

Riverview Park Community Association November 9, 2011 Meeting minutes

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

Absent: Stefan Dubowski, Nazish Ahmad

Next meeting: December 14, 7pm Cancer Wellspring House

Actions from meeting:

- **Karin** to bring RPCA Director cards to Dec 14 meeting
- **Sherry, Carole, Nadine** to send pics of themselves to Marian
- **Paul & Alan** to send bios and pics to Marian
- **Sherry** to send contact list to all board members
- **Karin, Bruce, Alan** to go to BMO on Smyth to change signatures
- **Kris** to write a bunch of letters (advance green turning left from Industrial onto Russell, inadequate parking for seniors residence at 340 Industrial, development charges, reiterate RPCA support for new pedestrian bridge over Canal and opposition to AVTC in budget etc.)
- **Carole** to send new carol sing ad to Marian and all board to forward to friends and neighbours
- **Karin** to write letter in support of Councillor Tierney shopping cart motion and copy Hume.
- **Carole** to attend meeting Transportation Committee meeting
- **Kris** to provide information to Carole
- **Nadine** to contact Peter Hume about hot chocolate and liaise with the Cancer Foundation
- **Kris** to check into Smyth bridge bike lanes

1. Called to order at 7pm / Introductions

2. Agenda approved

3. Minutes from Oct 12 meeting approved; Minutes from AGM Oct 26 approved

4. Introduction of proposed new Board members

Sherry McPhail introduced Alan Landsberg and Paul Puritt as potential new Board members. After a review of their interests and credentials, the Board voted to accept these nominations.

5. Welcome to new Board

Karin reiterated that Board membership involves participating in all Board meetings and taking on responsibilities for a committee or planning of events.

Review of this year's priorities: Perimeter development, Corridor, Russell, Industrial, Trainyards, Perley, Fieldhouse expansion, Strengthen links with other communities, Augmenting membership. Fun activities are also intended to connect with neighbours and to hear about and communicate issues.

6. **Review of Board vacancies** and description of duties
- i. **Treasurer** manages funds (we spend and bring in \$2-\$3,000 a year), handles flow-through of city funds for rinks, does monthly and annual report, ensures books are audited by John Neale. Treasurer position is filled by Alan Landsberg
 - ii. **Chair of the Parks, Recreation and Environment Committee** reports, liaises with city, coordinates spring/fall park cleanup, deals with crow issues, litter, graffiti, holds meetings, runs rinks, annual winter carnival and biennial Fall Social. Right now there are six members of the committee, which is proposing a rotating chair. Paul will join the Committee.
 - iii. **Chair of the Communications Committee**: Marian O'Connor will take this on again.
 - iv. **Street representative program co-ordinator**: Nadine Chamorel will take this on.

All Board members are asked to solicit new Board members.

7. **Committee reports:**

Communications: (Marian O'Connor)

Website home page announcements:

- Crows Surrender in Riverview Park – 2011 Scarecrow Contest winners
- Removal of mail drop slot at Canada Post mail processing facility (answer from David McGuinty)
- Rideau Canal Crossing Open House (Thursday Nov. 17)
- Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre Construction News – November 2011
- Neighbourhood Watch Annual Report – October 2010 to October 2011
- Councillor Peter Hume's Town Hall Meeting (Nov. 1st)
- Survey – Balena Park Field House Expansion Project – survey extended to Nov. 15
- Grand Opening of the Cancer Survivorship Centre (Thursday, Nov. 3rd at 1 PM)
- Nordic Walk for Cancer Survivorship (Oct. 30th)
- Boo! Riverview Park's Annual Scarecrow Contest & registration (Saturday Oct. 29th)
- Something to Crow About (update on the meeting with Falcon Environmental Services)
- Thank You for cleaning up our parks (picture of the fall park clean up volunteers)

Updates to other website pages:

- Update to Board of Directors page (new Board members)
- Neighbourhood Watch ALERT Oct. 16, 2011 (man exposing himself in Coronation Park)
- 2010 AGM Minutes and Board Minutes for September 2011 meeting
- Riverview Park Review online edition October 2011
- Volunteers extraordinaire (adding 2011 recipients)
- Friends of the Experimental Farm Craft and Bake Sale Nov. 12, 2011

Other Communication:

- Email to residents (sent Oct. 21st 2011)
 - o AGM October 26th 2011
 - o Fall Social October – SOLD OUT (no tickets available at the door)
 - o Scarecrow contest & registration, judging Oct. 29th 2011

- Crows in Riverview Park

Email List:

- 177 addresses as of November 2011

Statistics – Website Visits:

	2009	Avg/day	2010	Avg/day	Var.	2011	Avg/day	Var.
Jan			724	23.4		649	20.9	-10%
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%			
Dec	197	6.4	356	11.5	81%			
Total	2444	11.2	5788	15.9	42%	9340	30.7	94%

Planning and Development: (Kris Nanda)

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

No new information on planning activities etc for either project to date. Peter Hume assured the RPCA at the November 1 Budget consultations that it will be given an opportunity to provide input into the AVTC design process later this year – it has been nearly 3 years since we were promised input into the design process. The RPCA will be involved in the reconstituted Hospital Lands Area Planning Study Committee, which Councillor Hume will be reconvening to guide the planning effort. Still no date set for this first Committee meeting. Councillor Hume did not address the AVTC nor the NDMC issues when he spoke at last month's RPCA AGM.

