

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Riverview Park Community Association**  
Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2010  
Dempsey Community Centre (7-9 p.m.)

**Present:** Janina Nickus, Karin Keyes Endemann, Nadine Chamorel, Bruce Aho, Peter Schmolka, Carole Moulton (**Total 6**)

**Absent:** Chris Mark, Sue Vye, Kris Nanda, Nazish Ahmad (**4**)

**Guests:** Sean Dowd, François Allard & Colin Hind

### **Executive Meeting**

1. Karin called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. Approval of agenda. Moved by Peter, seconded by Bruce
3. Approval of Jan. 13, 2010, meeting minutes with minor changes suggested by Karin and Kris. Moved by Janina, seconded by Carole.

### **4. Committee reports**

(i) Communications Committee – Our website/blog has had variable hits; largest volume is on the bus garage. Our site needs to be fresh, needs content. Karin requested monthly updates/reports from each committee.

(ii) Planning and Development (P & D)

- there is a lot of litter in our community and we would like more garbage cans put by the bus stops on Industrial. Karin has written to Peter Hume and he was to have followed up on this.

(per notes from Kris Nanda)

1. Development at the Perley (proposed 8-storey building for supportive/respite care for seniors, originally planned as 5 stories - expansion with Supportive Housing. Karin and I met with PRVHC Head Greg Fougere on Feb 4, 2010. We have been invited to attend February 22 2010 meeting and have someone join the Community liaison group. We discussion possibly holding a future RPCA meeting on-site
2. Bus Garage on Industrial – (including Open House)
  - a. Concerns – congestion on Industrial, noise and pollution from idling buses, potential flow-through traffic, encroachment on potential corridor for Cumberland-Hospital Link; location of additional 80 buses. -- Consult
  - b. Publicity in RPR, EMC, CTV
  - c. Feb 4 2010 Meeting with Peter Hume, OC Transpo, etc. We were told that consultation with the community was not required as this change (increase of 80 buses) was deemed Operational.
  - d. Karin's letter to Council
  - e. Awaiting reply with answers to outstanding questions

Karin provided a brief summary of what has happened to date re the bus garage. We would like the buses to exit and enter the compound from the **back** of the garage and not onto Industrial Ave.

There were some motions made at City council to review the bus garage and for the auditor general to review the books, procurement procedures concerning the project. It is now clear that our only option is to work with the City to identify mitigation measures for the issues. We intend to work with the residents of 710 Coronation on this issue; Linda Eagen of the Cancer Foundation has indicated that she supports us. We were also told that OC Transpo provides a shuttle bus service for its staff, so there may be less staff parking there than we expected.

The questions drafted by Kris Nanda and answers will be posted on our website/blog.

3. Transit Corridor Updates (AVTC and Proposed Cumberland-Hospital Link)
  - a. We are attempting to clarify the budgetary implications for AVTC
  - b. Browning has been now formally removed from the plans. An EA is supposed to start in February and the consultants have told us, informally, that the route along abandoned corridor which leads to Trainyards (behind the new OC Transpo Bus Garage) is their preferred route and at this stage could be feasible notwithstanding the OC Transpo Bus Garage encroachment. This should be included in the EA
4. Follow-up on recent correspondence (e.g. pedestrian plan \$ in budget, AVTC, clearing pathway between Hurdman and Lees in the winter)
  - a. Pedestrian Plan in Budget: no written response has been received from Peter Hume but on January 11, 2010 he promised to move to move that the City include \$3.5 million for the Pedestrian Plan in the 2010 budget if we could show him that Plan included \$ for new sidewalks along Industrial
  - b. Karin wrote a letter to Peter Hume to ask whether he sees AVTC Hospital Link as standalone or part of larger link between downtown and Conroy. Peter has indicated that he needs more time to get back to us with a detailed response. No response to date
  - c. Letter to City and NCC on clearing pathway along Transitway between Lees and Hurdman: the City owns part of it and NCC owns the bridge over Rideau River and east to Hurdman. The City apparently "maintains it" according to an NCC official. It has now been partially cleared – letter from David McGuinty to NCC but no further action.
5. Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation Open House re: proposed facility at Alta Vista/Caledon. Karin advised about 30% of the building (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) will be office space for the Foundation and about 30-40 people will be at the facility each day. At the Feb. 8 2010 open house, residents expressed concerns about traffic flow and parking issues (the current plan has been revised to include 33 parking spaces). The City owns the land there but has leased it to the Foundation for 20-years (renewable).

(iii) Parks, Recreation and Environment – There was a good turnout at the Balena skating party held Jan. 31 2010 . \$423 in expenses (\$400 was previously pre-approved by the board) included the cost of 2 plastic toboggans. These could not be used because snow surface was too hard/icy. Janina to check with Pam Clayton (member of the committee who has them) if they can be returned for a refund. They can't be as they have been marked "RPCA" on them with a permanent marker.

(iv) Treasurer's Report – Bruce advised us that John Neale has completed the audit of the RPCA books and records. Balance in accounts as of Dec. 31, 2009 is as follows:  
 CIBC account - \$10,066  
 BMO account - \$6,038 There is one cheque outstanding for \$170 deposited to this account from Alta Vista Manor (re ad) which was issued to us in error instead of being paid to the Riverview Park Review. Motion made to pay Riverview Park Review the amount, then we'll close this account.  
 More rink cheques have been received from the City (by Janina): 1<sup>st</sup> instalment for Dale Rink \$275 and 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment for Balena \$1,850.

Karin had business cards printed for us at a cost of \$27. She also closed the mailbox we had rented at Shoppers.

Nadine presented the bill/invoice for \$23.21 for rental of the gym at Riverview School for the meeting we held on the OC Transpo bus garage.

Karin advised that she has contacted the Presidents of many of the other community associations (Alta Vista Drive, Faircrest, Old Ottawa East, Sheffield Glen, etc.) and will meet with them in the near future.

5. **New Business** - Sean Dowd introduced himself and talked about his interest in running for City Councillor for this ward, Ward 18. He has lived in the area for 18 years and teaches at Ridgemont High School. He supports intensification and mixed use neighbourhoods/buildings.

Karin needs a short biography and a picture of the following board members for the website/blog; Peter, Bruce, Nazish, François and Carole.

Karin mentioned that Chris and Sue had suggested holding a spring garage sale. June 5 was chosen as the date, June 6 as rain date. We could have at a fixed location (in Balena Park) or have on streets/yards. Nadine, Nazish, Chris and Sue will be on the committee.

*Note: François Allard volunteered to become a board member/director. Motion made by Carole, seconded by Janina.*

**6. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

**Next board meeting - Wednesday, March 10 (7 p.m. at Dempsey)**

*Minutes prepared by Janina Nickus, RPCA secretary  
March 8, 2010*