

**Riverview Park Community Association
Jan. 9, 2013 meeting minutes**

Present: Carole Moulton, Nadine Chamorel, Paul Puritt, Karin Endemann, Kris Nanda, Stefan Dubowski, Marilyn Minnes, Kris Nanda, Sherry McPhail, Alan Landsberg,

Absent: Dianne Hoddinott, Patrick Meagher

Next meeting: Feb. 13, 2013, 6:45pm Cancer Wellspring House

Actions from meeting:

- **Stefan** to amend December Board meeting minutes and send to Board members for review
- **Stefan** to develop minutes from annual general meeting
- **Stefan** to track down October meeting minutes
- **Kris** to send David Graham, Maplewood Residence (Claridge project) an itemized list of concerns where the community association would like the developer's support
- **Carole** to ask Chris Mark about extra petty cash from last fall social
- **Carole** to confirm Chris Khoury's comments
- **Kris** to write to city re new pathway from Coronation to new Train Yards development

1. **Called to order at 7:02 p.m.**

2. **Agenda approved with changes**

3. **Approval of December Board meeting minutes:** Board members requested changes. On page 3 – let's verify with Chris Khoury: did he say volunteers should or should not be compensated? Also, the point indicating that Chris would make the decision on rink funding: the Board clarified that Chris would be consulted. Referencing action items, Chris Mark's name is spelled incorrectly. Under Presentations, indicate that David Graham represents Maplewood, not Claridge – Carole moves, Nadine seconds minutes approved with changes.

4. **Presentations:**

None; however, Karin notes that long presentations mean less time for Board business. How can we better balance presentations with regular items? We could set aside, say, 20 minutes total for presentations (or thereabouts, depending on the speaker and the topic), including questions. We could also request presentation outlines in advance so we can advise speakers if it seems they may be preparing something with information that may be unnecessary. The outline would help the Board decide how much presentation time should be set aside in the meeting.

5. **Committee Reports:**

Parks, Rec & Environment (Carole Moulton)

- The Committee met Jan. 8. Orrin and Pam Clayton presented ideas regarding the Coronation Park rejuvenation: better garbage cans; better path lighting and on the basketball court; benches; permanent garbage cans; clearing the forest of standing dead trees.
- Karin received a response from City councillor Peter Hume re: where the park rejuvenation plan came from. Peter said he plans to invest in all parks as well as the Balena Park field house renovation. Coronation was “chosen on resident feedback;” the park was last updated in 1999/2000.
- The Board requests that the Committee compile a list of Riverview Park parks and the history of investments made by the City over the years. Create a list of changes required at parks other than Coronation.
- The Committee plans to connect with Blair Court community for their input on the Coronation Park rejuvenation.
- The Committee discussed the results of the Balena Park field house survey, such as concerns about graffiti, and concerns from at least one respondent suggesting the survey was biased. The Committee finds that the renovation is required, regardless of what happens with the proposed Andrew Fleck child care centre development on Knox. Carole moves that the field house upgrade continues independent of the proposed Andrew Fleck building. Alan seconds. Passed.
- Area trees: Karin said she would meet with Peter in the spring to identify the dead trees on Coronation Ave.
- Balena Park now has a little snow hill for tobogganing.
- Rink: We need more volunteers; plan to promote via website.
- Also with respect to the rink, there’s to be a Hockey Day in Canada, Feb. 9 and 10. Chris Khoury plans to organize some games. Chris is also looking into a night skate and a pizza night. He is researching whether a permit is needed.
- Skating party/ winter carnival: It’s Feb. 3, 2 to 4 p.m. The Committee needs volunteers.
- Summer events at Balena Park: The Committee is looking to increase the number of summer events. Two suggestions: the wading pool open for an extra week; supervisors for playground if we have another event, such as movies in the park or craft activities. The Committee plans to discuss this.
- Fall Social: The Committee is looking into Emmanuel United Church for the venue.
- Some residents have requested developing a proper path through Balena Park. The Board would like to know more: how many people have requested this, what they’re looking for, etc.
- Fence demarking Balena Park from hydro corridor is in need of repair.
- The community newspaper will publish a phone number for residents to call Walmart to collect errant shopping carts.
- A proposal to make every Sunday toboggan day in the community: the Board likes this idea but still also supports a specific “Winter Frolic” on a particular Sunday – moved by Paul, seconded by Carole – passed.

Planning and Development (Kris Nanda)

Planning and Development Committee met on Jan 7 to discuss the following:

a. *Proposal from John Neale for cycling subcommittee* – John will be sharing a draft letter for Karin to send to other AVPG CA presidents to see if they are interested in a “Better Biking in Ward 18” event that Peter Hume could host later this year. P&D supports this effort.

b. *Official Plan* – The City process has started for preparing the next Official Plan and Transportation Master Plan in 2013. This would be the opportunity to seek to remove AVTC roadway from the Plan. Still seeking further information on how and when the best opportunities are to provide this input. Need to send someone from RPCA to January 10 Federation of Citizen’s Association (FCA) meeting at Overbrook CC on coordinating input into Official Plan. No word back from Sheila Perry as to whether she can attend Jan 9 RPCA meeting to discuss this.

c. *Identifying specific traffic problems and “chokepoints” along Industrial associated with ongoing development (much of which associated with Trainyards)* – Locations of concern identified between Riverside and St Laurent include: 1) Riverside/Industrial intersection, 2) at Neighbourhood Way; 3) Metro Warehouse/depot (trucks); 4) at Trainyards Drive; 5) Pioneer Gas Station/ new access road to Farm Boy/LCBO; 6) new traffic light for eastern entrance to bus garage.

d. *Casino issues* – no new information on when OLG will announce its preferred site. RPCA should put together site-specific reasons if stadium or Train Yards is identified as a site. (e.g. traffic congestion, inappropriately close to residential neighbourhood.)

