

Riverview Park Community Association
June 8, 2011 Meeting minutes

Present:, Carole Moulton, Kris Nanda, Marian O'Connor, Sherry McPhail, François Allard, Nadine Chamorel, J.P. Thibault

Absent: Karin Keyes Endemann, Bruce Aho, Chris Mark, Nazish Ahmad,

Guests: Orrin & Pam Clayton (for Chris), Tom Rogers, Vy Harasym, Norma O'Connor, Sheila Perry from Overbrook

Next meeting: September 14, 7pm Dempsey

Actions from meeting:

- **Marian** to follow up on adopt-a-park renewal application
- **Marian** to go to Blair Court AGM
- **Sherry** to send email to Chris and Pam to outline the problems in Riverview Park
- **Pam** to send board members copy of letter to gather silent auction items
- **Kris** will draft letter of support on Canal crossing bridge consultation
- **Sherry** to get Carol R to drop extra names off soccer list
- **Kris** will confirm AGM logistics with the school in the fall
- **Someone** to find out whether we need permit to sell pizza and drinks at Fools in the Park event in Coronation Park
- **Kris** to write letter in support of real community consultation to decide future of baseball stadium to EDCO, copying our councillors
- **Next meeting** to establish our position on stadium.
- **Last AVPG:** June 29

1. Call to order & introductions

2. Approval of agenda

3. Approval of minutes from May 11

4. Guest speaker: Sheila Perry, President, Community Council of Overbrook;

- Brought us an update on the Baseball Stadium, proposed pedestrian bridge over the 417 and LRT.
- Recent issues: development of large convent property, concerns about process. Also concerns about transparency in stadium process. A "sham" according to Overbrook CA correspondence.
- Recreational facilities like Lansdowne and Pineview not parks but assets, so do not get covered by Planning Committee.
- Current users of stadium, FatCats put in 90G to repair facility that had been let go, but are finding it hard to get multiple year contract.

- Overbrook found out through them about development plan for property, which is getting squeezed from all sides.
- Report was to go through in May without consultation. Asked the mayor to pull report and he did, but will come Aug 2 to Finance and Economic Development Committee. Unclear what exactly would be approved on that date. Everyone should be aware the property could be liquidated fairly quickly.
- There are fears that the Stadium could be demolished and that the site could include a multi-story park and ride garage.
- Stadium redevelopment not highlighted during the 2010 consultations on the proposed pedestrian bridge between Coventry and Tremblay (across 417), which were carried out more in the context of promoting access to existing business, govt office space and residential neighbourhoods on both sides of 417. This raises questions about the real reason for why the 417 overpass project is only now moving forward when it has been on the books since the mid-1990s.

5. Committee reports:

Parks, Recreation and Environment: (Pam Clayton for Chris Mark)

- Request to spend \$30 for bark chips for the garden at the Ellen Lantier bench and pet memorial patio. Board approved. Pam & Orrin will pick them up.
- Chris will attend the FieldHouse committee meeting in Karin's absence. Any needs? People who run the rink communicated their needs through Chris Mark.
- City will remove garlic mustard from parks. Chris has been in touch with Marg who attended last month.
- Renew adopt-a-park. Need 2-year cleanup agreement. Marian will follow-up.
- Riverview Park needs drainage: city needs to know the problems. Sherry will send email to Chris M.
- Blair Court AGM: June 15 at Nativite church, Marian will go.
- **Fall Social:** St. Thomas the Apostle, Saturday October 22 6pm Buffet \$25 per person, if the Friends of St. Thomas do it;, they don't charge for room. Thinking of charging \$30 per person. Hoping to get 60 people. Need to check on liquor license requirements. Planning for BYOB. Corkage fee? Allow silent auction in church, but no 50-50 draw. Ideas on musicians (preferably community members to involve more people), contact Chris Mark. Kris N mentioned Craig Cormier and Guy Gellatly – who will be playing at Lennox Park Street Party on the weekend.
- Motion passed for \$300 for ticket printing and liquor license, and that board commits to selling at least 2 tickets each and donating 1-2 silent auction items (given to Pam before Oct 8.)
- Councillor Hume bought a table at the last Fall Social in 2009 – somebody will need to check to see if he is going to do so again.

