

Minutes of Board Meeting

Date: April 9, 2025



RIVERVIEW PARK
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Board Members in attendance: Jeff Blattman, Stephanie Lines, Jon Lemieux, Carol McQueen, Kris Nanda, Ron Ridley, Lorella Piirik

Regrets: Wanda Raymond, Bryan Orendorff, Lynne Patenaude

Topic	Discussion	Action Item
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM Declaration of conflict of interest: None	
Agenda Approval	<i>Motion: Approval of Agenda (see Annex A)</i> First moved: Jonathan Seconded: Carol Approved by: All	
Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting	<i>Motion: Approval of March meeting minutes</i> First: Jonathan Second: Carol Approved by: All	
Councillor Carr's update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marty met with Cancer Foundation and there is a lack of parking at the facility at Alta Vista and Industrial. City does not want to take space from the park to expand the parking.• There are no parking signs on both sides of streets near by which the City approved many years ago and does not want to remove at this time.• Community may see development application for 1867 Alta Vista Dr.• 700 Coronation development application was appealed.• Pearly will expand and will add 200 beds and a daycare.• No update on NDMC lands.• CHEO finished the parkade, now commencing the building. Ronald McDonald house expansion ongoing. General campus does not have enough employee parking. Shuttle taking people from parking at Riverside campus to General• 1460 Riverside is NCC land. Not getting developed soon apparently due to its leasing expense.• Revised draft transportation plan has been released. The Alta Vista corridor is the plan and there is no funding associated with it for at least 20 years.• Community garden action plan was released today. Previously, Marty had asked for an expanded invasive species program.• All sprung structures are on hold.	Kris to follow-up with Marty as to how the AVTC is zoned.

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Treasurer's Report	Budget and Financial Statements <ul style="list-style-type: none">March bank statements were presented to the board members.Invasive Species funds have all been spent.Five membership dues received in March (some renewals, some new).CPIP (Insurance) - city is looking to make it more community focused. Email received a few months back as to whether RPCA was interested in continuing. Broker reached out with application form / processFinal rink payment from City has been received.	<p>CPIP application form due Friday, April 11th. Tasked to Ron / Jeff</p> <p>Transfer for Final Rink payment to be made to Bruce.</p>
Special Report	Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none">Creating a place on the website for pet-related material with the:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pet memorialLost and found line managed by the ClaytonsCutest pet contestForm to purchase memorial bricks for the pet memorialSee Annex B for the report.	<p>Lynne will review the rules for our facebook page regarding who can post on the RPCA web page and for what.</p> <p>Send April newsletter items to Lynne</p> <p>Delete X account and create Blue Sky Account</p>
	Planning and Development <ul style="list-style-type: none">See Annex C for the report.As per resident's request, traffic calming masts on Drake will not be installed in 2025. A speed indication sign will be installed.	<p>Chris to follow-up on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Right hand turn lane at Industrial/Riverside that is exclusive for buses. Can that be decommissioned?Deteriorating bike lane between

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		Hurdman and Riverside.
	Green Spaces FoRPGS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ron is still working on permits to enter. City wants to know every area in Riverview Park we may want to work. Ron has worked with FoRPGS members to submit this info.• The grant we got 5 years ago from Healthy Communities still has a balance unspent.• Ron is completing a list of tools with funds from the grants we have received.• City did a consultation on amending the bylaws to allow boulevard gardening (edibles). It looks promising to have this approved.• Working with a city-wide group that is looking at wide-scale pollinator gardens on hydro corridors. Potential for Riverview Park to be an early pilot.	
	Social Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easter Egg hunt<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Jon will organize and ask for other parent volunteers. Jenn Blattman has good material which she has shared with Jon. Proposing a low key approach using facebook to advertise.• Civic events funding: Request for funds open again this year. Max possible \$3000 (we got \$1600 last year). Carol is proposing we ask for funds for games, signboard, DVD, player etc. Carol has approached Sequoia to partner with us this summer. We could use volunteer Ottawa perhaps to get volunteers for the event.• Cutest Pet Contest<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Raised over \$600 to date. 17 dogs and more cats. Voting in the month of March• Additional highlights of the Social Committee Report in Annex D were presented	<p>The social committee will discuss the civic events funding, and 2025 events</p> <p>Jon to send out <i>Google Meets</i> invite for the Easter Egg Hunt.</p> <p>Ron to confirm dates for Spring Clean-up</p> <p>Fall Social confirmation to be raised at next Fall Committee Meeting</p>

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		Next Social Committee Meeting - Appointing RPCA liaison to work with AVCA social committee
	Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jeff has sent out a membership reminder to those on the database who have not paid this year. Has resulted in a handful of new members.	Ron and Lynne to reach out to Lise-Andrée about taking on membership
President's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dale Park - looking at obtaining a key for that buildingRon is in the process of applying for the City's insurance	Ron to follow-up with AVCA on Federal Candidates night. Dale Park - looking at obtaining a key for that building
New & Ongoing Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">N/A	
Approval to Adjourn Meeting	Motion: Adjournment of Meeting First moved: Jon Seconded: Kris Approved by: All	

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Annex A

RPCA Board Meeting Agenda

Date: Wed March 12, 2025 6:45 pm

Location: Maplewood Retirement Community, 340 Industrial Ave.