RPCA (Kris) has been in contact with Jon Legg, to find out about upcoming events by broader coalition opposed to casinos in Ottawa.

e. *Train Yards expansion across Industrial Ave. (628 Industrial)* – Article in Jan. 5 Ottawa Citizen and item on City website regarding proposal to build several buildings on site of former pool warehouse (directly across new access road to Farm Boy/LCBO). It would back onto Coronation (near Weyburn). We need more details but buildings will be smaller than big boxes on north side of the road. RCPA will want to provide input including call for sidewalks on south side of Industrial. According to the Citizen article, Peter Hume has opposed “many of the plans’ details” for redevelopment of Train Yards.

2 Other P&D Items

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

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No new updates on design process for AVTC or on NDMC lands. No official confirmation whether NDMC has yet been transferred to Canada Lands Corporation (CLC) from DND.

b. *Proposal involving the Ottawa Carleton District School Board (OCDSB), Riverview Alternative School and Andrew Fleck Child Care Services (AFCCS)* – P&D members felt that proposal to have AFCCS access off of AVTC (through woods) is not likely to reduce traffic on Knox Crescent and may in fact lead people to use that route as an alternative residential street “cut through” to avoid Alta Vista and Riverside.

Report to OCSDB not completed in December as previously scheduled so Trustee Bronwyn Funicello and AFCCS executive Kim Hiscott did not attend last month's RPCA meetings. They are tentatively scheduled to come to Feb. 13 RPCA meeting to present update.

c. Perley Hospital Seniors Complex

The Russell Road 45-unit seniors' housing residence is scheduled to be ready for occupancy by early Feb/March 2013. The other residence is slated for opening later in 2013.

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

Construction continues on this site across from the Perley allow mixed residential/and commercial uses. Slated for occupancy in 2014

No word back from City on suggestions for addressing issues of vehicular congestion and pedestrian safety given the proximity of the Alta Vista Ridge entrance to that of the Perley Veterans Complex across the street and the Haig Road intersection.

e.. Train Yards

Notional completion date for Farmboy and LCBO is February/March 2013

Increased traffic congestion at Trainyards continues to be a problem - westbound Railmarket intersection with Trainyards Drive particularly problematic Peter Hume response to question about better public transit for Trainyards noted that the 121 route provides service along Terminal Avenue every 30 minutes and that "the plan is to have a direct connection either over the train tracks or via the existing underground passage to the train station which will give Train yards full access to the new LRT station at Train which by 2018 will provide a significantly improved service." No response from OC Transpo for rationale about reduced bus service on Industrial (and elimination of service on Lancaster).

f. 700 Coronation

Site plan approved to construct a new 3 storey condominium building on the west side of the site with 31 units and two levels of underground parking. Expected occupancy in 2014.

g 340 Industrial (Riverstone Retirement Home):

Need to provide David Graham from Riverstone Retirement Home Marketing Director with suggested traffic/infrastructure improvement that he can raise with the City (as per the December 12 RPCA Board meeting.) Expected to be open later this year.

h. Other Items

Baseball Stadium, Finalization of the agreement has been pushed back from original date of January 1, 2013 Concerns exist that the City will not undertake the necessary steps to finalize such an agreement Recent articles in the paper have cast doubt on whether a deal will in fact be reached. (now only 60-70% likely according to Beacon

Sports.) Work has begun on the Footbridge across Hwy 417 to link Tremblay Road with the Stadium/Coventry Road.

CAFES – next meeting scheduled for Feb 2 to be hosted by Glebe CA (Kris plans to attend). Issues expected to include casino proposal.

Communications (Sherry McPhail)

The website will feature posts publicizing the need for rink volunteers and promoting winter carnival/ skating party.

Street Representatives Program (TBD)

No update

Membership Drive Committee (TBD)

No update

Treasurer report (Alan Landsberg)

Alan said he understated bank position by \$18 in a previous report.

Community Development Plan for Industrial Ave.: We need a CDP for Industrial asap, especially considering the speed of development and increasing concerns about traffic. We'd also like to help ensure development beautifies the street. We need someone to spearhead that.

Coronation Park rejuvenation: See Parks, Rec & Environment Committee report above.

628 Industrial Ave. development: See Planning and Development report above. As well, the Board received guests, residents of Coronation Ave. They're concerned about speeding traffic. They recommend stop signs to slow people down. In a response to residents' concerns about speeding on Coronation, councillor Peter Hume said the vast majority of drivers don't speed on Coronation. Stop signs are not good speed-control measures. Measures include "slow down" signs, "speed tables" and "speed cushions" as efficient and effective solutions. Kris notes we might be able to apply for funding through the Neighbourhood Connection Office for a paint-the-street/ art project on Coronation – that might slow things down. Karin said the Board would advocate for speed bumps on Coronation. Karin asked Kris to write to the City – pathway from Coronation to new Train Yard buildings on Industrial should be well lit and charming, more than just functional.

8. Upcoming Events

Winter carnival

9. Riverview Park Review Update

We are looking for a distributor for the east side of Station Blvd., 39 houses. Five times a year (the first week of February, April, June, October, and December), and we sign for volunteer hours.

10. Adjournment:

9 p.m.

Date of next board meeting: 13 February 2013: Starting at 6:45

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