

**Riverview Park Community Association**  
**March 9, 2011 Meeting minutes**

**Present:** Karin Keyes Endemann, Carole Moulton, Chris Mark, Kris Nanda (notetaker), Bruce Aho, Marian O'Connor, Nadine Chamorel

**Absent:** François Allard, Sherry McPhail, Nazish Ahmad, J.P. Thibault

**Next meeting:** April 13th, 7pm Dempsey

**Actions from meeting:**

- Kris to contact RAS Principal and RAS Council Chair re: coordinating Garage Sale dates
- Carole to talk to Greg Money about Graphics for RPCA Garage Sale
- Marian will follow up with Board members who need to provide bio and/or photo
- Karin to send PDF list of hard-copy petition signatures to Board members for their information.
- Kris to follow up with Craig Cormier and Guy Gellatly to see about performing at the fall 2011 RPCA Social/fundraiser
- Kris to contact the Perley (Greg Fougere) re: Russell Road building design
- Chris M to forward letter from Susan Scott (Peter Hume's office) on park status
- Karin, Marian and Nadine to discuss membership coordination and plans.

**1. Call to order & introductions**

**2. Approval of agenda**

**3. February 9, 2011 Board meeting minutes approved**

**4. RPCA Garage Sale (June 4, 2011)**

Discussion focused on the following items:

- RPCA Garage sale organizer (June 2011) Nobody has stepped forward to serve as event organizer; all Board members are asked to work to support this event.
- Discussion about identifying 1-2 key people per street ("Street Ambassadors") who could publicize the event
- Need to get an ad in the Riverview Park Review (RPR) –talk to Greg Money about doing the graphics. Will cost about \$25.
- Liaise with Riverview Alternative School (RAS) to see if they could change their garage sale date to coordinate with ours for synergy). Kris agreed to contact RAS principal Christine Johnson and RAS Council President Marlene Steppan and to put them in touch with Karin and Marian.

**5. Committee reports:**

**Communications: (Marian O'Connor)**

**Website:** Huge increase in activity in February 2011 (e.g. 1452 hits in 2011 compared to 502 in Feb 2010)

Home page announcements/features include:

- AVTC ongoing information for residents:
- Speak Out about the loss of our woods
- Facebook page
- NoRoad petition
- Speak Up – links to media coverage and opportunities to comment
- Information on consultation meetings for the public
- Announcement about the monthly meeting
- Updated Riverview Park map showing boundaries based on RPCA bylaws
- Bios/photos of RPCA Board s – some Board members still need to provide Marian with bios and/or photos

**RPCA Email list** – now has 171 people

**Lots of publicity for RPCA on AVTC** via articles in paper, TV & radio

**Planning and Development: (Kris Nanda)**

- **Trainyards (395 Terminal Avenue) 8-storey building for Canada Revenue Agency:** Submitted positive comments and need for pedestrian access over or under the ViaRail tracks as per requirement in 2001 Train Yards zoning
- **425 Terminal Ave:** 9-storey building proposed on land owned by ViaRail. At AVPG meeting on Feb 24 (Marian and Carole attended), RPCA sought clarification as to whether this development affects eventual requirement for new pedestrian link to Train Station. Concerns raised about safety of location for proposed pedestrian tunnel to connect 425 Terminal to the VIA main terminal; present design calls for tunnel to begin in the underground parking garage of 425 Terminal which is unsatisfactory for safety, visibility and accessibility reasons.
- **Cycling/Pedestrian** -- Asked offices of Hume & Chernushenko if we can plough path between Hurdman & Lees Bruce met with Susan Scott from Hume's office.
- **CAFES/FCA:** (Community Associations For Environmental Sustainability/Federation of Community Associations) Karin attended FCA meeting on March 8 – RPCA has received kudos from individual CAFES and FCA members about our ability to get lots of AVTC publicity on short notice.
- **Bus Garage:** Alternate access route opening in fall. Three RPCA Board members attended the Open House February 10, 2011 on alternate access. Staff and consultants indicated that the input and alternate access solution provided by RPCA last year had led to a better solution than originally planned – an example of a “win-win” solution based on listening to the community.
- **Perley Hospital** – no word back from Greg Fougere about design of building along Russell Road (will its base be at-grade with the road or the baseball diamond?) Kris will follow up
- **Cancer Foundation House:** scheduled for completion in April 2011.
- **Community garden:** Kris in discussions with A Rocha Canada about possible community garden at Trinity Nazarene Church (on Avalon/Braydon). A Rocha representative visit to Ottawa in early 2011 postponed until mid-April. Pastor Frank Chouinard at the church is interested. Kris to update RPCA

- **Proposed residential building off Russell:** Privately owned road, located across the street from Perley complex; condos proposed. No further info yet
- **AVPG** – no mention of AVTC at Feb 24 AVPG – most discussion focused on 425 Terminal, Emerald Ash Borer issue and Federal Government Office Node – Tremblay Road. (Discussion on the latter project covered potential traffic concerns, community impacts and the need for a community design plan). Next meeting is March 31.

