

Minutes of Meeting

Riverview Park Community Association

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

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| <p>Present</p> <p>Brant Scott Cheryl Khoury Karin Endemann Chris Mark Orrin Clayton Sue Vye Kris Nanda Sami Rehman</p> | <p>Absent</p> <p>Adnan Abidi Janina Nickus</p> |
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Executive Meeting

Guests: Francois Allard, Carole Moul, Bill Fairbairn

1. Brant Scott called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Agenda approved, moved by Orrin, 2nd by Sue. The order was changed in order to hear from the visitors in a timely manner.
3. Feb. 11 minutes approved, with amendments as sent by Kris Nanda. Moved Karin, 2nd Cheryl.

4. Treasurer's report

Sue reported that Adnan had emailed his reports for Feb 11 and March 5, 2009. The balance as of Feb 11 was \$18,624.49 and of March 5 was \$18,876.28. Cash donations of \$53.76 from the skating party at Balena Park were received. The following cheques were distributed:

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| #091 to Kim Fisher for First Aid kit at Balena Park | \$130.54 | |
| #092 to 101 st Ottawa Scouting Group (donation) | \$50.00 | |
| #093 to Chris Mark for skating party expenses(not Neighbourhood Watch) | | \$168.75 |
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| Cash to Orrin for | \$7.68 | |
| Deposit March 5 2009-03-19 | \$555.00 | |

Motion: \$210.00 be approved to reimburse CompuHome for prepaid advertising
Moved by Sue, 2nd by Cheryl

passed

Cheques were issued for the following:

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| Chris MacAvoy for straw bales at the skating party | \$45.68 |
| Tim Mark for pizza for Neighbourhood Watch meeting | \$98.60 |

Motion: the Board will approve a cheque up to \$400 for boards for the Dale Park skating rink
Moved by Sue, 2nd by Kris

passed

Motion: that the treasurer's report be approved
Moved by Sue, 2nd by Orrin

passed

5. Committee reports:

i. Communications

Francois handed out a flyer about the new *Riverview Park Review* newspaper. The plan is for the paper to be run by an incorporated non-profit company.

There was discussion with Francois and Carole about the rationale for starting a new paper when *Riverviews* is only on hiatus. There had been difficulties in producing the RPCA's paper following many changes of personnel. Cheryl thanked the visitors for coming and for starting a new paper. There were differing opinions about the status of *Riverviews* and its apparent demise, and whether all the information regarding advertisers had been forwarded to the editorial committee. Concerns were expressed that the RPCA would be unable to re-start *Riverviews* because advertisers would not be able to contribute to 2 papers in the same area.

The *Review* will be published 5 times a year. It will report local events and local politics as they apply to Riverview Park. It will continue even if the RPCA revives *Riverviews*.

Carole and Francois left after this discussion. Bill stayed in his capacity as a reporter aligned with the new paper.

4. Algonquin students: membership survey update:

Motion: the Board should move to an 'in camera' session to discuss the students' findings

Moved by Orrin, 2nd by Karin

Vote: 3 in favour, 4 against

defeated

Theresa and William designed 200 surveys for a sample of 5500 homes which would give a 95% confidence in their findings.

They have begun their data collection visiting streets with 42 homes or more, but have not completed the sampling. There was discussion about the relevance of surveying residents on apartment buildings or condos which, as rentals, might not represent residents who would benefit from a community association. Coronation, Bathurst, Pixley Private and Renova Private were suggested as streets to be surveyed.

Dayna is no longer part of the team of students. Amy, William and Theresa will complete the survey by March 19. They have about 90 completed so far.

Once completed, the students will meet with the communications committee and will report back at the April Board Meeting.

Bill left the meeting during this update.

Si. Communications;

The committee requested that the RPCA purchase a laptop computer to be used by the Treasurer. All records would then be available when the position changed personnel.

Motion: up to \$500.00 should be approved for the purchase of a laptop computer for use by the treasurer of the RPCA.

Moved by Orrin, 2nd by Sue

passed

Karin reported that on her findings regarding the RPCA website. A 'blog' would be easier to maintain and update. It would cost \$200.00 to develop. The site would need a name. There will not be a menu to click on, but readers will have to scroll down. The Board approved the idea in principal. It was decided that a mix of updating the blog at set times, perhaps bi-monthly, and updating when there was a special need should be considered. Decisions are needed on the URL – maybe Riverview Park Community Association; what permanent links are needed; what advertising could be included. There was discussion on the use of flyers and advertisements in EMC, VISTAS and the REVIEW to promote the URL.

Concerns were expressed about residents without Internet access. A method will be devised to enable phone contact for information.

Motion: the Board should proceed with the development of the blog as outlined by Karin
Moved by Karin, 2nd by Chris **passed**

Karin and Orrin will continue the research and report back at the next meeting. Sue and Orrin have composed a letter to the advertisers in *Riverviews* explaining the hiatus; they will inform them that they will have the opportunity soon to advertise on the RPCA blog.

There was discussion about whether we should support the new paper. Orrin should request the return of Riverviews logos from the editor, MaryAnne.
Brant has enquired whether the RPCA could buy space in VISTAS.

Motion: a report on local planning be submitted from the RPCA to the new paper for the April edition
Moved by Kris, 2nd by Sami **passed**

Brant will not submit an article to this first edition, as the format is unknown.

5ii) Planning and Development

Motion: In keeping with the need for additional East-West pedestrian and bicycling linkages and the City of Ottawa's policy to "implement policies that favour walking, cycling, and public transit over the use of private motor vehicles," the RPCA Board of Directors offers its preliminary support in principle for the concept of a pedestrian bridge across the Rideau Canal to link Ottawa East and the Glebe. Given that as of March 10, 2009, the RPCA Board has not received details on design, exact location or cost for the footbridge project, subsequent RPCA approval is reserved pending delivery of this information to the RPCA.

Moved by Kris, 2nd by Sami **passed**

Karin gave an update on the proposed developments at Trainyards.
Kris is following up communications with Trainyards regarding pedestrian needs.
There was a site meeting with Peter Hume for the new parking garage proposed for the Ottawa Hospital.
More information will be coming.

A volunteer is needed to attend the upcoming meeting about the proposed Parole Office location at the former Capones Restaurant.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm Moved by Chris, 2nd by Kris

Next Board meeting – Wednesday April 8, 2009 (7 pm at Dempsey

Minutes prepared by Chris Mark