

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

Present: Janina Nickus, Karin Keyes Endemann, Bruce Aho, Peter Schmolka, Carole Moulit, Nazish Ahmad, François Allard, Kris Nanda (**Total 8**)

Absent: Chris Mark, Sue Vye, Nadine Chamorel (**3**)

Guest: Rolland Robichaud

Executive Meeting

1. Karin called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Approval of agenda as amended with new items under new business.
3. Approval of Feb. 10, 2010, meeting minutes with changes suggested by Karin & Kris. Moved by Janina, seconded by Carole.
4. Wellness Centre concerns: Rolland Robichaud - He and local residents (about 34) on Dale, Caledon and Alta Vista expressed concern about the number of parking spaces (from 34 to perhaps 41) at the site, as well as traffic concerns. A zoning by-law amendment regarding the site was passed by City Council Feb. 24, 2010, just one day after the public Open House. They will be holding a meeting in the neighbourhood March 11 to discuss issues, concerns and options. Rolland advised that he was at our meeting to solicit support from the RPCA. Possible options include appealing to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), contacting the NCC (as they were previous owners of some of the land), contacting Linda Eagen of the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation. What would the local residents want/like to mitigate the situation?

5. Committee reports

(i) Communications – Our blog has had fewer hits (about 20 per day instead of 80). We need monthly content including committee reports.

(ii) Planning and Development (P & D)

(Report by Kris Nanda) *NB. Discussion of ORCF Wellness Centre at Alta Vista/Caledon was a separate item on RPCA agenda and is not covered below.*

1. Development at the Perley (proposed expansion with Supportive Housing) -- RPCA has been invited to participate on the Community Liaison committee which is expected to meet later this spring – previously scheduled February 22 meeting postponed due to need for additional design and business case info.
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.
 - b. RPCA now part of working group with 710 Coronation residents for mitigation measures – no meeting date scheduled yet
 - c. Feb 4 Meeting with Peter Hume, OC Transpo, etc. Consultation not required as this was deemed Operational Report
 - d. Awaiting reply with answers to outstanding questions sent to Peter Hume's office on Feb 9, especially regarding why other access point (i.e. abandoned Rail Corridor was not pursued).

3. Transit Corridor Updates (AVTC and Proposed Cumberland-Hospital Link)

a. It is expected that the detail design work associated with the Hospital Link section of the AVTC (between Riverside Drive and the Hospital Complex) will carry on through to at least the end of 2010. The project itself will require construction to be phased in over a 3-year period, with construction work currently scheduled to commence in 2011, pending funding approval. According to the senior project engineer for the AVTC, in the summer/fall of 2010, the City will start to undertake some of the prerequisite utility relocation work along the corridor. RPCA clarifying.

b. Karin's letter to Peter Hume on whether he sees AVTC Hospital Link standalone or part of larger link between downtown and Conroy – Still no response to this January 2010 request.

c. Nothing new to report on Cumberland Transitway Connection study – EA consultations supposed to start and RPCA remain on Public Consultation Group (PCG)

4. Enhanced Cycling and Pedestrian Accessibility

a. Pedestrian Plan in Budget – Peter Hume successfully moved to have \$ included the agenda for 2010 Budget the single largest expenditure in this program will be a 1.25 kilometre sidewalk that will run from 419 Industrial Avenue (just east of Alta Vista) to 715 Industrial Avenue (near Russell Road). Using another funding program source, the City will install a sidewalk along Acton between Station Blvd and Knox Crescent this year.

b. The Cycling Plan includes funding for a 3.0-metre path on the south side of Industrial between Riverside and Alta Vista – an area previously identified by P&D members as a candidate for a new path.

c. City has started an Environmental Assessment Study for a new multi-use pathway (pedestrian/cyclist) connection between Coventry Road, near the Ottawa Stadium, and the transit Train Station – an item first identified as a project in the mid-1990s. The RPCA was invited to serve on the project Public Consultation Group (PCG). Kris will attend its first meeting on March 25, and is trying to work to have the path link up with future paths that might traverse the train tracks and ultimately link up with paths along Industrial and Alta Vista. The first public open house is tentatively scheduled for May and will focus on the need/justification of the crossing.