#### **Alta Vista Transportation corridor:**

The AVTC hospital link issue had a great deal of media coverage of both sides, but council voted on March 8 to include \$5 million in new funding in Budget 2011 towards building the Hospital Link. RPCA and other Hospital Link/AVTC opponents were disappointed by the 21-3 vote on this item, particularly given statements by the Mayor that they “opposed the Alta Vista Corridor” and yet voted in favour of funding for the Link. Councillor Chernushenko, whose ward includes Riverview Park area between Via Rail Tracks and Rideau River, spoke against the AVTC. Councillor Hume has not yet replied to the January 30 letter Karin sent him in response to his January 21 email criticizing the RPCA Board position vis-à-vis the AVTC.

Another \$50 million must be approved in Budget 2012, when the construction work is supposed to start. The RPCA and other stakeholders will reassess how best to remove this funding and ideally have AVTC removed from the City Official Plan and Transportation Master Plan in 2013. Especially important since City staff have made references to Phases II and III (South to Walkley, North to Nicholas Street).

Karin thanked Board Members and other community volunteers for their hard work in raising awareness and rallying opposition to the AVTC – more than 850 people signed the petitions to remove AVTC funding from Budget 2011 and use it for other purposes. We have raised the profile of the RPCA and built stronger relationships with other CAs in the City, including the 11 who formally signed on to Karin’s letter to the Mayor and Councillors opposing AVTC funding.

The RPCA needs to capitalize on the renewed community spirit which the AVTC issue has sparked and try to better involve Riverview Park residents who were active in this recent campaign. Karin will copy onto PDF and share with Board members the list of those who signed hard copy of petition. This list is not to be used for “marketing purposes” but rather to see if Board members recognize neighbours who indicated an interest in helping the RPCA out, perhaps as “street ambassadors.”

#### **Parks, Recreation and Environment: (Chris Mark)**

Thanks to Chris Khoury, the new icemaker and volunteer coordinator at Balena rink.

- Expenses at Balena rink were \$487.67 for volunteer gift certificates and 4 new snow shovels.
- Ice making honorariums for Balena and Dale:
- Chris Khoury - \$500

- Chris MacAvoy - \$400
- Bruce Aho - \$800
- Volunteer coordinator – Chris Khoury - \$500

Thanks also to Kevin Leduc for ploughing Balena rink and Elmvale Acres Home Hardware for supplying shovels at cost.

Park clean up dates are as follows:

Saturday May 7 for Dale, Balena, Hutton, Alda Burt and Riverview.

Friday May 6 from 5:30-6:30 pm for Coronation Park, together with Blair Community Housing project on Station Blvd. The RPCA voted up to \$150 for refreshments (pizza and juice) for the children who participate in this community outreach activity.

The Board decided it was better to hold an evening event for the Fall Social. Former “Boofs” location no longer available. We are continuing to look at venues, including St Thomas the Apostle, Immanuel United, the OAC and Rideau Tennis Clubs. (RA Centre is too expensive). Kris recommended a local band that may be available to play dance music from the 50’s and 60’s as the entertainment. One of the members, Craig Cormier co-wrote the “Ghost Road” song on AVTC. Kris to follow up with Craig and with Guy Gellatly from the band. Parks and Rec. will report back in April on Fall Social

**6. Fieldhouse development (Chris, Francois, Pam, Karin, Will)**

- Ideas for the design and use of the proposed field house are requested to be submitted by April 2, for discussion by the committee.

**7. Riverview Park newspaper update (Carole Moulton)**

- Next paper due out on April 1 – submission deadline has been moved back a bit given recent flurry of AVTC activity has occupied many contributors
- Additional people need to help in putting the paper together and carrying out administrative matters.

**8. Treasurer report: (Bruce Aho)**

- Balance is \$19,429.59 as at Feb 18<sup>th</sup> ; Cheque being issued to Carole for \$382.66 for the sign and stationery related to anti-AVTC road publicity efforts.

**9. New business: Increasing RPCA Membership**

- Discussion on holding a membership drive, and keeping in touch with those who signed the petition
- Board members should think about street ambassadors (1 or 2 individual per street) who could help canvass; nothing prevents Board members from canvassing some of their own acquaintances in the neighbourhood
- An RPCA Membership Coordinator is needed – does not necessarily have to be somebody from the Board. Karin, Marian and Nadine will discuss this further.

**10. Adjourned at 9:10**