Communications: (Marian O'Connor)

Home page announcements:

- June 4th community-wide garage sale & fun day

- Canal Footbridge Open House – June 2nd
- City of Ottawa Road Safety Forum – May 14th
- New community garden: pictures of the May 7th ground breaking and new web page to communicate updates on the project.
- Algonquin College Horticulture Department’s Annual Spring Plant Sale–June 2-3
- Vincent Massey and Local Partners to “Green” School Front – June 4
- Neighbourhood Watch Alert – Telephone scams /Theft from Cars – May 30th
- Riverview Park Soccer Kicks Off June 1st
- Community Garden Pictures from May 7th ground breaking
- Ottawa Kiosk weblink for “Events in Ottawa”

RPCA Membership:

- Updated site and membership form to reflect new membership fee of \$10.

Other Communication – Garage Sale:

- Riverview Park website (with updates and moving to top of home page)
 - Two emails to residents
 - *Ottawa this Week* for the week of May 30
 - EMC June 2nd
 - Ads in Riverview Park review (April & June editions)
 - Ottawa Citizen “Our Town” event announcements
 - Ottawa Start website
 - Ottawa Kiosks website and email announcement to their subscribers, plus contest boxes for tickets to the Meet & Greet Capital Hoedown with Carrie Underwood, Kenny Chelsey & Rascal Flatts
 - Kijiji and Craigs list
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- Email List: 179 addresses as of June 1, 2011
 - May web hits up 175% from last May

Planning and Development: (Kris Nanda)

Alta Vista Transportation Corridor – Hospital Link- NDMC: The detail design work associated with the 1.2 km Hospital Link section of the controversial Alta Vista Transportation Corridor (AVTC) between Riverside Drive and the Hospital Complex has been ongoing. The RPCA has been assured that it will be given an opportunity to provide input into the AVTC design process later this year. No new updates on this.

The RPCA will continue to work to minimize the negative impacts of the Hospital Link design – and to seek to have remaining funding for the project transferred to other more pressing needs, such as failing roads around the City which require attention now. A meeting was recently held on this topic with other CA stakeholders and Council members concerned about the project proceeding.

It was announced in May 2011 that the Department of National Defence will be transferring the land that comprises the NDMC to Canada Lands Corporation in mid 2012. The Federal Government recently completed a screening level environmental assessment, to evaluate the potential environmental effects of the disposal of the NDMC and associated lands located at 1745 Alta Vista Drive -- a copy of which was posted on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) website in March 2011. Kris has reviewed the EA only item of note is the butternut trees on site are endangered species, but report concludes that development should be able to work around it. EA does not go to issue of exactly how the redevelopment will occur. Although the base line development framework and zoning are approved (700 units and 1 million square feet of office, commercial and institutional space) a significant amount of detailed planning and design work will need to be undertaken. The RPCA will be involved in the reconstituted Hospital Lands Area Planning Study Committee that Councillor Hume will be reconvening to guide the planning effort. At last month's AVPG, Kris suggested to Faircrest Heights CA (FHCA) Board representative that a meeting be held to identify areas of common interest/concern. Kris to follow up with Ken Pole and Roger Piche from FHCA.

Supportive Housing at the Perley Hospital: Construction to have begun earlier this spring 2011 on the Russell Road 45-unit seniors' housing residence, but has been postponed.

Terminal Avenue Office Buildings (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). Development is expected to be completed and substantially occupied by 2013.

Wellspring Ottawa Facility: The new Ontario Regional Cancer Foundation (ORCF) Cancer Survivorship Centre at 1500 Alta Vista Drive is now in the final phase of construction. The Maplesoft Centre is scheduled to be completed by July – with the facility opening to the public this fall – ORCF have offered to let RPCA use the facility for meetings in the fall.

Enhancing Pedestrian and Cycling Access: Work on a 1.25 km sidewalk which will run from 419 Industrial Avenue (just east of Alta Vista) to 715 Industrial Avenue (near Russell Road) was scheduled to be finished by mid-July, but had not yet begun. Further work has begun beginning on the multi-use path (MUP) on Industrial between Alta Vista and Riverside, adjacent to new continuous eastbound lane being constructed to provide additional car traffic capacity.

Proposed Multi-use Pathway between Coventry Road and Transitway: The Environmental Study Report for the MUP connection across the 417 between Coventry Road and Tremblay Road (Transitway Train Station) was approved by Council in March 2011. However, City Councillors also decided to defer approval of budgetary authority to

construct this structure until the long-term development strategy for the Ottawa Stadium comes before Council.

