

**Riverview Park Community Association
September 14, 2011 Meeting minutes**

Present:, Karin Keyes Endemann, Chris Mark, Carole Moul, Kris Nanda, Sherry McPhail, Nadine Chamorel,

Absent: Bruce Aho, Nazish Ahmad, François Allard, J.P. Thibault, Marian O'Connor

Next meeting: October 12, 7pm Dempsey

Actions from meeting:

- **Kris** to ask Peter about sidewalk on Industrial
- **Karin (and Marian?)** to attend AVPG on Sept 22
- **Marian** to send email notice about AGM
- **Chris M** to send Fall Social ad text to Karin
- **Karin** to send Fall Social ad to Carole
- **Chris** to get RP banner from Janina
- **Sherry** to get minutes from last year's AGM from Janina, 30 copies small type
- **All** to get at least one person to join the board
- **All** to send input for President's report
- **All** to send nominations for Volunteer extraordinaire
- **Karin** to respond to Peter's email about the crows
- All Board members to identify candidates for Board
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1. Call to order 7:05

2. Approval of agenda

3. Approval of minutes from June 8 11

4. Committee reports:

Communications: (Marian O'Connor)

a. Website: Home page announcements:

- September 11th corn roast at Balena Park
- Perley and Rideau Veteran's Health Centre construction update
- Mayor's senior's summit
- September 17th Ottawa Eco-fair
- Hospital link and Cumberland transitway westerly transit project
- Mayor introduces new way for residents to help shape the 2012 budget
- Councillor David Chernushenko's Capital Ward news
- Emerald Ash Borer – How to Save Your Ash Tree
- Neighbourhood Watch alerts:

- Door-to-door energy audits
- Theft from vehicles
- 2011 RPCA Fall Social, Saturday, October 22nd
- Community Garden news
- Development of 340 Industrial Ave (corner Neighbourhood Way)
- Company of Fools–Antony & Cleopatra at Coronation Pk (cancelled; weather)

b. Other Communication:

- Email to residents about the Fall Social
- Email to residents about Corn Roast

c. Email List:

- 179 addresses as of September 2011

d. 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%	238	to Sep. 12	
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%	7991	32.9	107%

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 – approximately 130 metres east of the intersection with Sanford Fleming (Canada Post Processing Plant). Construction is expected to be completed by fall 2012 with substantially occupancy by 2013. Another development is planned for 425 Terminal Avenue on land owned by Via Rail – a 9-storey office tower. The RPCA has shared concerns about the proposed pedestrian tunnel to connect 425 Terminal to the VIA Rail station as the draft design shows the tunnel starting in the underground parking lot of the building. A proposed 6-storey 125,000 square-foot office building at 455 Terminal Avenue continues to be 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. It will include a Five Guys Burgers restaurant -- a large US chain which is just starting to expand into Ottawa -- and a new dental practice. A second larger building (22,000 square feet) is nearing completion on the west side of Trainyards Drive and will include a second location of Shepherds clothing store and the first David's Bridal store in Ottawa.

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. The building permit for the 45 apartment residence, to be situated where the baseball diamond was located, has been approved by the City of Ottawa. Construction was slated to begin in spring 2011 on the Russell Road 45-unit seniors' housing residence, but delays in finalizing the full financing of the project have pushed back the start date to the fall. The smaller Russell Road residence is slated for occupancy by January 2013, and the other residence at the main entrance will be ready in July 2013

c. Local Pedestrian/Cycling Update.

Work on Industrial Avenue Sidewalk (north side) was to begin on May 1 and finished by July, but has not yet started. It was still expected to be finished this calendar year. 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.

d. Wellspring centre

Work finished over the summer and staff have now moved in. Karin, Marian and Kris received a special tour of the facility in August. The grounds will include a 15 foot Christmas tree which will be lit up as part of the annual RPCA Celebration of Hope Carol Sing held in December each year. The formal public opening for the building is scheduled for later this fall. RPCA Board may be able to use the facility Board room for meetings as early as November.

e. Alta Vista Planning Group (AVPG)

Next AVPG meeting (hosted by Councillor Peter Hume) will be held September 22.

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. In August, the Ottawa Citizen reported that there had been negotiations with the City to bring a minor Double-A minor league pro baseball franchise to the stadium by either 2013 or 2014. The success of the Ottawa Fat Cats in drawing crowds to the stadium during their recent play-off run is cited to support the viability of baseball in that venue.

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 which will offer approximately 124 units and 45 underground and 14 surface parking spaces -- similar to the Oak Park Retirement Residence on Valour Drive. While this new proposal is lower in height than original plan, there are still concerns about on-street parking and the implications of assessing accessing the completed building from either Neighbourhood Way or Industrial

h. Alta Vista Corridor Update and future of NDMC.

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 Councilor Hume will be reconvening to guide the planning effort. No date had been set for this first Committee meeting.

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. General municipal issues

Concerns have been shared with the Mayor and City Council regarding the vote to reverse its policy which prevented the City from seeking legal costs for public interest litigation from citizens groups, unless the lawsuits were frivolous and vexatious. There are fears that these changes will make it more difficult for ordinary citizens to have input into municipal development decisions without fear of reprisal.

k. Community garden

Doing very well. Will rent plots next year.

Parks, Recreation and Environment: (Chris Mark)

a. Fall Social (with Pam Clayton)

- board has done a stellar job collecting donations
- need to finalize ticket sales to let caterers know: lemon chicken and pies
- will serve beer and wine: suggestions for good brands?
- cash or cheques for silent auction
- between 60 and 70 tix
- Water Bomber (Guy, Craig, Gilles) playing music, Beatles thru 70s 80s
- Place ad for in RP

b. Adopt-a-park

- Chris will fill out applications to adopt our parks for another 2 years

c. Fall park cleanup

- Saturday Oct 1

d. Fieldhouse

- Chris M attended first meeting, gave list of activities that would go on in house
- Hume's plan: \$1 million; half from development fees; need to raise other half
- Suggestions: Canterbury to run outreach programming? Or city?
- Can use Little League building? Can use AV Shopping Centre if converted to condos? RP School too expensive and difficult to access.

e. Crows

- City holding meeting with falconer: September 23
- Contact Susan Scott for location details

f. Scarecrow contest

- Reuse poster from last year: want people to register at info@riverviewpark.com

5. Riverview Park newspaper update (Carole Moulton)

- advertising going very well, many contributions and articles
- have to come out early because of election

Board approved minor revisions to minutes from Jan 12, March 9

E-mail motion approved in summer to provide \$250 to the Riverview Park Corn Roast; donation declined by Peter Hume's office as they apparently already had adequate sponsorship

6. Treasurer report: (Bruce Aho)

- Treasurer not present.

7. Priorities for 2011-12

- AVTC & NDMC
- Community development plan for Industrial Ave (including supporting Hume's efforts to ensure safe access to Industrial from Chomley)
- Future of the AV Shopping Centre
- Intensification and perimeter issues
- Fieldhouse
- Rinks and skating party
- Better links with community: street reps
- Augmenting membership

8. Annual General Meeting: Wed Oct 26

- Volunteers gathered for various tasks
- School is booked; Sherry will have membership table
- Board members to identify candidates for Board

9. New business:

- Encourage people to attend Fall Social

10. Adjourned at 9:07

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