the amount of traffic the building would cause in the area. Blair Street is already too busy and some residents are calling for sidewalks to better separate pedestrians from vehicles. A sidewalk would impact property frontages on Blair. She said she's also concerned about the large evergreen trees on the land AFCCS is considering.
- Kim: size of building and how land will be used still to be discussed – likely with walking paths, green space, set back from road – number of parking spaces – these are just preliminary thoughts at this point.
- The building would be no larger than two storeys.

- It's too soon for a rough timeline for the project.
- The vacant land was originally meant for a second school, but it was never built.
- Alan: How about putting the administration staff at Alta Vista Centre and the day care in a smaller facility on the property by Riverview Alternative?
- Marian: Consider making car access at the back with an entrance from the Alta Vista Transit Corridor hospital link.
- The community would want office space for the community association, and a room suitable for community activities and events.
- Marian: The community-grown soccer program uses this land. It would be nice to incorporate that into the plan. Kim: nice to have the soccer field next to an accessible building, so kids can use washrooms, refill water bottles, etc.
- Will return in May to discuss points raised by board
- Karin: how about priority spaces for Riverview Park children? Kim: it's been done in other cases, could be a possibility to do so here.
- (NB: Board learned, as per earlier request, that Kim is not actually a Riverview Park community resident, however, board accepted her \$10 for membership as a donation)

## 5. Committee reports:

### Communications: Marian O'Connor

#### Website:

##### Home page announcements:

- Riverview Park Forest Winter Adventure - Sun. Feb 26
- [Perley](#) Rideau construction news update
- Lost cat

#### Other Communication:

- Two emails to residents about the Feb. 26th Riverview Park Forest Adventure

#### Email List:

- 245 addresses as of March 2012

### Statistics - Web Site Visits:

February 2012 was -14% over last year.

	2009	Avg per day	2010	Avg per day	Var.	2011	Avg per day	Var.	2012	Avg per day	Var.
<b>Jan</b>			724	23.4		649	20.9	-10%	816	26.3	26%
<b>Feb</b>			502	17.9		1452	51.9	189%	1250	43.1	14%
<b>Mar</b>	58		538	17.4		1838	59.3	242%			
<b>Apr</b>	166	5.5	509	17.0	207%	872	29.1	71%			
<b>May</b>	216	7.0	394	12.7	82%	1084	35.0	175%			
<b>Jun</b>	388	12.9	373	12.4	-4%	976	32.5	162%			

<b>Jul</b>	489	15.8	344	11.1	-30%	425	13.7	24%			
<b>Aug</b>	288	9.3	313	10.1	9%	457	14.7	46%			
<b>Sep</b>	263	8.8	536	17.9	104%	690	23.0	29%			
<b>Oct</b>	209	6.7	812	26.2	289%	897	28.9	10%			
<b>Nov</b>	170	5.7	387	12.9	128%	802	25.9	107%			
<b>Dec</b>	197	6.4	356	11.5	81%	710	22.9	99%			
<b>Total</b>	2444	11.2	5788	15.9	42%	10852	29.7	87%	2066	34.4	

**Planning and Development: Kris Nanda**

**Planning & Development Notes – March 14, 2012 RPCA Board Meeting**

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

The City continues to work with Ontario Hydro and the rail companies to make the necessary arrangements to resolve issues related to construction of the road and its interface with existing hydro and rail usage right-of-ways. One change which has been publicly shared is that the link to the hospital ring road will be moved westward from its original design. The AVTC will now intersect the hospital ring road just east of the TransAlta co-generation plant, in the area of our well-used sliding hill – we are still waiting to hear about timing for input/consultations for design processes for both AVTC and NDMC. Construction on AVTC is now slated to begin in 2013 rather than 2012.

Karin and Paul took part in a meeting on March 9 with several other Community Association Reps and staff from Councilor Chernhushenko’s office regarding future of AVTC. The discussion focused on traffic counts and how to deal with it during next round of Transportation Master Plan (TMP). Most of the discussion focused on non-Hospital Link portions of the AVTC.

- b. *Possible Andrew Fleck Child Care Services (AFCCS) Facility on Knox Crescent*

Discussed separately –meeting with wider community will need to be held in May

- c. *Perley Hospital Seniors Complex*

Construction continues on the housing residences. Blasting from pile-driving continues but should be finished by 20 April.

- d. *Local Pedestrian/Cycling Update.*

RPCA forwarded to City staff a request received from resident to pursue idea of sidewalk along west side of Russell Road between Haig and Industrial for safety reasons. Peter

Hume newsletter noted that he is looking into addressing issue of accessing Industrial from Coronation via Metro truck depot parking lot. Pathway between Lees and Hurdman stations (next to Transitway continues to be cleared in winter)

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

RPCA Board members attended the February 2012 Open house for the proposed redevelopment of this parcel between Russell Road and St. Laurent (across from the Perley and down to St. Laurent towards St. Hubert and a Petro Canada gas station) to allow mixed residential/and commercial uses.

While the proposed complex is generally viewed as a good use of underutilized land and an example of smart intensification, the main concern will be ensuring that traffic flow is maintained along Russell Road, given the proximity of the Alta Vista Ridge entrance to that of the Perley and the Haig Road intersection. A few options have been suggested to address issues of vehicular congestion and pedestrian safety, including left turn lanes and construction of sidewalk on west side of Russell Road.

