

Riverview Park Community Association (RPCA)
Annual General Meeting - Minutes
Wednesday, October 21, 2009 (7 – 9 p.m.)
Riverview Alternative School (Knox Crescent)

AGM Agenda Items

- welcome/opening remarks – Brant Scott, President RPCA
- approval of agenda
- approval of last year's AGM minutes (Oct. 15, 2008)
- president's report
- committee reports
- treasurer's update
- awards
- priorities for 2009-10
- election of new board of directors & auditor
- 8:05 p.m. – speech (address and Qs and As) - Ottawa South MP, David McGuinty
- 8:20 p.m. – keynote speaker, Christopher Stoney from Carleton University on "Sustainable Communities"
- 8:55 p.m. – closing remarks

Meeting

1. Call to order at 7:10 p.m.
2. Motion to approve agenda made by George Leir, seconded by Dale Wagner, passed by attendees.
3. Approved previous AGM minutes from October 15, 2008 - motion to approve the minutes made by Orrin Clayton, seconded by Kris Nanda; passed by attendees.
4. **President's Report** – Brant provided an update of last year's AGM where no president or vice presidents were elected. He volunteered to become president before the November 2008 board meeting. Brant mentioned some challenges the association faced the past year such as going through two different treasurers, low membership on the board, and the folding of Riverviews, the RPCA community newspaper. Some of the RPCA successes included the ABC (Against Browning Corridor) group getting that street off of the city's rapid transit corridor route, running two skating rinks (Balena and Dale), Peter Hume's corn roast, upgrade to Balena Park playground, fall social fundraiser (made about \$1,400), and OC Transpo bus garage issue with residents of 710 Coronation Avenue.

5. Committee Reports

(i) The **planning and development committee** monitored and provided input/comments on such issues as the proposed rapid transit corridor behind Browning Avenue, the Alta Vista transportation corridor, the OC Transpo bus facility on Industrial Avenue, Ottawa Trainyards development, apartment/retirement complex at Neighbourhood/Industrial corner, Ottawa Hospital complex and hospital lands proposals, traffic calming (e.g. new stop sign installed at Acton/Knox intersection), and advocating for pedestrian access, sidewalks and cycling in the area.

(ii) The **Parks, Recreation and Environment committee** consisting of 7 members accomplished the following during 2008-09; ran two ice rinks and held a skating party, completed spring and fall park clean ups (including spring clean up of Coronation Park with Blair Court residents), held successful fall social fundraiser (“Fun and success is our motto!”), had new trees planted in Balena and Dale parks, and planted 1,000 daffodil bulbs in the Cancer Survivor Park.

(iii) The **Communications Committee** reported on the hiatus of the paper Riverviews. It has been replaced by the RPCA blog/website. A flyer was developed and circulated to advertise this.

A motion was made to accept all the committee reports by Margaret Armstrong, seconded by Dan McGregor; passed by attendees.

6. **Treasurer’s Update-** We reported that a treasurer’s report/budget was not completed yet due to the lack of a treasurer. Motion made by Orrin Clayton that the RPCA board of directors post completed reports of the 2008-09 year budget and the proposed/draft 2009-10 budget on the website, once they have been reviewed and approved by the board; motion seconded by Sue Vye and passed by attendees.

7. Presentation of volunteer extraordinaire awards made by Peter Hume, Alta Vista Ward Councillor, to Chris Mark, Bruce Aho and Brian Oliver.

8. **RPCA Priorities** for the coming year were determined as noted below:

(i) Communication- increase links with local schools; more use of our website; update Wikipedia with our information; depository for our historical information and documents

(ii) Parks & Recreation – hold fun, family events

(iii) Planning & Development – ongoing monitoring & input on development in our area

(iv) New Community Centre- explore new community centre and/or upgrading facility at Balena Park

(v) Safety – support Neighbourhood Watch; make area more pedestrian & cycling friendly; traffic issues; sidewalks

(vi) Membership- have special breaks/discounts for members (possible discount at local businesses)

Motion made to accept these priorities by Cheryl Khoury, seconded by Sami Rehman, passed by attendees.

9. **Election of 2009-10 Board of RPCA Directors**

President- Karin Keyes Endemann

Immediate Past President – Brant Scott

1st Vice President – vacant (no nominations)

2nd Vice President – vacant (no nominations)

Secretary – Janina Nickus

Treasurer – Bruce Aho

Directors – Nazish Ahmad, Chris Mark, Kris Nanda and Sue Vye
Auditor – none appointed at his time

Motion made for RPCA board to find and appoint an auditor. Motion made by Margaret Armstrong, seconded by Dale Wagner, passed.
Brant thanked the three outgoing directors Orrin Clayton, Cheryl Khoury and Sami Rehman.

10. Address by David McGuinty, M.P. for Ottawa South. David is the Liberal critic for Energy and the Environment. He discussed the success of the Project Porchlite where energy efficient light bulbs are distributed now everywhere in North America. David also spoke about a new environmental initiative with Canadian Tire encouraging people to check their tire pressures since driving with correct tire pressure improves gas mileage, and mentioned using low-flow showers to reduce water use. He mentioned there are 40 schools in Ottawa South, large number of government buildings/ land sites here, discussed public transit issues, health care, community policing, upcoming climate change conference in Copenhagen and sewage going into the Ottawa River.

11. Keynote speaker, Christopher Stoney, Carleton University – He spoke on the topic “How Can Community Associations Influence Local Decisions?” He discussed three things a community association can do to keep vibrant, useful and active for residents:

- (i) try to fill roles/positions on the association so board members don't burn out
- (ii) maintain a good working relationship with the City councillor
- (iii) engage people on key issues in the area and keep them involved

12. Address by RPCA's new president- Karin thanked Brant for his work as president.

13. New Business - none

14. Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

*Minutes prepared by Janina Nickus
Secretary, RPCA*