

Riverview Park Community Association November 10, 2010 Meeting minutes

Present: Carole Moulton, Marian O'Connor, François Allard, Will Tait, Kris Nanda, Bruce Aho, J.P. Thibault, Nadine Chamorel, Nazish Ahmad, Karin Keyes Endemann, Sherry McPhail. **Absent:** Chris Mark

Actions from meeting:

- **All board members** to submit photo and bio for website.
- **Karin** to contact Linda Eagan about use of meeting room at Wellspring house.
- Could **Chris Mark** find out which of our parks are designated? (Marian)
- Would the **Parks & Recreation committee** consider requesting upgrades to Riverview Park, namely improve the field so that it drains and paint the swing set? (Sherry)

1. Called to order 7:08. Introductions.
2. Agenda approved with addition of new biz:
Discuss the newspaper (Carole) and Lansdowne (Kris)
3. Minutes from Sept accepted
4. **Process:** reviewed Robert's rules; decided to use **for/against voting** process
5. **Bylaws and roles:** Marian to be Communications committee chair, John Neale to be auditor, Sherry to be secretary, Will to sit on Planning committee.

6. **Current issues:**

- Duncan Hardy **wants No Parking sign on Mimosa** east side between Bathurst and Avalon to discourage students and hospital workers from parking in winter. Street gets too narrow with the snow banks. Nadine had done a petition (ensures consensus) for a 1 hr parking sign on Braydon, and the city enforces it. Long process. Kris suggested they take photos to document. Karin will inform Duncan.
- Duncan is **looking into solutions to the crow issue**, as he used to work for the Canadian Wildlife Services. RPCA will support him with a letter.

7. **Priorities for 2010/11**

- a. **Communications:** Strengthen ties with local schools, churches, and other orgs. Increase use of website.
- b. **Parks & Recreation:** Balena skating party, corn roast.
- c. **Planning & Dev:** Reduce impact of bus garage and other developments.
- d. **Community Centre:** Upgrade the building at Balena.
- e. **Safety:** Neighbourhood Watch, making RP pedestrian and cycle friendly.
- f. **Membership:** Increase it.

8. **Roles**

- a. **Communications chair:** Marian. Responsible for website changes, reporting on web stats, brochures. Can seek committee members.
- b. **Parks & Recreation:** Need new person. Adopt and clean parks, events.

- c. **Organize garage sale** in June: Signage, bands, craft sale, coordinate with all streets, and schools. To participate, require membership? A lead for this project is required – any volunteers?
- d. **Carol sing**: Need to coordinate with Wellspring house. Karin organized last year so has books and candles. Does Councillor Hume plan to donate hot chocolate again? Nadine, Carole and Nazish will organize.
- e. Need people for **Field House development committee**. Old plans are not appropriate and changes need to be made.

9. **Committee reports: Planning & Development (Kris)**

- **Bus Garage**: Open since Sept, now more buses on Industrial. If city's EA is completed as scheduled and passes the alternative exit onto Belfast, buses will start using the Belfast access as of Sept 2011, saving several hundred trips down Industrial per day. Approximately 40 eastbound busses will still exit onto Industrial in the morning. RPCA organized public consultations and was lead story on news one night.
- **Perley-Rideau : Two buildings are now in the planning stages** for a 137 unit seniors' support unit (one is five storeys, the other 3 storeys). Public meeting will be held on November 30. RPCA is member of community liaison group for Perley but Karin and Kris were unable to attend the October 18 meeting.
- **Maplesoft Wellspring centre (For Cancer Society)**: Will open in Fall 2011. Some neighbours on Caledon are still upset.
- **Industrial Ave between Alta Vista and Riverside**: City building multi-use pathway, will be done in Dec. Will build extra lane from right turn off Riverside in 2011.
- **Covered pedestrian /cyclist walkway over 417**: Going to Transit committee in Jan, will cost up to \$7 million. Funds will still need to be obtained. Hopefully will link up with a planned tunnel between Trainyards and Via Rail station, though this is probably several years away.
- **Federal building at Trainyards**: Peter Hume mentioned this in our October AGM, no details available. The other 6-storey office building at Trainyards is on hold.
- **AVTC**: Construction on Hospital link to start next year pending funding. P&D committee may ask to have funding for corridor removed from budget.
- **Roger Guindon residential building**: 12-storey building under construction.
- **Alta Vista Planning group**: Date to be confirmed.
- **FCA (Federation of Citizens Associations of Ottawa Carleton)**: Meeting is on November 29.

Committee reports: Parks, Recreation & Environment (Chris--Karin presented)

- **Balena skating party**: Chris requested up to \$400 for party--motion passed. Dec issue of Riverviews and blog will advertise it
- **Park clean-up** successful. Clinton Cowan participated.
- **Fall social** in 2011. Looking for a place for about 100 people, suggestions welcome.

10. **Field House Development:** Need committee to review and plan, go to other centres to see how they work. Once in place, we can run programs. Volunteers required
11. **Treasurer's report:** We have just over \$15,000. Chris Mark asked for cheque for peat moss (approved at last meeting). Carole M. asked for \$ for Scarecrow contest winner pizza but no bill available; Karin confirmed.
12. **Community garden:** Kris will liaise with A Rocha Canada (Christian Environmental Group) and Trinity Church of the Nazarene (on Avalon) about possible garden. RPCA will lend endorsement, publicity.
13. **Newspaper:** An opportunity was presented for RPCA to repatriate the newspaper. Is it valuable to our community? Voted yes. Will discuss at next meeting.
14. **Lansdowne:** Motion passed to support the Friends of Lansdowne's suit to sue the city.

Next meeting: December 8, 7pm, Dempsey. Add to agenda:

- **Discuss guidelines for website posting:** content, comments, etc.
- **Riverviews:** Take it back?