

Riverview Park Community Association February 8, 2011 Meeting minutes

Present: Carole Moulton, Karin Endemann, Alan Landsberg, Nazish Ahmad, Stefan Dubowski, Sherry McPhail, Kris Nanda,

Absent: Paul Puritt, Nadine Chamorel, Patrick Meagher, Marian O'Connor

Next meeting: March 14, 2012, 7pm Cancer Wellspring House

Actions from meeting:

- **Carol** to write letter thanking Jim Watson for attending Carnival
- **Carol** to email Tim Mark to get him to organize NW desk at Garage Sale and invite constable
- **Carol** to ask Chris Khoury how rink \$ was paid out last year so we can do the same this year
- **Karin** to call Nadine to find out if there's any progress on street reps program, if she's still keen to organize Garage Sale
- **Karin** to ask P Hume about next meeting on community centre; mitigation for Hospital Link
- **Karin** to add Garage Sale discussion to next month's agenda
- **Kris** to ask city for rationale behind cancelling bus on Industrial and Lancaster
- **Kris** to ask for sidewalk on west side of Russell
- **Kris** to write to Ottawa East supporting concerns over soccer dome eclipsing previously approved bike path
- **Sherry** to talk to Beth Stubbert about snowman flash mob
- **Sherry** to find out if Kim Hislock is a resident of RP
- **Stefan** will call 311 to report garbage in Dorion/Drake walkthrough
- **Stefan and Carol** will go to Ottawa meeting Monday Hampton Inn 4-8, presentation at 6pm
- **Someone** to check Ottawa archives for RP plan from 1979
- **All** to submit history stories to EMC (Orrin Clayton, Paul Walsh)
- **All** welcome to come to Overbrook LRT meeting Thursday Feb 16, 7pm-9pm

1. **Called to order at 7:10 p.m.**

2. **Agenda approved**

3. **Approval of January Board meeting minutes and review of action items**

4. **Invited guest: presentation and discussion** **Sheila Perry**
President, Overbrook CA email: sjperry@sympatico.ca

Community-building

- Overbrook is about 7,000 people, 33% of which live in social housing. The CA was at a low point, but Sheila and colleagues revitalized it.
- They now have a new community centre funded by city (through a \$4.5 million renovation) with gym, wading pool, social services (including Snowsuit fund & Wabano), events such as skating party, open 7 days a week and a source of pride.

- They now have an e-newsletter, community framework & neighbourhood watch
- They are putting together a community plan, using the 1979 community plan they found from some residents. (Perhaps we have one--someone should check under Gloucester township.)

Transportation

- Vanier parkway is frequently gridlocked.
- All are welcome to their LRT meeting Thursday Feb 16, 7-9. The city is getting its infrastructure together before building the LRT. We need to monitor how this will affect our neighbourhoods. The Via station environs will become train repair yards.
- City meeting: Monday Hampton Inn 4-8, presentation at 6pm (Gillian Savage et al)
- The City is closing St. Laurent exit north if coming from 417 westbound.
- The City wants to move the OWL (Orleans Water Link) from its current route under/beside the Queensway to up along the Rideau river, east on Queen Mary, past the convent development apartment to St. Laurent.
- The Baseball Stadium is caught up in delays.

5. Committee reports:

Communications: Marian O'Connor

Website:

Home page announcements:

- [Notice for Public Information Centre, Highway 417 Expansion, Nicholas Street to Ottawa Road 174](#)
- [Road Closure Neighbourhood Way - Jan.12 to Mar.16](#)
- [Winter](#) Carnival, Sunday February 5th

Other Communication:

- Email to residents about the Feb. 5th Winter Carnival

Email List:

- 248 addresses as of February 2012

Statistics - Web Site Visits:

- January 2012 was +26% over last year.

	2009	Avg per day	2010	Avg per day	Var.	2011	Avg per day	Var.	2012	Avg per day	Var.
Jan			724	23.4		649	20.9	-10%	816	26.3	26%
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%	710	22.9	99%			
Total	2444	11.2	5788	15.9	42%	10852	29.7	87%	816	26.3	

Planning and Development: Kris Nanda

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

No new updates since last meeting – still waiting to hear about timing for input/consultations for design processes for both AVTC and NDMC. Tammie Winsor is the lead person to organize snow-man building event in AVTC Hospital Link.

b. New Issue – Proposal involving the Ottawa Carleton District School Board (OCDSB), Riverview Alternative School and Andrew Fleck Child Care Services (AFCCS).

AFCCS has approached the OCDSB with a proposal to construct a 40,000 sq foot building, which is equivalent to the size of the existing school, to develop a child and family centre.

The proposed location is the vacant OCDSB land to the east of Riverview Alternative School – the field currently used for soccer and variety of other recreational activities. The entire OCDSB property from the school to the eastern property boundary is zoned as a minor institutional zone, which permits a variety of uses including a daycare. Potential concerns include loss of recreational space and increased traffic along Knox and other streets in the vicinity

AFCCS Executive Director Kim Hiscott would like to meet with the RPCA and has been invited to March 2012 meeting.

c. Perley Hospital Seniors Complex

Construction continues on the Russell Road 45-unit seniors' housing residence. There will be blasting in the next couple of months connected with construction.

d. Local Pedestrian/Cycling Update.

Kris asked City to look into bike lane for Smyth Road between Alta Vista and Rideau River (McIlraith Bridge). No funding currently available but our request is now on file and

there could potentially be some work down the road (no pun intended).

