

**Riverview Park Community Association
May 9, 2012 Meeting minutes**

Present: Nazish Ahmad, Carole Moulton, Nadine Chamorel, Sherry McPhail, Alan Landsberg, Paul Puritt, Karin Endemann, Marian O'Connor, Patrick Meagher, Kris Nanda

Absent: Stefan Dubowski

Next meeting: June 13, 2012, 6:30pm Cancer Wellspring House

Actions from meeting:

- **Alan** to contact Sheila Perry to get notice of East of Rideau meetings
- **Sherry** to give Paul memberships and signup sheet
- **Karin** to bring table on Community Safety day
- **Karin** to add to next meeting agenda a discussion on traffic issues at Trainyards
- **Karin** to fix error in the Community safety poster and resend to Paul
- **Carole** to send Louisa Coates' contact to Paul
- **Karin** to start next meeting at 6:30

1. **Called to order at 7:06 p.m.**
2. **Agenda approved with changes**
3. **Approval of April Board meeting minutes (with changes) and review of action items**
4. **Committee reports:**

Communications: Marian O'Connor

Website:

Home page announcements:

- ALERT - Neighbourhood Watch - Sexual Predator
- The Rideau Canal Crossing Progress Update is LIVE!
- Group Rate for Ash Tree Removal
- Is your lawn being torn up?

Email List:

- 245 addresses as of May 2012

Statistics - Web Site Visits:

| | 2009 | Avg per day | 2010 | Avg per day | Var. | 2011 | Avg per day | Var. | | | |
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| | 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% | 1250 | 43.1 | -14% | |
| Mar | 58 | | 538 | 17.4 | | 1838 | 59.3 | 242% | 961 | 33.1 | -48% |
| Apr | 166 | 5.5 | 509 | 17.0 | 207% | 872 | 29.1 | 71% | 810 | 27.9 | -7% |
| 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% | | | |

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| 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% | 3837 | 31.7 |

Planning and Development: Kris Nanda: sent in report, Karin read

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. The City continues to work with Ontario Hydro and the rail companies to make the necessary arrangements to resolve issues related to construction of the road.

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

We will need to touch base with AFCCS Executive Director Kim Hiscott to confirm invitation back following March 2012 meeting. AFCCS was meeting with OCDSB this week and will get back to us. RPCA sent email to OCDSB Trustee Bronwyn Funicello re any additional information on future of the site.

c. Perley Hospital Seniors Complex

Construction continues on the Russell Road 45-unit seniors' housing residence – scheduled to be ready for occupancy by end of 2012. The pile-driving activity is now finished. The PRVHC is also planning a public information session in May. Paul Purritt attended the community liaison session on April 16

d. Local Pedestrian/Cycling Update.

The RPCA asked for a sidewalk to be constructed on the western side of Russell Road, between Haig and Coronation for safety reasons. This is now on the list of pedestrian projects but not likely to be carried out in the near future.

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

A few ways have been suggested to 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. (Special left turn lanes, construction of sidewalk and pedestrian activated signal. Waiting to hear back from City on these suggestions

f. Highway 417/University of Ottawa Expansion.

As part of the staging process, certain city-owned property would need to be disposed of and the pathways on both sides of the Rideau River north of the old Hurdman Railway bridge closed during Hwy 417 expansion. The RPCA has written city officials asking that any disruption for pedestrians and cyclists be mitigated.

UOttawa proposes to close the pathway parallel to the Queensway for the period through Sept 1 as they do their remediation and construction work for the new stadium/field (new site for dome due to closure of Lansdowne) – a path used by RP

residents just west of Rideau River. This would mean that ped/cyclist passage would be impossible on the western stretch of the new route during stadium/field construction. UOttawa has apparently rejected proposal by Old Ottawa East CA to create a temporary pathway until the stadium/field are completed

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

Work is ongoing. 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

h. Upcoming Events)

