

**Riverview Park Community Association**  
**April 13, 2011 Meeting minutes**

**Present:** Karin Keyes Endemann, Carole Moulton, Chris Mark, Kris Nanda, Marian O'Connor, Nazish Ahmad, Sherry McPhail, François Allard, Nadine Chamorel, J.P. Thibault

**Absent:** Bruce Aho

**Guest:** Eddie Rwema from Ottawa This Week

**Next meeting:** May 11th, 7pm Dempsey

**Actions from meeting:**

- **JP** to print stickers for pamphlets
- **Chris M** to drop off sticker dimensions with JP
- **Francois** will go to Perley meeting April 18 5:30
- **Carole** to speak with John Lamoureux to find out when hedge and fence will be fixed behind Tim Horton's
- **Carole & Nazish** to write and research NDMC article - what's the news?
- **Riverview Garage sale and RAS Fun day volunteers:**
  - **Signs:** Nazish, Carole and Francois, to fit 4X4(?) frames from John
  - **Flyers:** Nadine, Chris M and Sherry: deliver/post them 2 weeks before, bus stops, posts, shops, Shoppers., Carole will get them printed.
  - **Street ambassadors:** Karin will create job description and sign-up sheet.
- **Sherry** to send membership sign-up form to Karin
- **Karin** will look into how to get RP community design plan

**1. Call to order & introductions**

**2. Approval of agenda with additions:**

Happy birthday to Karin (Apr 14) and Carole (Apr 13)

**3. March 9, 2011 Board meeting minutes approved**

**4. Committee reports:**

**Communications: (Marian O'Connor)**

Website:

Home page announcements:

- Announcement about the Board monthly meeting April 9th
- Community Wide Garage Sale, BBQ, Bake Sale & Fun Day - June 4th
- 2nd Annual Sustainable Community Summit - May 14
- Neighbourhood Watch ALERT – Car break-ins -April 5th
- The Plot Thickens Workshop (April 15-16) – New Community Garden
- Park Clean-up Day (May 7th) – (CIBC will be helping at Dale Park)
- Thanks to the Skating Rink Volunteers

- Neighbourhood Watch ALERT – Car break-ins – March 11th
- AVTC Budget Vote Results
- March 9 RPCA Board meeting and invitation to residents
- Petition results – 850 signatures delivered to city hall
- Emerald Ash Borer information & FAQs (from City of Ottawa presentation at AVPG February meeting)
- New Category Added to Planning & Development Section:
  - AVTC – Hospital Link, all information from home page about the AVTC was moved to the new section and the following new item added:
    - o VISTAS Article, April 2011 – The Hospital Link – A Step in the Wrong Direction?

#### Community Organization & Events:

- Friends of the Farm April events

#### Crows in Riverview Park (new category):

- Moved Orrin Clayton's letter to Peter Hume of March 2010 to this
- Put in link to the Ottawa Citizen article of April 4, 2011
- Put in link to the EMC article of October 2010

#### RPCA Membership:

- Updated the section to use my mailing address for the time being
- Made new form in Word for the website

#### Other Communication:

- Email to residents about the April 15-16 workshop "The Plot Thickens"

#### Email List:

- 175 addresses as of April 7, 2011

Marian spoke to Minto Representative for Coronation apartments - added her to email list to reach residents in the apartments. She said she would forward the information to the Managers of the apartments on Riverside Drive (and if they wish to be added to contact list).

Web stat highlights: New record at 1838 hits for March (243% growth over last year, but an anomaly). Overall, website tracking small amount of growth.

#### **Membership**

Sherry will take on. Printing stickers to stick on Neighbourhood Watch pamphlets with Chris Mark's address so that people can mail their membership \$.

#### **Planning & Development (Kris Nanda)**

- a. *Trainyards.* .

