

Minutes of Meeting

Riverview Park Community Association

Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010
Dempsey Community Centre (7-9 p.m.)

Present: Kris Nanda, Janina Nickus, Karin Keyes Endemann, Nadine Chamorel, Chris Mark, Bruce Aho & Nazish Ahmad (**Total 7**)

Absent: Peter Schmolka, Carole & Sue Vye (**3**)

Guest: Clinton Cowen (from near Kilborn Avenue)

Note: Karin advised that according to Orrin Clayton, we only need 50% (½) of board members to be present to have quorum.

Executive Meeting

1. Karin called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.
2. Approval of agenda. Moved by Chris, seconded by Bruce
3. Approval of December 9, 2009, meeting minutes with minor changes suggested by Karin. Moved by Chris, seconded by Bruce.

Approval of motions from last meeting (voted on by email by members missing from last meeting; all approved)

(a) Karin made a motion that the treasurer will have/maintain petty cash of \$200 to pay small amounts in cash re expenses instead of writing cheques; seconded by Nadine. All present agreed.

(b) Chris made a motion to add Carole Moulton and Peter Schmolka as new Directors to the board; seconded by Nadine. All present agreed.

(c) Chris moved to cancel the mailbox; seconded by Nadine. All present agreed.

4. Presentation by Linda Eagen, President, Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation

Fundraising is the foundation's main activity for cancer support groups. They will be building a wellness centre (no charge, no referral) "Wellspring" on the vacant lots at the end of Caledon, near the Cancer Survivors Park. It will be a house to offer support and structure to cancer patients and care givers. There was some resistance from the community/neighbours re the extra traffic which would be created going onto Caledon and concerning the size of the centre. The plans have been redesigned and access to and from the site will be off of Alta Vista not Caledon. The building will be 10,000 square feet including the basement, open from about 7:30 a.m. to 7/8 p.m., have a staff of about 15 and will not have overnight stays for visitors. The centre will include a small gym area for possible community use and a small conference room to hold 6-20 people. The Foundation will soon meet again with local residents to discuss/present the revisions.

5. Committee reports

(i) Communications Committee – We still have no chair/committee at this time. Balena Skating Party information is posted to the website/blog. Bruce will write something up about Dale Rink for the website.

Parks, Recreation and Environment – The committee has some recommendations/issues for the carolling event such as holding the event 1 hour only, having larger font size on the song sheets and have a barbershop quartet lead the singing. They will be available on Dec. 18, 2010. Kris moved that we set the date for the 2nd annual carolling event for Dec. 18, 2010, seconded by Nazish; motion passed.

Balena Rink is not up and running yet due to too much snow and recent mild weather. Balena Skating Party is scheduled for Jan. 31. Chris moved that we pre-approve expenses for the party up to maximum \$400, seconded

by Kris; motion passed. Volunteers are need for this event. Chris advised the committee suggested having a berm/small hill of dirt placed in Balena Park near site of former baseball diamond for a toboggan hill.

Action Item: Chris will email board members requesting volunteers for the Jan. 31/2010 Balena Skating Party. Chris will also look into getting us green & white 'Volunteer' and 'Director' buttons.

Karin moved that we order business cards for the board members, seconded by Chris; motion passed.

(iii) Treasurer's report – Bruce advised us that John Neale has the RPCA books and records for auditing. Karin gave the \$200 cash float to Bruce. Note: Orrin has not paid \$30 yet re his donated gift to AGM guest speaker.

(iv) Planning and Development (P & D)

(Items 1-7 as per notes from Kris Nanda)

1. Development at the Perley originally proposed near the duck pond and baseball diamond located. (proposed expansion, 5 to 7 storey, with Supportive Housing. Karin and Kris will meet with Greg Fougere, Chief Executive Officer to review the proposal and to explore future broader connections.
2. Transit Corridor Updates (AVTC and Proposed Cumberland-Hospital Link)
 - a. Clarifying budgetary implications for AVTC
 - b. Browning is now formally removed from plans – EA is supposed to start in February – consultants have told us informally that the route along abandoned corridor that 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.
3. 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 (our letter sent in Nov. 2009) – no written response from Peter Hume but on January 11 he promised to move to include \$3.5 million for Pedestrian Plan in 2010 budget if we could show him that plan included \$ for new sidewalks along Industrial
 - b. Karin's letter to Peter Hume, sent in the beginning of January, on whether he sees AVTC Hospital Link as Standalone or part of larger link between downtown and Conroy – he said he needs more time to get back to us with a detailed response
 - c. Letter to City and NCC on clearing pathway along Transitway between Lees and Hurdman – City owns part of it and NCC owns the Bridge over Rideau River and east to Hurdman – City apparently "maintains it" according to an NCC official. The Planning and Development Committee is looking for formal confirmation -- apparently it will not be cleared this year.
4. 2010 City Budget – Other items to support including Cycling Plan \$.
5. Alternative School Program future and Riverview School.
6. Next AVPG meeting on February 18.
7. Article for next Riverview Park Review Newspaper to be drafted and circulated. The article will include a link to the Federation of Community Associations (FCA) website. The cost to join this organization is only \$30 per year. We should attend one meeting for free, to see if we would like to join.
8. **Bus Garage on Industrial** – (including Open House held on Jan. 11, 2010)
 - (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) Next Steps – Contacting Stephane Carbonneau for more information.

There will be about 100 buses going out of the garage at 7 a.m. Total of 240 articulated buses will be there so over 400 bus trips per day. In the winter, they will warm up/run for up to 20 minutes. Plan is for all the buses to exit/enter off of Industrial Avenue, not to exit at the back of the garage onto Terminal. When returning to the garage the buses will need to turn left across two lanes of traffic on Industrial. We/public

only have 2-3 weeks to respond to the open house *(deadline of 29 January). The City/OC Transpo plan to build a barrier wall between the garage and residents that will include flashing light artwork. We need a plan to mobilize the community. Discussed sending flyers (urgent, attention grabbing) to local residents to invite them to a public meeting to give them facts, present a map, perhaps a petition to sign. We'll book Riverview Public School for Wednesday January, 27, 2010, for this meeting. Discussed contacting the Cancer Foundation to get their support. We could write letters to Peter Hume, Alan Mercier of OC Transpo, Alex Cullen, Chair of Transportation Committee.

Karin advised that she has contacted presidents of many of the other community associations (Alta Vista Drive, Faircrest, Old Ottawa East, Eastway Gardens, etc.) as part of her outreach. Most volunteered to have coffee with her.

6. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at about 9:30 p.m.

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

*Minutes prepared by Janina Nickus, RPCA secretary
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