Ottawa 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 is scheduled for September 2011 and the process is slated for completion by the end of March 2012. City officials have presented Council with a report which provided three options for the future of the stadium, indicating that the preferred option would be “an adaptive reuse of the stadium facility” as a “concert bowl.” The RPCA has previously written City Council members to indicate support for efforts to bring a minor-league affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays to Ottawa to use this stadium. As per RPCA Board direction following presentation by Sheila Perry, Kris will draft a letter to City Council members on Economic Development Committee (ccing Councillors Hume and Chernushenko) calling for transparency and true public consultations regarding future of stadium site.

Intensification: The City recently held consultations on Implementation Guidelines for Section 37 Planning Act (Intensification and Negotiating Community) Benefits which would be the basis for a Section 37 agreement to obtain community benefits from developers.

These guidelines will have ramifications for Riverview Park, particularly given the plans for construction on the present NDMC lands once they have been transferred to Canada Lands. The RPCA has also provided comments to City Council regarding Section 37, a tool which is well utilized in Toronto and elsewhere around the Province. These community benefits can come in the form of new green space, heritage conservation, public art and/or recreational facilities which serve the affected community. They could also conceivably include providing financial support for enhanced pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.

Proposal for 9-storey apartment or seniors residence at 340 Industrial: This proposal by Claridge developers at Neighbourhood/Industrial had received considerable negative feedback from residents concerned about traffic implications and lack of clarity of final project details. While it received approval from the City, the project was put on hold in 2009 – it was just “reactivated” on June 1, 2011. , 9-storey apartment or seniors residence with 130 units + parking garage. We can follow up with Councillor Hume for details.

Proposed Canal Crossing: The first open house on proposed mid-town Footbridge across the Canal between Ottawa East and the Glebe was held on June 2. Nobody from RPCA Board was able to attend and the deadline for comments is June 16. As the RPCA has supported this project in principle in the past (given it is in-line with pedestrian and cycling components of the Official Plan), it was agreed that Kris would submit a supportive letter to City staff on behalf of the Board.

Urban Boundary: The OMB has just overturned a City Council decision that would have limited new greenspace development to 230 acres, instead of the 850 that staff recommended wanted and the more than 2000 acres developers had called for. Councillor

Hume had successfully pushed the 230 acre compromise solution through Council last term. The OMB decision will unfortunately only promote more sprawls.

6. Riverview Park newspaper update (Carole Moulton)

4,000 papers were out in time for the sale.

7. Treasurer report: (Bruce Aho)

Bill for website: approve \$51 for website.

8. Soccer update (Sherry):

About 90 kids registered in first week; sold 47 family memberships. Marian offered page on website to Carol--Marian needs to know what to post.

9. Garage sale: Feedback & thank you (all)

Next year: advertise event and date in February, get people to register to put address on website, good to have NW and CA table but people not paying attention.

10. Annual General Meeting (logistics, responsibilities, volunteers extraordinaire, possible guest speaker (David Chernushenko on planning & environment?): Date is Oct 26 Riverview School. Booked through Bill Henderson CUS. Kris to confirm logistics with the school in the fall.

11. New business:

- Street Representatives Program → Coordinator needed to run the program. No volunteers; will bring up at AGM.
- Membership Drive – how to put it together? Marian put on website. Topic deferred.
- The Fools in the Park: A Company of Fools will be presenting a hilarious 90 minute performance of Antony and Cleopatra on Tuesday, Aug. 9th at 7 p.m. in Coronation Park. The performance will be by the playground structure on Station Blvd. where the RPCA will be selling pizza and drinks. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy. A suggested minimum of \$10 will be welcome when the hat is passed at the end of the play.
- → What can the RPCA do to support this event?
- → Can we get pizza or popcorn & drinks donated/or at reduced costs & sell them to raise funds? Do we need permission?
- Corn Roast in September: Kris raised issue of whether RPCA would contribute money to Councillor Hume's September Corn Roast, as per past practice. The Board decided to defer a decision on funding this event until later.: vote on contribution to corn roast will be held no later than the next meeting in September.

12. Adjourned at 9:15

Next board meeting: September 14, 2011