1. *425 Terminal Avenue – Via Rail Building* – comments still being accepted, but project “on hold” according to City of Ottawa Website. This application proposes the development of a 9-storey, office tower. Concerns about proposed placement of pedestrian link to Train Station in the basement of the building.
  2. *395 Terminal Avenue* – Work has begun on 8-storey office building that will house Canada Revenue Agency.
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- b. *2011 Funding*. No funding to implement Pedestrian Plan. City bus service schedule is begin cut back (including service to Hospital, despite Official Plan principles to encourage modal shift away from cars and towards public transit, walking and cycling).
  - c. *Perley Hospital Seniors Complex* – Next PRVHC Community Liaison meeting on April 18 at 5:30 and will include item on community concerns, including design of building along Russell Road. RPCA is invited.
  - d. *Local Pedestrian/Cycling Update*. Kris Work on Industrial Avenue Sidewalk (north side) will begin on May 1 and should be finished by July 8. Further work to be done on multi-use path (MUP) on Industrial between Alta Vista and Riverside, adjacent to new continuous eastbound lane being constructed to provide additional car traffic capacity. Will reconstruct Terminal to make it easier to exit Trainyards.
  - e. *Wellspring centre*. No new developments. The MAPLESOFT Centre was scheduled to be completed before April 1, 2011, but construction work still ongoing. Possible venue for a Federation of Citizen’s Associations (FCA) meeting in the fall once it opens (and RPCA Board meetings)
  - f. *Community garden*: Workshop scheduled for April 15-16 at Trinity Church of Nazarene, sponsored by A Rocha Canada. 10-12 people signed up.
  - g. *Alta Vista Planning Group (AVPG)*: last AVPG meeting in February – topics included debrief of AVTC landscaping (on bike path between Smyth and Walkley), 395 Terminal Avenue Building, and proposed residential building on Russell (across from Perley – on the site behind St. Hubert), and federal government office node at Tremblay and St. Laurent. March AVPG meeting cancelled. Next AVPG meeting (hosted by Councillor Peter Hume) will be held April 20.
  - h. *90 (and 110) Roger Guindon Avenue*: The Owner (Ottawa Biotechnical Properties) has filed revised plans and is now reapplying to Committee of adjustment subdivide the property into two separate parcels of land which will contain an existing parking lot and a proposed apartment. No further details
  - i. *Alta Vista Plaza*: A Riverview Park Resident has filed by-law complaints regarding the deteriorating conditions of some buildings and the broken fence behind Tim Horton’s (with cc to Peter Hume and RPCA). In response to question from RPCA

about these conditions and vacant storefront, Capital Properties (property manager), the plaza is expected to be sold soon which is why improvements have not been made and no new leases. In response to RPCA email to Peter Hume expressing concerns and asking for update on the Plaza situation, he indicated that the city was not involved in private lease issues. (*Karin: City could get involved under property standards bylaw. New Edinburg has same problem. Could write to Hugh Adami at the Citizen.*)

- j. *Baseball Stadium.* Recent city staff report that recommends considering tearing down this modern (less than 20 years old) stadium that is in good condition and replacing it with condominium developments. Public consultation to be scheduled. RPCA supports Councillor Chiarelli effort to get Blue Jays farm team to use stadium. Need to follow up with Overbrook Park CA President Sheila Perry. (*Kris will keep us in the loop on 417 overpass, which is approved but funding is on hold pending this decision.*)
- k. *Alta Vista Corridor Update.* Email from local resident with concerns about old city dump that runs parallel to Riverside Dr. The proposed road would open up this dump. Across the street, and downwind, are an apartment building and an all-ages school. The road should not be built until a thorough study has been done about the health and legal issues. According to this resident, the school has been lobbying for years but the apartment residents are oblivious. On the cost front, the dump poses potential issues because the "ground" would require stabilization for the roadbed. We can follow up with Councillors Hume and Chernushenko and the school (Lycee Claudel). Following up with NDMC to get more details on present and future operations on that site. (*Kris will follow up with Lycee Claudel and send email to councillors to see if they are aware of these issues.*)

*l. East of Rideau Group.* Get together on common concerns. Everyone shared 3 big issues. Some were Rockcliffe base redevelopment, closing of school. We are invited to make a presentation on any of our issues to get more traction.

City Website Link [http://www.ottawa.ca/residents/planning/index\\_en.html](http://www.ottawa.ca/residents/planning/index_en.html) (Click on "Development Application Search;" then type in "Alta Vista <http://app01.ottawa.ca/postingplans/searchResults.jsf?lang=en&newReq=yes&action=qs&keyword=Alta+Vista>)

### **Parks, Recreation and Environment: (Chris Mark)**

Park clean up dates are as follows:

Saturday May 7 for Dale, Balena, Hutton, Alda Burt and Riverview. Have reps for all.  
Friday May 6 from 5:30-6:30 pm for Coronation Park, together with Blair Community Housing project on Station Blvd.

Craig and Guy will play at Fall Social. Still choosing venue.

**5. Riverview Garage Sale (June 4, 2011)**

All Board members support this event. Coordinating event with Riverview Alternative School (RAS). Karin met with Marlene Steppan of the RAS parent board. Need to identify 1-2 street ambassadors who could act as local information hubs and would be able to publicize the event. RPCA will make street signs, sell memberships on bike and at a table at the school.

**6. Fieldhouse development**

- Hume to create RP steering committee. Choosing 5-6 people for committee. Hume will be co-chair with another resident. RP steering committee will run programming once built.

**7. New business:**

**Community leaders dinner:** Karin reported on dinner with David McGuinty at which community leaders expressed their communities' top concerns.

**Street ambassadors:** We need to establish one on each street to help with communication.

**Cyclotour:** Marian suggested we do this next year as community building activity. Very successful event in St. Lazare.

**RVP steering committee:** Cannot recall what this was about.

**FCA:** Motion passed to renew \$35 membership to FCA.

**Soccer:** Motion passed to sponsor community soccer. RPCA insurance covers it. Good start to RPCA programming and will generate revenue from family memberships.

**Crows:** Heard press on crows.

**Community design:** Ottawa East got the City to create community design plan. Karin will look into how to get RP community design plan.

**10. Adjourned at 9:10**