Chris Wightman attended a meeting of interested stakeholders on November 1 hosted by Councillor Chernushenko's staff to discuss options to try to remove the AVTC from the Official Plan when it comes up for review in 2013. His staff focus is less on the Hospital Link than on subsequent links in the AVTC.

RPCA has formally asked for funding for AVTC to be removed from the 2012 budget. The Transportation Committee meetings are being held on November 10 to receive budgetary input. **Action:** Carole to attend meeting on behalf of RPCA and Kris to provide information

Karin went to AVPG: Councillor Hume said the AVTC was in final stages of design and

will be circulated to AVPG members. The community will only be consulted after the initial design is drafted. Hume said there were only 2 areas of contention: access to Hospital Ring road and at-grade AV intersection. The city staff will be coming forward with a series of options. PH has requested landscaping, trees and berms along whole length. PH has a meeting with planners next week and will consult with the community in the future.

Karin on NDMC: After approvals, Canada Lands will make an offer to purchase land from DND. CL has a MOU with hospital which requires the transfer of a portion of the land to the hospital. The rest will be sold to developers. CL is not challenging the current proposal; they think it is dense enough. It is currently zoned as large-scale hospital or research facilities. It is expected that the developers will request a zoning change. The Hospital apparently owns the Transalta co-gen plant, which is apparently at capacity. There may be plans to expand.

b. Perley Hospital Seniors Complex

Construction which was slated to begin in spring 2011 on the Russell Road 45-unit seniors' housing residence has been delayed. This residence is slated for occupancy by January 2013, and the other residence at the main entrance will be ready in July 2013. The next Community Liaison Committee (CLC) is scheduled for Monday, November 14 at 5:30 p.m. **Karin update:** Perley has been clearing area by Botsford pedestrian path; PH sent them a Cease & Desist order.

c. Local Pedestrian/Cycling Update.

Work on Industrial Avenue Sidewalk has begun and should be finished shortly. Work has also begun on the pathway near Hurdman Bridge to allow for year-round snow plowing and access for pedestrians and cyclists.

d. Redevelopment of 1757 Russell Road /1740 St. Laurent Blvd

A proposal has been revived to redevelop this parcel between Russell Road and St. Laurent (across from the Perley and down to St. Laurent towards St. Hubert and a Petro Canada gas station) to allow for mixed residential/and commercial uses. 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 (4 storey). **Karin update:** Lot been rezoned for residential. It will have underground parking and storefronts on St. Laurent.

e. Wellspring centre

The formal public opening for the building was on November 3.

f. Alta Vista Planning Group (AVPG)

AVPG meeting (hosted by Councillor Peter Hume) was just held on November 8. Nine people attended.

g. Traffic on Industrial Avenue.

Cheryl Khoury asked if the RPCA could look into having an advance green in the left-turn lane on Industrial going West at the Russell intersection since at certain times of day (e.g. early evening) it can be difficult to make that turn. This is symptomatic of larger problems arising out of increased traffic due to Trainyards Developments etc. **Action:** Kris to write a letter.

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

On October 17, Councillor Hume gave his consent/concurrence to the Claridge proposal to build a five-story retirement residence on the property at 340 Industrial/1481 Alta Vista (near corner of Neighbourhood Way and Industrial), which will offer approximately 124 units and 45 underground and 14 surface parking spaces - similar to the Oak Park Retirement Residence on Valour Drive. (Some feel this is too few. We need to address this with PH.) While this new proposal is lower in height than original plan, there are still concerns about on-street parking and the implications of accessing the completed building from either Neighbourhood Way or Industrial. Main concerns: accessing by left turn off Industrial, on-street parking. **Action:** Kris to draft a letter to Peter about the parking (Karin to sign).

i. Trainyards

Work continues on an 8-storey federal office building for the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) at 395 Terminal Avenue. A proposed 6-storey 125,000 square-foot office building at 455 Terminal Avenue continues to be on hold.

At the RPCA AGM last month, Trainyards president Marty Koshman suggested that he wanted to pursue the idea of building a crosswalk over the Via train tracks to the Train station (rather than re-opening the pedestrian tunnel). It will be important for the RPCA to reiterate that the Train Transitway station is closer to Trainyards than Hurdman and once the pedestrian access way is opened it will be safer to access as well.