5. The Downtown Ottawa Transit Tunnel Assessment (DOTT) assessment process is also of interest to the RPCA since Industrial Avenue is listed as a possible alternate transit detour for OC Transpo buses while the Transitway is converted to a Light Rail Train (LRT) route. In addition the LRT Maintenance and Storage Facility (which will house approximately 120 LRT vehicles) is currently slated for construction on the northern periphery of Riverview Park (northeast of Belfast Road and west of the Eastview Gardens neighbourhood along Tremblay Road). It has been noted that the while current plans for constructing the LRT facility would likely involve expropriating some property, the City apparently decided against appropriating a smaller parcel of land to allow alternate access to the Industrial Avenue Bus Garage via the abandoned rail corridor or Belfast Road. The RPCA has asked to be added to the PCG for the DOTT Environmental Assessment process that will begin later this year.

Kris attended a recent meeting of the Federation of Community Associations (FCA). He moved that we pay the \$30 membership fee to join the organization for a 1-year trial basis. Motion passed.

(iii) Parks, Recreation and Environment – Balena Rink closed before the end of February due to the mild weather We'll need to determine and pay honorariums to the ice makers at Balena (Brian Oliver) & Dale Parks (Bruce Aho). Balena skating party was a success- about 200 in attendance and \$54.83 received in donations. Karin read out a letter about our neighbourhood crow problem (re bird droppings, noise, building damage, hospital emergency helicopter access) that Orrin Clayton has written; it has been posted to our blog.

Spring park clean-up set for Saturday, May 8, 2010. Discussed possibility of holding a spring garage sale. Members of the Parks, Rec and Environment committee are not interest in planning/organizing this event. The committee does not have enough resources/bodies to take on the work. However, they are looking into holding a "Fresh Air Cinema" event near the August Civic Holiday. A company offers showing movies outdoors (could be in City Parks) on a big screen. The committee is looking into costs,

dates and movie selection. They will also be looking into applying for a **City of Ottawa Civic Event Funding Program** grant (http://www.ottawa.ca/residents/funding/community/civic/index_en.html) that provides funding for one to two-day civic events with free admission that foster civic pride and develop community cohesion. These events are linked to and celebrate a civic/statutory holiday (i.e., Victoria Day, Canada Day) and encompass a broad range of activities (family entertainment, etc). The committee also suggested applying for the following grants:

- Crime Prevention Ottawa's (Paint It Up!) – Youth Engagement Mural Program to engage youth, beautify our communities and reduce graffiti (see at: <http://www.crimepreventionottawa.ca/>) - deadline Apr. 9/2010. **Action item: François**
- City of Ottawa's "Community Environmental Projects grant Program (CEPGP) – see at: http://www.ottawa.ca/residents/funding/cepgp/index_en.html (deadline- March 31, 2010) Apply to have additional evergreen trees/shrubs planted along Coronation Blvd. near/under the existing evergreens to help mitigate/separate residential area/houses from the industrial buildings/areas on Industrial Avenue. **Action item: Janina**

6. **Treasurer's Report** – Bruce advised us that as of March 9, 2010, we have a total of \$19,200 in our CIBC and BOM bank accounts. Bruce needs to buy postal stamps to mail cheques so he will take money out of petty cash for this.

5. **New Business** – François advised that the RPCA has been updated on Wikipedia. We discussed converting one of the change rooms in Balena Park field house to a meeting room for the RPCA.

6. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at about 9 p.m.

Next board meeting – Thursday, April 15 (7 p.m. at Karin' house- 1526 Weyburn)

Note: Dempsey will be closed for our **June 9, 2010**, RPCA meeting so we may need to meet elsewhere or pay about \$33 for Dempsey to be open that day. It was suggested we could meet at the new restaurant, *Shahrazad*, where Boofs used to be at 730 Industrial Avenue.

Minutes prepared by Janina Nickus, RPCA secretary