

Minutes of Meeting
Riverview Park Community Association
Wednesday November 14, 2007 (revised)

Present

Norm Abraham
Cheryl Khoury
Chris Mark
Carole Moulton
Kris Nanda
Janina Nickus
Ahmed Nor
Roger Piché
Dale Wagner
Sue Vye

Absent

No one

Total 10

Executive Meeting

Guests: Pam & Orrin Clayton, Paul Walsh

1. Roger Piché called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Welcome new board members- we did a round table of introductions of all the members.
3. Agenda approved.
4. Previous minutes (re Oct. 10/07 meeting) approved. Motion by Chris, seconded by Carole.

5. Report/Activities from Committees

- suggestion was made to provide names of all the committees, the members, what they do, how often they meet and where they meet, for all the board members. Roger will do this.

Planning & Development

- Alta Vista Planning Group (AVPG) meetings, with Peter Hume and Alta Vista ward community association reps, will be changed from monthly to quarterly meetings. Last meeting was held in October.
- Browning Ave. Transportation Corridor – environmental assessment (EA) is on hold
- Alta Vista Transportation Hospital Link (off Riverside) – CN railway has revised their specifications re clearance over their tracks (they added approx 12 feet). Means that most likely the tunnel option under Alta Vista will be required since planned roadway may be too steep. Will likely mean increase to costs re construction of a tunnel under train tracks and/or Alta Vista.
- Kris brought up question of work that is apparently going on in the Corridor (near hospital - cutting down of some trees and setting up surveying stakes on portion of Corridor near Alta Vista.) Roger will follow up with City to get more info.

- there will possibly be development at a site near Industrial/Russell for OC Transpo bus storage/garage
- also proposal for residential apartment buildings, offices and retail (high density) near the alphabet streets
- Pam/Orrin suggested that new members on the planning & development committee speak to former member Louis Comerton (on Chomley) since he is still actively involved in these issues (appears he is a rep on one of the City's committees)

Parks, Recreation and Environment Committee

-advised they had not held a meeting yet, rescheduled for next week

Ottawa Hospital Community Advisory Committee

-there was discussion on whether or not Helen McGurrin would continue her role as our rep on this committee. Helen confirmed in an Email to Roger dated Nov. 22/07, that she "will continue to attend monthly Committee meetings (and other meetings at the Hospital such as the Emergency Department Community Advisory Committee and the Quality Care Improvement Committee) ... And I will attend the monthly RPCA meetings."

Membership Update

- currently have 61 members. Mentioned sectioning off the area and doing a door-to-door membership drive. Tentatively plan an informal drive for February 2008 (near date of skating party) and go out in pairs/groups.

Treasurer's Report – 1. Approval of Expenses 2. New Expenses 3. Income statements

- Norm prepared statements for period ending Nov. 14/07. The following cheques were issued/approved:

- #043 to Performance Printing - \$2,291.00 re last issue of Riverviews
- #044 - \$185.03 rental of Riverview Alternative School for AGM
- #045 to Carole Moulton - \$243.040 cost of flyer distribution (via Canada Post)

- motion to accept statement moved by Norm, 2nd by Roger; motion passed.

- Orrin presented us with \$90.00 re sale of his history of the area book/CD

- discussed who has signing authority on the cheques since Susan Scott & Paul Bourque, former signees, are no longer board members. Norm, Chris & Roger to get/have signing authority.

- we received a bill from **Dempsey Community Centre** for use of the meeting room for \$65.28. We had never been charged for use of the room before. Rep from Dempsey was at the meeting and advised we would be charged for meetings held at the centre when it was not scheduled to be open (example; in the summer months, for Dec. 2007, Mar & June 2008 meetings) to pay the salary/costs for centre employees. Dempsey runs three 10-week programs and is normally not open when no programs are running. Motion made by Kris Nanda that we pay for the December/07 meeting and defer discussion about the March & June/08 meeting dates.

6. Communications Committee

- Susan & Brant are stepping down from their roles on the paper after the December edition- received confirmation in writing from them via email

- the paper is now losing money and the committee had discussed increasing ad costs

- we constantly have ads requesting volunteers to help out with the paper and none come forward

- Carole had spent the last week trying to get a new editor and had spoken to Mary-Anne Thompson, editor of Ottawa South Community Association Review (OSCAR). Their paper is double in size, lower printing costs (Winchester Printing) , published monthly, accepts all submissions by residents, minimal editing of articles except for grammar & spelling
 - we thanked Carole for all her work on investigating for a new editor
 - discussed putting a large ad in December Riverviews to thank Susan & Brant for their work & request a new editor (new communications committee & Mike Dynie to design ad ASAP)
 - Carole is to contact Mary-Anne to advise her that we will be putting an ad in Riverviews looking for a new editor (to keep our options open). However, we are still interested in her offer to help with our paper.
7. President's Duties - discussed chairing of the board meetings since roles of president, past president & 2nd VP are vacant. Motion to elect Chris Mark as 2nd VP made by Carole, seconded by Sue. When Roger is not available to attend/chair meetings, Chris will chair them.
 8. New Business – Sue attended the Cancer Survivor Park meeting to discuss fundraising . Original meetings advised about \$100,000 per year would be needed for park maintenance. City agreed to maintain to City standards. City now estimates cost to be about \$400,000 to maintain to Bloch Foundation's higher standards.
 9. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Motion by Sue, seconded by Chris.

Next meeting – Wednesday Dec.12, 2007

Minutes prepared by Janina Nickus