

Minutes of Meeting
Riverview Park Community Association
Wednesday, June 16, 2010
Karin's House (6:20 - 7:30 p.m.)

Present: Nazish Ahmad, François Allard, Nadine Chamorel, Karin Keyes Endemann, Chris Mark, Carole Moulton, Kris Nanda, Janina Nickus, Sue Vye (**Total 9**)

Absent: Bruce Aho, Peter Schmolka (**2**)

Guests: Tim Mark, Bill Fairbairn

Note: *Secretary is to advise Dempsey Community Centre when will not be using their facility for booked meetings. (e.g.; we were to meet at Demspey's April 14 but switched the meeting to Thursday at Karin's)*

Executive Meeting

1. Karin called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.
2. As the meeting was rather informal, we had no agenda.
3. Approval of May 12, 2010, meeting minutes as amended by Karin and Kris. Moved by Chris, seconded by Carole.

4. Committee reports

(i) Communications – Karin and François have not met yet to discuss RPCA blog updates/maintenance. Carole has prepared new articles for the blog. Karin mentioned there were 30 hits on our site yesterday. Sue made a motion, seconded by Chris, that we include the RPCA directors contact phone numbers and emails on the site. Motion passed. Consensus was reached that only our contact phone numbers would be posted on the blog.

Orrin will write an article for the blog, to go with some pictures, on the groundbreaking ceremony held recently for the Wellness Centre to be built next to the Cancer Survivors Park.

(ii) Parks, Recreation and Environment

The committee is taking a break for the summer. The trees the City planted in Alda Burt Park (which include 3 oaks) look good. The committee will choose the date for the fall park clean up at their next meeting in August. Chris and Susan Scott (from Peter Hume's office) had visited the Fisher Heights community building to see what it is like for ideas for the Balena field house. The Fisher Heights building includes a meeting room, a multipurpose room, a kitchen and an office with phone. Chris received some information from Susan Scott about having a local soccer group covered under the RPCA insurance. She advised that someone from the soccer group would need to be a board member and the RPCA would have to run the groups finances. We'll defer discussion of this issue to the fall.

(ii) Planning and Development (P & D) (Report by Kris Nanda)

1. Development at the *Perley* (proposed expansion with Supportive Housing) -- RPCA participated in the Community Liaison committee which met on May 31.
2. *Bus Garage on Industrial* – (including Open House)
 - a. Expedited approval for the parking expansion (80 buses) was originally intended to be operational in conjunction with the overall opening of the facility in the fall of 2010. "Due to the commitment to undertake additional work to address community concerns, construction will not take place this year and is delayed until the spring of 2011." (Peter Hume email to Karin June 8, 2010).

b. RPCA now part of working group with 710 Coronation residents for mitigation measures – no meeting date scheduled yet (I double checked with David Flewellyn recently). According to Peter, “as soon as the work plans are available they will be provided to you for your review and concurrence. They will be similarly provided to area residents who are involved in this project. Funds have been set aside to develop the mitigation plans and implementation of any required measures.”

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

a. It is expected that the detailed 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.

b. In response to Karin’s letter to Peter Hume on whether he sees AVTC Hospital Link as standalone or part of larger link between downtown and Conroy, he said “the Hospital Link stands on its own and does not require any construction in any other part of the corridor to function properly. In fact, we are only constructing structures over Riverside and the Transitway that are 2 lanes wide. The only four lane configuration is under the rail link and is a result of the VIA requirement to limit train disruption - the four lane structure will be used to provide access to and from the transitway and the 2 traffic lanes coming off of Riverside Drive. Before the lanes cross Alta Vista - the buses are required to merge into 2 lanes as they proceed into the hospital complex. As well we are not proposing to bring the link around the hospital complex but rather link it to the hospital ring road at the TransAlta Plant.”

c. The response does not answer the question as to whether Peter favours completing the rest of the AVTC (between Conroy and Nicholas Street) or whether there will be at-grade crossing of Alta Vista.

d. The fourth Public Consultation Group (PCG) for the Hospital Link/Cumberland Transitway Connection Study was held on April 28. No new developments since our May RPCA meeting. An Environmental Assessment (EA) process involving a 42-day consultation period is scheduled to begin on July 16 and run until August 27. This work phase will present the recommended design and proposed mitigation measures, as well as issue an Environmental Project Report for public and Ministry review. The process is targeted for completion in fall 2010.

4. *Enhanced Cycling and Pedestrian Accessibility*

a. 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 PCG. Kris attended the two first two PCG meetings, and ensured that Riverview Park residential needs would be considered, especially in trying 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.

b. At meeting to discuss the six-storey office building that will be built at 455 Terminal (the first phase of office complex at Trainyards), there was discussion about the future pedestrian tunnel/overpass that would link the Train Station and the Trainyards Complex. The amendment for Terminal Avenue supposedly says that once 500,000 sq ft of office space threshold has been reached, Trainyards will have to complete the tunnel between Terminal and the Via Train Station (underneath the tracks)

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. The RPCA has been to the Public Consultation Group (PCG) for the DOTT Environmental Assessment process that will begin later this year.

6. Wellspring Ottawa groundbreaking took place on June 10. A meeting was held with local residents in mid-May (Bruce Aho attended).

AVPG met on June 1. In addition to discussion of Wellspring Ottawa and the office building at 455 Terminal, there was information shared about new soccer fields being constructed at Hillcrest HS

and at Franco-Cite (across Smyth from one-another). Using Infrastructure stimulus funds – other funding to be provided by Ottawa Internationals Soccer Club

5. **Treasurer's Report** – There was no report as Bruce was absent. We discussed the need for a treasurer's report. Chris made a motion that as a bare minimum, we have written statements for our financial transactions on a monthly basis; seconded by Carole. Motion passed. We discussed our bank accounts re all the service charges on the CIBC account at Trainyards and change of hours at that bank; shorter hours now. Karin contacted BMO and was advised we could have an account there with no fees. Karin will ask Bruce to contact CIBC to see if they will match BMO's offer of no fees. The balances in our accounts per the latest bank statements that Karin received are as follows:
CIBC - \$12,976.81 BMO - \$ 5,718.10

Karin noted that we were charged a \$4.00 transaction fee on the CIBC account last month/statement but we had no had any transactions - no cheques/deposits. We still need to pay Bruce for his honourarium for Dale Rink of \$800.00 and to reimburse Chris for various expenses totalling \$146.28. **Action Item:** *Bruce and Karin to withdraw funds from account(s) to reimburse Bruce and Chris in cash for the above-noted amounts instead of having to order new cheques to pay them by cheque.*

We briefly discussed if we would be contributing and/or volunteering at Peter Hume's corn roast this fall, as the municipal election will soon follow the event. **Action Item:** Carole will check with Orrin if we have done so in the past during an election year.

6. **New Business – AGM.** All the ward candidates have been invited to speak at the AGM scheduled for October 13, 2010 as the municipal election is set for October 25, 2010. We discussed inviting the mayoral candidates and Clive Doucett as some of his ward (Riverside apartments) falls under our RPCA borders. Tim Mark would like to have about 10 minutes at the AGM to speak to the attendees concerning Neighbourhood Watch. We need an auditor for the treasurer's report to report at the AGM. Kris mentioned he would check if John Neale would be our auditor again

7. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at about 7:30 p.m.

Next board meeting - Wednesday, September 8, 2010 (7 p.m. at Dempsey Community Centre)

*Minutes prepared by Janina Nickus, RPCA secretary
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