

Minutes of Meeting Riverview Park Community Association

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Present

Norm Abraham
Orrin Clayton
Cheryl Khoury
Chris Mark
Roger Piché
Dale Wagner
Kris Nanda
Janina Nickus
Sue Vye

Total 9

Absent

Carole Moul

Total 1

Executive Meeting

Guests: Peter Hume, François Allard, Sherry McPhail, Jennifer & Jared Huber (plus 3 more guests- didn't get their names)

1. Roger Piché called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.
2. Agenda approved.
3. Approval of previous minutes re **May 14/08 meeting** deferred as revisions are required to them.
4. **Councillor Peter Hume: Review of the Hospital Link**
 - rational
 - history of transportation planning to the Hospital Lands
 - future use of the Hospital Lands & NDMC lands - planning study underway re land use of the approx. 40 acres that will be vacated in 2013 & given to Canada Lands

Peter advised 50% of land has been reserved for use by the Ottawa Hospital: approx; 1 million square feet for commercial/hospital institutions; approx 700 housing units & low scale & higher scale apartments
Development/funding of the Ottawa Hospital lands is done via the hospital's master plan & is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health (provincial funding).

Land use of the Hospital lands includes a road; residential use most likely would be built first (in/after 2013). **Only the hospital link portion of the Alta Vista Transit Corridor** from the Trans-Alta Co-Generation Plant to Riverside has been approved by the EA & budgeted for by the City.

Suggestions for the look, design/landscaping, etc., and questions can be sent to Peter's office.

- 18 month study (EA) re Browning Avenue Transit Corridor to connect east to Cumberland will start soon
- this EA is required because we won the appeal to the OMB (Ontario Municipal Board) so the City is forced to complete a study to justify having the Browning Avenue corridor in the City's official plan
- a report on the corridor is going to the City's Transit Committee in the next few days. This report is too narrow in scope – doesn't include any of our community's suggestions or proposed alternatives

Note: for background information to fight the EA we should obtain a copy of our submission/appeal to OMB. We should also try to get more people, especially those on Browning Avenue, and other community associations involved with this issue.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Norm had prepared financial statements. The following cheques were issued/approved:
 - #071 to Carole Moul - \$500 honorarium for Riverviews

- #072 to Sean Dowd - \$500 honorarium for Riverviews
 - #073 to Performance printing- \$1,219.41 for Riverviews
 - #074 to Norm Abraham- \$83.2162 re petty cash
 - #075 to Miranda Grigor - \$700 for Riverviews layout
- Norm mentioned we have a surplus in our budget due to rink income (City grants) exceeding the rink expenses, while other budget lines such as the paper are breaking even
- motion to accept treasurer's report made by Norm, seconded by Chris

Report/Activities from Committees

6. Parks, Recreation and Environment Committee

- Peter's Corn Roast in Balena Park scheduled for Sept. 8/08 - defer determining how much RPCA will donate to this event until we know the cost re director's liability insurance for the RPCA. Last year we donated \$1000, previous year \$500. **Defer discussion/decision to an Email vote amongst the board.**
- fall park clean-up scheduled for September 20; requested 6 more signs to advertise the park clean-ups
 - we discussed suggestions for items to wear (for example: pins, T-shirts, ball caps) to identify ourselves as board members at community/RPCA events

7. Communications Committee

- we thanked the communications committee for all the extra work they did re the paper – re coming up with job descriptions, deadlines, timeframes, policy, required content, etc. **(see Email sent to us June 2/08 from Carole - document attached)**
- issue raised if advertisers should get free column space in addition to their paid ads?
- mentioned the need for an editorial board/committee; Orrin, Sue & Carole volunteered to be on this board
- layout with Miranda didn't work well; Carole ended up doing most of this work
- discussed issue of Sean being editor- isn't working out well
- Roger will draft a letter to Sean to thank him for his services and advise that we won't require his services as an editor (will include his honourarium cheque for \$500.00). **Electronic copy of this letter attached.**
- we will need to contact Mary Anne Thompson, editor of Ottawa South Community Association Review (OSCAR) to see if she would be interested in taking over our paper's layout
- suggested we have another meeting in August (before the fall board meeting) to further discuss the AGM and future of Riverviews

8. Planning & Development

Review of meetings held re: (1) the Cancer Wellness Centre development: (no discussion re this) and (2) 340 Industrial at Neighbourhood Way building - Roger will draft a letter to Claridge Homes & Peter Hume from the board re our concerns about the proposed height (9 storeys) and lack of sidewalks in the plan

9. Ottawa Hospital Community Advisory Committee Update - nothing to report

10. New Business

- AGM set for Oct. 15/08; Chris has booked room at Riverview Alternative School. We will need an auditor to review RPCA's books & records before the AGM & also consider guest speaker(s) for the event. Suggestion made to get the Ottawa Police to give a talk.
 - Roger will look into quotes for director's liability insurance for the board
- Note: Roger advised that he'll be soon moving into Faircrest Heights community, but will stay on as our president until the October AGM.

10. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Next meeting – Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2008

Minutes prepared by Janina Nickus