*f. Proposal for apartment or seniors residence at 340 Industrial:*

Work is ongoing. The pedestrian path between Alta Vista/Industrial and Neighbourhood Way/Coronation will be temporarily closed during construction. Northbound Neighbourhood Way has reopened.

While some local residents and the RPCA had sought to have the entrance onto Neighbourhood Way from Industrial Avenue widened to take into account increased traffic and wide turns from OC Transpo Buses, it is unlikely that this change will be made. Sidewalks are to be built along Neighbourhood Way

*h. FCA (Federation of Citizens Associations of Ottawa-Carleton)*

RPCA hosted FCA meeting last month at Maplesoft Centre. Items of interest on the agenda included a resolution calling for the city to implement Section 37 of the Planning Act regarding the need for developers to provide community benefits associated with significant rezoning.

*i. Trainyards Update*

Work continues on future Canadian Revenue building at 200 Terminal – it has reached full height. No update yet as to when it will be ready for people to move in.

The comment period is now open for Phase 3 of Trainyards complex which will include Farm Boy and LCBO (between Pioneer Gas and OC Transpo) Other parcels of land now owned by the Trainyards (505, 573 and 605 Industrial) are also scheduled for rezoning and are open for comment. RPCA to provide comments including the need to seek improved transit service along Industrial and ensure that accessibility on both North and South sides of complex.

j. *Highway 417 Expansion*

Open House on Hwy 417 widening being held Feb 13. This expansion will affect us. Carole Moulton and Stefan Dubowski attended on behalf of the RPCA.

Staging for roadway expansion will likely include temporary closures of pathways along Rideau River north of old Hurdman railway bridge.

**Karin** asked councillor Peter Hume when the next meeting on Balena Park community centre would be, and about mitigation for Hospital Link – response from councillor's office suggests the community will possibly see new plans in April

**TO CLARIFY:** Kris moves signing petition, see his report – Nazish seconds – no comments, passed

**Comment:** Asked Kris via email to clarify 120409

**Parks, Rec & Environment: Carole Moulton**

- Report from Chris Khoury via Carol: ice rinks attracted 2,100 skaters, up from 1,300 last year, despite December rain – rink opened Jan. 3 after 18 hours of work on Chris's part
- Help from Matt and Warren to clear and flood rink for smooth skating surface
- Recommends \$25 gift certificate for Eric, who used his own snow blower to clear rink
- Requests purchase of two wide shovels (\$37 each, total \$74)
- Requests purchase of two steel shovels for scraping ice (\$31 each, total \$62)
- Recommends acquiring a few rubber mats or carpets with rubber backing for entrance at front door of hut, for office and shovel area
- Breakdown of hours: Chris Khoury, 54; Matt Macewan, 25; Warren Fisher, 20
- Chris expresses interest in co-ordinating rink development and maintenance next year
- City has repaired one of the nets with new mesh – hoping the other will be repaired next season
- Has discussed with city co-ordinator the lack of tidiness in rink hut – looking to have two rooms free of clutter for rink party, room for families
- Board discussion re honorarium for rink maintenance: recommend subtracting cost of shovels (\$136) from \$1,500 set aside for rink, divide remaining \$1,364 among volunteers thus: Matt, \$341; Warren, \$341; Chris, \$682 - approved
- Carol: Park cleanup Blair Court May 4 (5:30 p.m.); May 5 for the rest of the community (10 a.m.) – looking for pre approval for money for pizza etc for Blair Court – Carol moves board approve up to \$75 for pizza etc. – Marian seconds – approved

**Street Representatives Program:** No update

**Garage sale:**

- Carol: New signs for garage sale from UPS store, easily changed – move that

- board approves approximately \$15 for replacement numbers for existing signs – Patrick moves Nazish second – approved
- Karin requests looking into how many signs we need – we have 17 already, Carol says – Carol to look into how many more may be needed – board to approve expense up to \$150 for new signs – Patrick moves, Nadine seconds – approved
- Carol: newspaper ad needed for the next issue of Riverview Park Review, promoting garage sale – and we have to contact Riverview Park Alternative school for use of property during garage sale
- Proposed garage sale date: June 2
- Karin to send board members a list of things to do to prepare for garage sale

**Membership Drive Committee: TBD**

**Treasurer report: Alan Lansberg**

- All cheques approved last time cashed but one
- \$22,125.31 available funds

**6. New business**

- New business: Vrtucar car-sharing service: Paul – we need 30 Vrtucar members to get a car in the neighbourhood – need people more to sign up as members
- The closest car is located at the Via train station.
- Paul agrees to write an article about the possibility of having a Vrtucar in Riverview Park for the next edition of the Riverview Park Review community newspaper.

**Neighbourhood Watch**

- Carol: Blair Court is holding neighbourhood watch launch may 12 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., community invited – hot dogs, would like RPCA booth to be there
- Nadine – good opportunity for a membership drive. Carol moves to have community association booth at launch party – Marian seconds – approved

**Reports from external meetings**

- Alta Vista Planning Group (AVPG) report from Marian – presentation on infill housing – something we need be aware of: the city conducted a study of 400 infills, and is developing a list of do's and don'ts for good planning, including the need for new development to integrate with character of the existing neighbourhood
- Alan attended the “Cut the Crap” protest held by Ecology Ottawa to raise awareness of the need for better environmental stewardship of Ottawa's rivers – Alan received a thank you including links to news coverage of the even

7. **Adjournment: 9:15**

***Date of next board meeting: 14 March 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***