Wal-Mart continues with its 40,000 square foot expansion to become a "supercentre" with groceries and aims for a spring 2012 opening. Work is nearly done on a small multi-tenant building on the northwest corner of Industrial and Trainyards Drive.

Currently under consideration is a proposal to establish a new parking requirement (the same rate as the standard shopping centre rate) as well as to remove the maximum gross floor area requirements.

http://app01.ottawa.ca/postingplans/appDetails.jsf?lang=en&appld=__8OVVN4

Karin update: Fed government wants to build more buildings at the Trainyards. However, the City has told them they can't build them until they provide a link to the Train LRT station.

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

Construction on alternate access for buses continues so that most buses will be able to use Belfast instead of Industrial.

k. General municipal issues

The RPCA was part of the consultation group on the Environmental Assessment (EA) of the Downtown Ottawa Transit Tunnel (DOTT), now referred to as Ottawa's Light Rail Transit (OLRT) project. The RPCA is on the stakeholder list and has been told it will be contacted prior to the Public Information Session, which the city will be hosting next year.

l. Development charges: Premier McGuinty apparently had said he did not want to change the Development Charges Act. Kris spoke with Gary Baker from the City who indicated it would be a good time to write McGuinty and Councillor Naqvi and AMO

asking them if we can use \$ to fix existing infrastructure in community. **Action** Kris to draft letter for Karin's signature and to raise issue at next CAFES meeting in December.

m. 378 Triole, CUPE building: want to build a 2 storey office building behind.

n. CDP for Industrial: At the AVPG Karin asked for a CDP for Industrial and for Russell. PH clarified that CDPs were more like corridor development plans, focussed on managing development and may end up precipitating development. He implied that we could end up with 6 storey buildings on Industrial.

CAFES: next meeting Saturday Dec 10, Kris will try to go

FCA: doing good work.

November 17 is the Open House on the **pedestrian bridge** between Glebe and Old Ottawa East, which RPCA has supported.

Next P&D meeting: first week of December

Parks, Recreation and Environment: (TBD)

a. Field house meeting: Next Monday Nov 28, Karin will see if she can go, otherwise a P&R Committee member will go.

b. Fall Social: Thanks to many for help. One auction item remains to be picked up. Chris submitted a bill for \$7.06 from Orrin and \$11.53 for a plant for Vi, who fell at the Social. Motion passed to refund 3 Alexanian's Carpet coupons to Schmolkas and Kim Fisher, which required spending \$500 to get the \$50.

c. Skate Sale: Cheryl Khoury suggested that the RPCA hold one on Dec 17 for second-hand skates at Balena. Motion passed to approve \$20 to run and advertise. Need to advertise wider than our hood, including schools and churches. If it goes well, we will make it annual.

d. Next P&R meeting: Tues Dec 6 at Louis Comerton's house.

8. Riverview Park newspaper update (Carole Mout)

Carole moved that the RPCA pay \$71 to cover costs for the scarecrow contest and \$15.56 from Orrin for the volunteers extraordinaire certificate. Motion passed. Articles are coming in for paper, with a deadline of Nov 20. Nadine congratulated Carole on the paper for being high quality and complete.

9. Carol Sing preparations (Nazish and Nadine)

Friday Dec 16 at 6pm. All are invited to bring their neighbours. We'll have candles and song sheets and will sing for 30 minutes, then we are invited into the Cancer Survivor House for hot chocolate. Everyone should bring their cameras. Nadine's motion passed to allow budget of \$50 to pay for flyers, hot chocolate and any other expenses. **Action:** Nadine to contact Peter Hume about hot chocolate and liaise with the Cancer Foundation.

10. Planning: activities for next year (deferred until next meeting)

- Garage Sale

- Scarecrow Contest
- Carol Sing
- Street Representatives Program: coordinator needed
- Membership Drive: coordinator needed

11. Treasurer report: (Bruce Aho- absent)

12. New Business:

Soccer: Patrick is still working out the day and investigating other schools and prices.

Perley Hospital: Update is included in the P&D report.

Parking at Balena Park in west end: No parking signs are present. Workers at Alan's house got a parking ticket, which Alan had cancelled. Now signs have been posted. RPCA should have signs removed, as there is nowhere else to park. (**Action?**)

Bicycle lane on Smyth: Has the RPCA looked into this very dangerous route? Apparently the current budget will expand bike lanes on this bridge over the Rideau. The city plans to remove divider and put in bike lanes. **Action:** As Kris is on cycling advisory group for the city, he will make inquiries.

Abandoned shopping carts: Councillor Tierney made a motion for shopping cart owners to be charged impound charges (\$20) on carts they allow to be taken. City workers will pick them up and charge the owner. **Action** Karin will write letter in support and copy PH.

Karin read **Thank you letter from Tim Marks** and on behalf of Neighbourhood Watch.

13. Meeting adjourned at 9pm.

Date of next board meeting: 14 December, 2011

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