

Riverview Park Community Association December 8, 2010 Meeting minutes

Present: Carole Moulton, Marian O'Connor, François Allard, Kris Nanda, Karin Keyes Endemann, Sherry McPhail, Bruce Aho

Absent: Chris Mark, Will Tait, J.P. Thibault, Nadine Chamorel, Nazish Ahmad

Actions from meeting:

- **All board members** to submit photo and bio for website.
- **Karin** to send Carole board of directors' guidelines.
- **Francois** to send Marian link to Reviews and Stats Can info on RP
- **Nadine** to send carolling poster to all board members
- **Carol Sing committee:** contact churches & schools
- **Kris** will ask if the Cancer Survivor park will plow park--safety concern

1. Called to order 7:06. We have quorum.

2. Agenda approved with addition of new biz.

3. Minutes from November accepted

4. **Participation of board members on committees:**

- *Garage sale committee:* First weekend in June. Participating: Nazish, Nadine, Karin, François. Need lead.
- *Field House development committee:* Chris Mark, Pam Clayton, Karin, François. Involves meeting with Councillor Hume, lobbying, fundraising. Model usually that city builds the structure and we share profits from any programs we run.
- *Parks & Rec committee:* Carole Moulton will join.

5. Riverview Park Review (RPR) Newspaper

Back to the community: Marianne Thompson quit on Nov 12. Signers are back in the community. Advertisers are thrilled. There was tremendous participation. François took over layout (inDesign), Greg Money created art for masthead. The Board of Directors is Bill Fairbairn, Sean Dowd, will add Rob Southcott and Michelle (last name?). Ann Jackson will do the bookkeeping (sending invoices, pursuing accounts payable); previous cost was \$600 per issue.

Transition: Karin suggested getting a letter from current signers asking to remove them as signers from the account. Kris suggested getting a letter from Rob and Michelle stating that they intend to join the RPR Board and be signers. You can register a small business for \$60 on Elgin Street. The RPR Board needs terms of reference outlining obligations, liabilities, guidelines for publishing, everyone's roles, the amount of money each expects, how many board meetings, what is quorum. Guidelines on RPCA website would be helpful to RPR board.

Business model: Each person who worked on it gets a share, depending on number of pages. RPCA gets free colour ads. Papers are posted on the website.

RPCA is very happy to have the newspaper back. What can the association do to make it better? Carole: Send in your articles and columns. They have most positions filled for distributing paper.

6. Carol sing event: Dec 18, 6-7 pm

Peter Hume will pay for hot chocolate for 80. Go to Tim Horton's, get urn and receipt, send them a bill. Nadine will get cups. Nazish has napkins. Kevin will plow path if needed. Cancer Society getting same lit-up tree as last year (not huge), will leave it lit up for this event. Next year we'll be able to use the Wellspring Centre. They're working to get the park part of the NAC festival of lights. Nadine will print colour posters, Carole will get them out. Sharon Baines sending to all members of the Cancer Society, as some staff showed up last year. Need to get ad in Vistas next year.

7. Committee reports

- **Communication Committee**

The blog is underway, but still needs bios & pics. Marion can get Riverview facts from Peter, Wikipedia, Orrin's book, and/or François from Stats Can. Paul Walsh had pics from 1950, Marian has old pics as well. Suggested that Marian get more people on the committee and put together guidelines for posting. Section on businesses: should advertisers get spot on blog to sweeten deal? Carole said at one point the RPCA was going to sell spots on the website, but it never went anywhere as it was too technically difficult.

- **Planning & Development Committee**

The committee met on December 2.

- Update on Building developments at Trainyards.* Federal Office Buildings: OBJ Article reports that approximately 25,000 sq m (269,100 sq ft) and should be within 600m of Transitway stations. Currently separated by train tracks –pedestrian tunnel would be required eventually as part of the agreement allowing Trainyards development, once approximately 50,000 sq m has been developed. This would link with proposed pedestrian cyclist bridge across 417 between Tremblay and Coventry.
- Perley Hospital.* Open House held on Nov 30. Karin KE and Will Tait attended. Concerns about pathway and “shadows” appear to have been addressed. Karin said there was nothing really negative, all were quite pleased. Community asked for trees, they said yes. Little league is not using diamond. Pond will stay.
- Budgetary Request to City on 2011 Funding for Pedestrian and Cycling Plans.* Committee recommended that RPCA formally ask Council to include this funding in 2011 Budget. Motion passed.

- d. *Pilot Project on Segregated Bike Lane Downtown.* P & D committee voted to provide support for the project and communicate support to the City.
- e. *Local Pedestrian/Cycling Update.* Industrial Avenue MUP scheduled to be paved this month. McIlraith Bridge access to paths along Rideau River. Will Tait to take part in consultations/ site visit once we get request from Councillors. Hurdman Clearing: P & D agreed that we should reiterate this request. Kris to also raise this with Roads and Cycling Advisory Committee - RCAC.
- f. *Alta Vista Corridor Update.* Ask that funding for the project be removed from the 2011 budget. Propose advising Federation of Citizen's Association (FCA) members to write their council members as well.
- g. *Bus Garage Update.* Air quality monitoring update (near Balena and Russell to measure impact of bus garage) received from Peter Hume. No word yet on EA process for alternate access on Belfast.
- h. *Lansdowne Live.* P & D committee thought that RPCA Board should discuss whether to provide some money to the group appealing Lansdowne Live decision. (Kris noted that then-councillor Christine Leadman and several members of the audience had appreciated the RPCA appearing before Council in November as examples of non-NIMBYs speaking out against the OSEG Lansdowne Live proposal.) Motion passed to contribute \$500 to the Friends of Lansdowne to support the appeal.
- i. *Rick Chiarelli proposal to have City support bringing Blue Jays farm team to Lynx Stadium.* P & D committee supported this idea and felt that it was a valid community concern, given proximity to Riverview Park and potential benefits to community. Move to send letter to Peter Hume in support of this project. Motion passed.
- j. *Wellspring centre.* Will be finished in early April. Opening officially in fall. Community room will be available at no cost.
- k. *Community garden:* Kris is in contact with A Rocha Canada about possibility of a community garden at Trinity Nazarene Church (on Avalaon/Braydon). A Rocha representative will be coming to Ottawa in early 2011 for meetings and site visit to determine if this is a good location. Pastor Frank Chouinard at the church is interested.

To find projects: City Website Link

http://www.ottawa.ca/residents/planning/index_en.html

Click **Development Application Search** then type in Alta Vista

<http://app01.ottawa.ca/postingplans/searchResults.jsf?lang=en&newReq=yes&action=q&keyword=Alta+Vista>

- **Parks & Rec Committee**

Organizing skating party. Marian to send out mass email advertising party and asking for volunteers. Karin to send list to Marian. Asked city for official status on all of our parks.

8. Field House Development

Meeting with architect will happen in January.

9. Treasurer's report

Balance is \$16,733, including \$925 for rink from City. Will get \$500 to Kris. Karin concerned that we're not bringing in any more money. Janina just deposited \$900 cheque from memberships. Will pass on membership info to Sherry and insurance info to Bruce.

10. New business

Membership income: speak about next meeting

11. Adjourned at 9pm

Next meeting: January 12, 7pm Dempsey