

**Riverview Park Community Association  
April 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Jane Rutherford, Carole Moulton, Alan Landsberg, Heather Dunlop, Shawn Bardell, Ad Abidi, Marilyn Minnes, Bryan Orendorff, Anne Stairs

**Absent:** Kris Nanda, Paul Puritt, Dianne Hodinott, Maureen Collins

**Guests:** Councilor Jean Cloutier

**Next meeting: May 20, 2015 6:45 p.m Maplewood Retirement Community**

**1. Called to order at 6:55 p.m.**

**2. Agenda approved** –moved by Ad Abidi and seconded by Bryan Orendorff passed

**3. Minutes of March 2015 approved** – moved by Heather Dunlop and seconded by Bryan Orendorff passed

**Action Items:** **Kris** to send out email for approval of cost of ad and graphics for AGM

: **Carole** will email Maureen re yard sale

: **Alan** to close account at BMO

: **Anne** to divide up streets in Riverview Park for membership drive

**4. Business arising from March 2015**

Field House – strike a committee –

Summer Fun – in lieu of fall social which was a fund raiser – Parks and Rec don't want another fund raiser – doing research on fast food event with tickets- Riverview Park School is not available on Aug 26 Councilor Cloutier is concerned that it might be confused with the annual Corn Roast held at Balena Park

**5. Presidents Report** – Kris Nanda

Final public open house on May 11 at City Hall regarding Main Street – Streetscape Design, Construction

Summary of recent activities

1. As per direction from the Board, I wrote letter to MPs McGuinty and Dewar with cc to MPP Fraser, Mayor Watson, and our two Councilors regarding concerns about Community Mailbox and RPCA desire to have City formally oppose their introduction.
2. As per direction from the Board, I have corresponded with Councilor Cloutier to request a community Open House for the AVTC this Spring and pass along annotated version of questions raised last month – to get confirmation that information we have is accurate and to fill

in gaps. No confirmation on date for open house, but the Board should suggest possible dates and confirm availability of Riverview Alt School as venue

Councilor Cloutier feels an open house would be best held in the fall

3. I have not heard back from Overbrook CA re: the underpass/overpass between Trainyards(terminal Avenue) and VIA rail station
4. There are several groups we could approach regarding tree planting after AVTC work takes place and along Industrial and Coronation. Tracy Schwets, the City official in charge of Tree program is a Riverview Park resident
5. Have invited Tim Mark (Neighbourhood Watch) and Matt Eason (LRT Update to make presentations at May Board meeting.)
6. Finalizing welcome letter to new Riverview Park Residents (with Anne Stairs' help) – last minute formatting need to be done.

Items to note for consideration at April Board meeting (time permitting))

1. Linking up with Riverview School on Community garage sale (i.e. RPCA presence and publicity)
2. Transitioning Treasurer responsibilities (we can formally vote on new VP via e-vote)
3. By- Law Updates – working group is needed – any takers
4. Reserving Date for next AGM -- suggested date is October 21, 2015 (keeping with practice of 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in October for AGM.
5. Any update on RPCA webpage list of accomplishments since 2009. (E.g. Year that Carol Sing, Winter Frolic etc started, supporting Riverview Park Soccer)

## 6. Committee Reports:

a. **Communications:** no report

b. **Membership:** Heather Dunlop – asked Alan to follow up with Rona regarding monies owed to us , Anne will assign streets for membership drive – 57 streets in total

c. **Parks and Recreation and Environment Committee:** Carole Moulton

voting for honorarium for Chris Khoury and Bruce Aho –recommendation that Chris receive \$1500 and Bruce \$800 Warren \$500

Motion: by Carole Moulton that the recommendations be accepted Seconded by Ad Abidi Passed

Park Cleanup: Louis Comerton is trying to get people to Coronation Park

Cheryl Khoury will get a team for Balena Park

Janina will do Alda Burt and Alan suggested he and his wife, Lynn will assist

Riverview Park will be looked after by Heather and Ad

Anne and her husband, George clean up Hutton Park and the pathway between Devon and Bathurst Ave.

**Balena Park Fieldhouse:** committee struck: Shawn Bardell, Marilyn Minnes and Alan Landsberg with participation from Parks and Rec members  
Councilor Cloutier spoke about the differences in source of funding i.e. special levy, user fees, lifecycle funds for renewal or renovation

**d. P& D Committee Notes for April 15, 2015** Kris Nanda

*a. Alta Vista Transportation Corridor (AVTC)*

RPCA waiting for answers to questions about size and scope of project (including “footprint” during construction), noise mitigation measures

Work is now going ahead full-bore along Riverside, behind Abbey Road (rail corridor relocation) and between Alta Vista and Riverside. Councilor Cloutier’s website now has a link to the AVTC project:

Follow up to discussion at March 18, 2015 Board meeting sent to Councilor Cloutier and City engineer Bruce Kenny on April 11. RPCA has asked Councilor Cloutier to help arrange a Spring 2015 open house where City staff can answer questions and accept input from local residents regarding the parameters and impact of the project. (RPCA would pay for cost of renting Riverview School)

*b. National Defence Medical Centre (NDMC)* No response yet to P&D member inquiries with Algonquins of Ontario office and federal officials to get more details

Shawn Bardell spoke to Jim Dyer regarding NDMC lands – nothing happening but will send Shawn email if there are any new developments

Councilor Cloutier says that 700 homes will be built on 50% of land – building would take place faster because framework as been laid out – potential buyer already knows what would be acceptable to city planners

*c. LRT Impacts: Closure of Belfast Road; Hurdman Transitway Bridge Access*

Work is continuing in area just north of the existing Hurdman Station, in preparation for preliminary construction work on the new Light Rail Transit (LRT) station. Weekly construction summaries are available at [www.ottawa.ca/confederationline](http://www.ottawa.ca/confederationline). Matt Eason from the City has been invited to the next RPCA Board meeting.-

Re-opening of Belfast Road between Tremblay and Coventry to pedestrians and cyclists scheduled for until May 2015.

