

Minutes of Meeting (revised)
Riverview Park Community Association

Wednesday, January 14, 2009
Dempsey Community Centre (7-9 p.m.)

Present: Orrin Clayton, Chris Mark, Kris Nanda, Janina Nickus, Brant Scott, Sue Vye, Adnan Abidi & Sami Rehman (Total 8)

Absent: Cheryl Khoury (Total 1)

Guests: François Allard & John Neale

Students from Algonquin: Theresa Landrigan & Amy Noyes present (Will Martin & Dayna Poulin absent)

Emails of newest board members: Adnan Abidi- adabidi@gmail.com Sami Rehman- rehmans@hotmail.com

Executive Meeting

1. Brant Scott called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and we introduced ourselves. We have two new board members- Adnan Abidi & Sami Rehman (voted on/approved by Email vote). They gave us some information about their background, interests, etc. Adnan has agreed to take on the role of treasurer.
2. Approved of **Agenda** with addition of two items under new business (from Chris & Kris).
3. Approval of previous minutes re Dec. 10/08 meeting approved; moved by Orrin, seconded by Sue.
4. Follow-up presentation re: membership enhancement (Algonquin College Business Marketing students) – the secretary, Janina, has a paper copy of the presentation
5. RPCA president's meeting with city hall officials, consultants & Councillor Hume on Transportation Master Plan (TMP) – Brant attended an information session on this issue re Alta Vista Corridor held by City staff Vivi Chi and Mona Abouhenidy from the Planning Department)& 2 consultants. Brant said he would get back to the Planning and Development Committee once he got some answers to the questions raised at the meeting and Kris asked if he could get a heads up in advance of any such future meetings, (as the Chair of the Planning and Development Committee) in case there were any questions the committee wanted to be raised.

6. Committee reports

(i) Planning & Development – Kris advised that the committee has not met yet. He did advise on following issues that will be discussed at the upcoming Alta Vista Planning Group (AVPG) meeting:

- planned expansion of Ottawa Train Yards site to include expansion of WalMart, addition of 5 new box stores and 600 more parking spaces.
- conversion of warehouse at 1840 Walkley Road
- addition of parking garage at 501 Smyth (Ottawa Hospital complex)

Kris also mentioned that Pioneer car wash has opened up in our area (on Industrial). Brant mentioned there is nothing new happening yet with the Against Browning Corridor Committee.

(ii) Parks, Recreation and Environment – Chris asked for volunteers to help out at the Balena Rink skating party to be held Feb. 1 (Sunday) from 2-4 p.m. Event needs volunteers to help with set-up from 1-2. Chris advised that last years event cost about \$320.00 and this years may cost a bit more. Chris made a motion that the board pre-approve up to \$400.00 in for expenses for this event; seconded by Kris, motion passed. The event has been advertised in the December's Riverviews, plus flyers can be printed and posted in the neighbourhood by board & committee members.

(iii) Communications Committee – Orrin gave a summary of where the paper stands- that we lost 3 key positions (advertising manager, distributor & treasurer). Sue has taken on advertising manager for the next issue on a trial basis, Chris & Cheryl taken on distribution for one issue, and we have a new treasurer. Now Riverviews has lost the production manager (layout person) - Mary Anne Thompson resigned. Issue to be discussed at upcoming communication committee meeting. Kris asked whether (1) advertisers had been told that there would be no February issue and that there would only be four issues this year (instead of five) and (2) whether any of the advertisers had pre-paid for future ads (as Kris was under the assumption that some did in fact prepay). The answer to both questions was "no" according to Sue and Orrin. Sue noted something to the effect that she had not been pursuing the advertisers, as she did not think that this had been the practice, though Chris Mark indicated the contrary, that Carole Moulton had traditionally been very busy following up with the merchants. Orrin and Sue mentioned that Carole had not been responding to their messages. When Kris offered to follow-up with Carol on behalf of the Board to confirm that there were no prepayments, Brant said that this was not necessary.

(iv) Treasurer- one cheque issued to Orrin #090 for \$171.16 for Riverview expenses. Orrin & Brant now have signing authority for RPCA cheques. Janina has received 1 cheque from the City grant program for Balena Rink (1st instalment for \$925.00)- gave to Orrin to deposit. Sue Vye also has a cheque for deposit (payment re her ad in Riverviews).

7. New Business: Kris- advised there will be an upcoming Community Association Forum On Environmental Sustainability (CAFES) held on Jan/ 31/09 at Hintonburg CA building (on Wellington St.) from at 12:30 to 3 p.m. - Chris has a letter from Tim Mark re Neighbourhood Watch – meeting re new block captains to be held Feb. 17/09 Action item - Tim to send letter/information out to Orrin to distribute via his community Email list

8. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Moved by Kris, 2nd by Chris.

Next regular board meeting - Wednesday, February 11, 2009 (7 p.m. at Dempsey)

Minutes prepared by Janina Nickus
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