

Minutes of Meeting (revised)

Riverview Park Community Association

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009
1526 Weyburn (Karin's house) (7-9 p.m.)

Present: Kris Nanda, Janina Nickus, Sue Vye, Karin Keyes Endemann, Nazish Ahmad & Nadine Chamorel * **(Total 6)**
* Note: Motion made to accept Nadine Chamorel as a new board member. Moved by Sue, seconded by Janina; all present agreed. Karin asked if we could try to recruit new board members to increase the current size of the board.

Absent: Chris Mark, Bruce Aho (2)

Executive Meeting

1. Karin called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. As we only have 6 attendees we don't believe that we have quorum. **Action Item:** Karin will check with Orrin re the number of members we need for quorum.
2. Approval of agenda.
3. Approval of previous minutes re Oct. 14 /09 meeting. Karin gave a synopsis of the priorities discussed at the last meeting. (i) Communication- increase links with local schools; more use of our website; update Wikipedia with our info; depository for our historical information/documents
(ii) Parks & Recreation (Fun)- garage sale; beer club; carnival; extra garbage can in Balena Park
(iii) Planning & Development – ongoing monitoring & input on development in our area
(iv) New Community Centre- explore new community centre and/or upgrading facility at Balena
(v) Safety – support Neighbourhood Watch; make area more pedestrian & cycling friendly; traffic issues; sidewalks
(vi) Membership- have special breaks/discounts for members (possible discount at local businesses)
Action Item - we will brainstorm/discuss issue re offering discounts at local business for RPCA members at a future board meeting.
Sue moved that the previous minutes be approved, seconded by Kris. All present agreed.
Note: as we do not have quorum, board members not present (Chris Mark & Bruce Aho) will vote “secretarially” via email: vote by “Yes” reply.

4. Committee reports

(i) Communications Committee –We need a new chair for this committee; former chair was Orrin. We need another person, other than Karin, to update/manage our blog/website. We need guidelines re clog content, length, etc. We also need to edit/review content before it is posted to our site. Kris will contact people he knows re the possibility of maintaining our blog/website.

(ii) Planning & Development (P & D)

- Browning Avenue will be off the City's official plan as a rapid transit route; results of the consultations are not expected to be reported to City Council in February 2101, prior to the start of the EA portion of the Study
- Nov. 23/09, will be a public information session re OC Transpo's garage on Industrial (they may build a separate road off of Trainyards Drive)
- traffic lights at Belfast/Terminal have been installed recently
- there may be a large federal building development on piece of land at Tremblay/St. Laurent
- development at 340 Industrial still on hold
- \$13,000 for pedestrian access on Sir Sanford Fleming (near post office building) is in the draft City budget re 2010
- new shared pathways on Industrial between Alta Vista & Riverside to enable legal off-road cycling
- total of \$16.7 million set aside in the budget for cycling infrastructure/upgrades

Action Item – Kris will draft a letter of support addressed to the City re funding allocated to infrastructure re cycling/pedestrian pathways into & in our community association area.

at June 2009 City Council approved a recommendation for an annual funding of \$3.5 million to support planning and implementation of sidewalks and pathways under the annual New Sidewalk/Pathway Program; this item was not included

in the 2009-2010 draft budget. **Karin/Kris to work on a letter to Peter Hume requesting that he make a motion to reinstate the \$3.5 million, originally allocated to implement the New Sidewalk/Pathway Program, in the City's 2010 draft Capital Budget.**

Motion to prepare & send the 2 above-mentioned letters to Peter Hume made by Sue, seconded by Nazish.

Karin mentioned that there are various City grants available per information on the City's website that we could consider applying for. Example capital projects, civic holiday and commemorative events (max \$3,000). Karin will circulate these grant applications for us to discuss/choose ones we may be interested in.

(iii) Parks, Recreation and Environment – we had a good turnout at the daffodil planting at the Cancer Survivor Park. There are pictures of the event on our blog.

(iv) Treasurer's report – as Bruce Aho is absent, we have no treasurer's report; postpone to next meeting. Chris, Karin & Bruce to get signing authority for cheques/the RPCA account. **Note:** Send any statements from BOM or any other financial information/receipts, etc. to Bruce Aho to help him reconcile our financial records.

5. **New Business:** Please advise Karin what we would like her to do as president. Also, what can we do to get new and /or young people to join the board?

Discussed where to meet for board meetings when Dempsey not open- Riverview School/local churches, Karin's house.

Sue suggested Welcome Wagon type thing for new residents - cards for births, deaths, etc.

Discussed event for the Xmas season- carolling at around a lit tree at the Cancer Survivor Park; event could be called "Riverview Park's Celebration of Hope" Karin will seek permission for the event from the Cancer Park (Linda Egan) Need costing/ possible donation re tree, lights, hot chocolate; buy candles (IKEA) & get music sheets for participants, contact church choirs, schools, girl guides/scouts. Date set for Dec. 19, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Also discussed coming up with a new logo for the RPCA and getting business cards for us.

6. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Next board meeting - Wednesday, December 9, 2009 (7 p.m. at Dempsey)

Minutes prepared by Janina Nickus

Dec. 6, 2009