Connection between Trainyards and VIA Train Station – Overbrook CA representative recently approached Kris about new pedestrian connection between Train yards and the VIA Train Station and nearby LRT stop. (Tunnel or pedestrian bridge). There is a condition in the original Train yards complex project approval that requires this access way to be built once certain square footage of space in Train yards complex is constructed. Question as to whether timing of this project could be tied in with LRT construction. Overbrook CA has confirmed they will raise the issue with Councilor Tobi Nussbaum and RPCA has contacted Councilor Cloutier.

*d. Trainyards Developments and New Retail*

Skechers opened in early April

Opening later in the year – Bulk Barn

New construction currently planned:

-197 Trainyards Drive –east of The Athletic Club – 18,000 sf multi-tenant retail; so far, only Bulk Barn confirmed, but there will be several more tenants

-405 Terminal Avenue –Office building, about 2/3 the size of the one recently completed at 395 Terminal. Site plan draft approved by the City. Construction could start by late Spring 2015.

*e. Other Industrial Avenue/Russell Road:* The following response was received from Councilor Cloutier regarding extent of sidewalk to be built on south side of Industrial Avenue between Neighbourhood Way and entrance to Farm Boy/LCBO. “The approved new Affordable Network project for a sidewalk on Industrial Ave between Neighbourhood Way and Trainyards will form part of the basic pedestrian network for circulation in the community and the limits of the project relate specifically to continuity within that basic network. The new Industrial sidewalk, when coupled with the existing sidewalks on Industrial and Coronation and the future sidewalk on Neighbourhood Way and future pathway between Coronation and Industrial (approximately opposite Chomley leading to the intersection of Industrial at Trainyards) will create a continuous walking facility that provides basic access between the Elmvale-Eastway-Riverview West community and the destinations of Trainyards shopping area and the Hurdman rapid transit station and will also provide a continuous route to several controlled street crossing locations along Industrial Avenue. This Industrial Avenue sidewalk project is anticipated approximately 2018.”

*f. Community Mailboxes (CMB) –* Although RPCA has indicated in writing opposition to CMB, P& D is proactively looking to identify locations for where these would be located in our community before they are identified for us by Canada Post. CMB not expected to come to Riverview Park before 2016. Councilor Cloutier has been advised of RPCA interest in working together to identify potential CMB locations, given media stories about lack of Canada Post consultation with communities in other parts of the country. Letter written to local MPs, with cc to MPP John Fraser, Mayor Watson, and Councilors Cloutier and Chernushenko.

**7. Riverview Park Review Update by Carole Moulton** – paper is paid for by ads, Carole has been paying for graphics for the ads – payables are not up to date- process of paying for ads is different now – RPCA will have to pay separately for graphics.

**8. Treasurer’s Report** – amounts transferred to Alterna from BMO – other commitments have been met  
Motion: close the BMO account by Shawn Bardell and seconded by Bryan Orendorff passed  
Ad Abidi will be taking on the role of Treasurer – Paul Puritt wants to step down as Vice-President but will stay on board, Alan Landsberg will become Vice-President

Motion: by Alan that Ad assumes treasurer role Seconded by Shawn passed

Motion: by Marilyn Minnes that Paul will resign as Vice-President seconded by Anne passed

Recurring expenses: Scarecrow project cancelled

Park clean up stays as design is charged – ad is free

Motion: by Alan Landsberg that these recurring expenses be approved seconded by Bryan Orendorff

## **9. Reports from external meetings**

Alta Vista Planning Group – n/a

Perley Rideau Hospital – next meeting April 27 at 5:30 p.m.

Riverview Park Review – see above

East of Rideau Group – N/A

FCA – by Alan: Presentation by Fairvote Canada

- no donations from corporations or union for City councilors
  - Sheila Perry looking for people to join her committee on Planning and Development
- CAFES – by Ad Abidi: well attended – four councilors plus Paul Dewar, MP

#### **14. New Business:**

Recap of Action Items and adjournment

Meeting adjourned 9:10 p.m.

**Date of Next Board Meeting: May 20, 2015:**  
**Starting at 6:45 P.M. Maplewood Retirement Community**

**Board of Directors:** Kris Nanda, Karin Keyes-Endemann (Ex-officio), Paul Puritt, Jane Rutherford, Alan Landsberg, Carole Moulton, Dianne Hodginott, Heather Dunlop, Marilyn Minnes, Shawn Bardell, Bryan Orendorff, Ad Abidi, Maureen Collins, Anne Stairs