April 26 Planning Summit – hosted by the Mayor and Peter Hume at CE Centre (by the Airport) Ironic that a Planning Summit was held at a location (former greenspace) where most people have to drive to (not well-served by public transit or easy to reach by bike or pedestrians (cf Lansdowne). Unclear whether there was any talk of where all the expected growth in population is to come (for the high-rises downtown) especially with the slashing of federal employment levels. Nobody from RPCA able to attend

May 24 Tall Building Event (6:30 PM) --. OttawaDNA has invited Neil Malhotra (VP, Claridge Homes), Alex Munter (CEO, CHEO) and community and business stakeholders to discuss future role of city's tall building Hub Ottawa, 71 Bank St Somebody from RPCA should attend – implications due to potential NDMC development. Contact info canning.martin@gmail.com

Next AVPG – May 28

CAFES meeting in June in Old Ottawa East (June 9 – Hosted by Old Ottawa East)

Final Open house on 5th Avenue-Clegg Rideau Canal Crossing will be in June

j. Trainyards Update

Site preparation continues on the parcel of land (641-663 Industrial) between the Pioneer Gas Station and the new bus garage facility where Farm Boy will be.

With opening of new stores, traffic congestion in Trainyards getting worse. The RPCA asked the City to ensure that the complex is adequately serviced by public transit and that there is sufficient infrastructure for safe pedestrians and cyclist access to the site – this would help encourage customers and staff to choose options besides their own vehicles. In addition, we have asked OC Transpo for rationale about reduced bus service on Industrial (and elimination of service on Lancaster). Awaiting reply from OC Transpo or City.

Parks, Rec & Environment: Carole Moulton

- 120 people came out for park cleanup day: Coronation 60, Balena 20, Dale 26, Riverview 5, Alda Burt 5 and Hutton 2.
- Carole moved that we pay \$89 for cleanup instead of the \$75 authorized, passed.
- Carole moved that we give \$800 to Bruce Aho for rink maintenance, passed.

Street Representatives Program: Sherry: no report

Membership Drive Committee: TBD

- East of Rideau group Alan: no meeting
- FCA meetings Karin: no meeting
- Cafes Kris: no report

6. Fat Cats Community Association package

The RPCA purchased 1800 undated tickets for six weeks of baseball. Any 100 can be used on one day; otherwise there are no limitations. RPCA can host a community day for up to 1800 residents. We decided to decline this option since no one was available to co-ordinate it and we have already organized several community events this year. For every game (18), we have a 12-person box. We need to give them 48 hours notice if we're not using the box. The first home game is May 19 and the season runs to late July. Thanks to Alan for volunteering to be the distribution co-ordinator! We discussed ideas for who should receive tickets and boxes and settled on a full list. Alan, Carole and other board members put in many hours organizing the distribution--many thanks to all.

7. RPCA Garage Sale June 2 Nadine Chamorel

- The advertisement was printed in the newspaper.
- With 18 new signs, we have 35 signs in total.
- Carole's motion to be reimbursed \$193 instead of the original approval of \$150 passed. The board approved up to \$50 for sign sticks.

8. Community safety day

- Saturday May 12. Kristy Donnelly doing a great job organizing.
- Local band Waterbomber was willing to play, but did not as DJ already booked.

9. Ash trees

- RPCA will place an ad in the paper proposing an application for group rates to heal Ash trees in RP. We posted a notice for this on our website but only received one response.
- Blair Court is holding back on its decision to plant replacement trees for the ones cut.
- Paul and other board members agree that the trees are city-wide problem and that RPCA should take a lead role on this. Oakville is treating their trees
- Paul will talk to Louisa Coates, arborist. Paul and Alan will discuss further and report back.

10. AGM date: October 24

11. Riverview Park Review update

12. New business: none

13. Adjournment: 9:00

Date of next board meeting: 13 June 2012: Starting at 6:30

Board of Directors: Carole Mault, Marian O'Connor, Kris Nanda, Nadine Chamorel, Karin Keyes Endemann, Sherry McPhail, Nazish Ahmad, Stefan Dubowski, Patrick Meagher, Paul Puritt, Alan Landsberg