Request received from resident to pursue idea of sidewalk along west side of Russell Road between Haig and Industrial for safety reasons

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

Update on this proposal received at the January 2012 AVPG meeting. 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. Traffic study for project conducted in 2008 without knowledge of Perley expansion plans.

f. Traffic on Industrial Avenue.

RPCA wrote Peter Hume in November 2011 regarding possible installation of 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 Trainyards Developments etc.

City staff report conducted in October 2008 concluded that presently no justification for advance green – study does not take into account future traffic increase and another study could take be conducted later.

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

Work is ongoing. Pedestrian path between Alta Vista/Industrial and Neighbourhood Way/Coronation is temporarily closed during construction as is Northbound Neighbourhood Way.

Under the approved site plan for this project, the developer is required to design and construct sidewalks fronting the Industrial Avenue and Neighbourhood Way public right-of-ways and to also connect with City owned land as per approved servicing plan (to provide a pedestrian connection from or to the site) and in accordance with City standards. No changes in the width of Neighbourhood where it intersects with Industrial.

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

RPCA hosting FCA meeting tomorrow evening. However 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. The FCA has also proposed hosting a February 19 workshop on building an effective community association that may be of interest to the RPCA. .

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

Councillor Hume reports that the alternate access onto Belfast is now open.

j. Trainyards Update

Peter Hume shared that Farm Boy and LCBO are going to be tenants in new buildings along Industrial and that RPCA will be consulted. Need to seek improved transit service along Industrial and ensure that accessibility on both North and South sides of complex

k. Other Items of Interest

Open House on Hwy 417 widening being held Feb 13. This expansion will affect us.

Lansdowne live impact – dome being moved from Lansdowne to University of Ottawa campus near Rideau River (off Lees). Current design will cut off pedestrian path along the river that was in previously approved Community Development Plan. Also, CE Centre traffic problems (Airport Parkway/Uplands) were foreseen by RPCA presentation to Council in November 2010.

Parks, Rec & Environment: Carole Moulton

- Feb 5 Skating party reached 200 people at one point, not counting people who had come and gone. The RPCA Board thanked the committee for their hard work on a very successful community-building party.
- Carole requested of treasurer \$1,650 to pay the Balena honorarium to Chris Khoury and buy gift certificates for volunteers.
- Carol moved that the Board pay \$150 (part of the \$1650) for the ad for Kevin Leduc, thanking him for Balena snow clearing this year. Alan seconded and motion passed.

Street Representatives Program: (Nadine Chamorel was absent)

Membership Drive Committee: TBD

Treasurer report: Alan Lansberg

Alan provided a monthly financial report. He will present options for investing next month: proposing \$10,000 GIC + \$5,000 so that the balance is more liquid. Sherry mentioned that TDCT is offering 4% interest on a GIC.

Alan moved that we approve all expenses from the skating party, motion passed. Carole moved that the pre-approved \$1500 for Balena rink honorarium be paid; she will find out from Chris how it was paid out last year. Motion of up to \$40 to spend on hosting FCA meeting in RP (coffee etc.) passed.

Payments Approved

Purpose	Payee	Amount
Winter Carnival – dowels and straw bales	Louis Comerton	\$59.86
Winter Carnival – hot chocolate, marshmallows, milk	Cheryl Khoury	\$23.30
Winter Carnival – prizes, refreshments, snacks	Kim Fisher	\$167.75
Winter Carnival – pucks, urn rentals	Carole Moulton	\$117.30
Ottawa Carleton District School Board – room rental	OCDS Board	\$31.53
Advertisement in Riverview Park Review for KLPS's ploughing service	Riverview Park Review	\$150.00
Refreshments - Neighbourhood Watch/Ottawa Police meeting 7/2/12	Tim Mark	\$17.36

(\$30 maximum approved in principle – RPCA meeting 11/01/12)		
Balena rink maintenance honorarium (final recipients to be specified)	Chris Khoury	\$1500.00

6. Reports from External Meetings

No report from Alta Vista Planning Group or East of Rideau group. Perley Hospital Consultation covered in P&D report.

Cafes: Kris

- Concerns over AVTC full construction, transparency and interest in community development plans.

7. FCA meeting: suggestions re issues

- Hosting Feb 9 meeting, Karin is proposing to speak about our 4 top issues: 1. intensification 2. sustainability (AVTC, traffic, pollution, safety) 3. consultancy and transparency (we need to be consulted early in plans, not just given plans) 4. working with other communities (our past record with Ottawa East on Lees campus dome, Overbrooke on LRT etc, Landsdowne, working with CCC on AVTC. She will also emphasize our future willingness to work with others.
- And she'll mention our great activities: website, newspaper to 4500 people, garage sale, social that raised \$2,000, skating party, scarecrow contest, carol sing.

8. Riverview Park Review update Carole Moul

- The paper (4500 copies in last run) is expanding its catchment to increase advertising: delivering to 8-10 community centres.

9. New business

Neighbourhood watch: Blair court will have their own watch and the police are sponsoring an event to launch it. RPCA NW is held up as the best practice across Ottawa. Tim has "All Valuables Removed" signs for parked cars. The police will come to Garage Sale June 2 and bring their dog.

Community garden: Carol moved that the RPCA write a letter supporting the community garden in their application for a grant. Motion passed. Send pdf attached to email.

10. Adjournment: 9:15

Date of next board meeting: 14 March 2012

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