Meeting link:

Board Members: Jeff Blattman, Jonathan Lemieux, Stephanie Lines, Carol McQueen, Kris Nanda, Bryan Orendorff (*Ex-officio*), Lynne Patenaude, Lorella Piirik, Wanda Raymond, and Ron Ridley.

Invited Guests: Marty Carr and Shawn Menard

Agenda Items

1. Call to Order and Declarations of Conflict of Interest (5 mins)
2. Agenda Approval (5 mins)
3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (5 min)
4. Welcome to any guests on the call
5. Councilor's Update
 - a. Marty's Update (15 minutes)
6. Monthly & Special Reports (25 minutes)
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Communications Report
 - c. Planning and Development Report
 - d. Green Spaces Report
 - e. Social Committee Report
 - f. Membership Report
7. President's Report (5 min)
8. New & Ongoing Business (10 min)
 - a. Volunteer to be liaison with AVCA to jointly plan events
9. Recap of Action Items and Adjournment (5 min)



Annex B

Communications Report

Statistics for March 13 –April 8, 2025

Newsletter/E-mails

- 1 newsletter sent out April 2025 – including posters for Cutest Cat and Dog Contest, and for Easter Egg hunt

Website

- Voting Form for Cutest Cat & Dog published March 20- added questions about RPCA membership, how people heard about the contest, and which if any Social Committee events they participated-172 responses as of April 8
- Post about opening of voting for Cutest Cat & Dog on March 20, with posters for Cutest Cat and Cutest Dog done by Stephanie
- April 1: Post and Event added for April 19 Easter Egg Hunt
- Updates to Pet Remembrance Patio info done with Lorella

Social Media

- FB post with info on voting and posters for Cutest Cat and Dog Contest
- RPCA Private Group has 467 members, Main RPCA Public Profile has 102 followers
- Friends of Riverview Park Green Spaces Group has 253 members
- Still To do: delete X account, create BlueSky account

Annex C

Planning and Development Report

Planning and Development Update from the Riverview Park Community Association:

By Kris Nanda, Chair RPCA Planning and Development Committee

1. Proposed Tremblay Multi-Use Connection (Terminal Avenue to Tremblay LRT Station).

Project remains on hold as in February 2025, the federal government announced it was **now planning to build a High-Speed Rail (HSR)**. A VIA official spoke with an RPCA representative in late February, shortly after the announcement about an HSR line between Quebec City and Toronto and through Ottawa.

The RPCA will get a further update after VIA meets with City officials to discuss the HSR. The RPCA has also been put in touch with the HSR team working on this project. No word back from either of them

2. Potential Housing Complex at 1460 Riverside Drive In early March 2025, the National Capital Commission (NCC) in collaboration with the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation publicly announced it was seeking a proponent for the construction of residential housing at 1460 Riverside Drive (the empty lot directly across from the Cancer Survivors Park) According to the announcement, the parcel has potential for more than 200 housing units in an environment focused on active transportation and is part of the Canada Public Land Bank initiative to make public land available for housing construction. No further details are available

3. Alta Vista Transportation Corridor (AVTC) Public Consultation Last week, the City released an updated draft of the new Transportation Master Plan (TMP) Capital Infrastructure Plan recommending removal of the northernmost section of the AVTC (between Hurdman Station and Nicholas Street. This section would have been the most important remaining part of the AVTC to build as it would have required a new bridge over the Rideau River.

The section of the AVTC south of Smyth remains in the TMP as does the Hospital Link portion which could still be widened to four lanes. Concerns remain about the need for these two sections to remain in the TMP, given potential costs and impact of dumping additional traffic onto Smyth Road, Alta Vista Drive and Riverside Drive. There is an opportunity to comment on TMP until May 12 (see item 4 below)

Official public engagement on the draft TMP Capital Infrastructure Plan and investment scenarios is expected to run from March-May. No additional details are available yet.

The RPCA requested copies of any relevant traffic studies conducted after the construction of the AVTC Hospital Link to determine any impact that this Link road has on vehicular traffic flow and patterns. In addition, Councillor Menard's office agreed to look into the process by which land removed from the TMP could be converted and re-zoned as park land or greenspace.

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4. Transportation Master Plan (TMP) Consultations. Residents may provide input by completing the online surveys available on the [Transportation Master Plan project page](#) and by attending public engagement sessions (in-person and virtual) being held from April 8 to May 6.

The survey covers the recommended road and transit projects, the prioritized list of active transportation projects, and other components of the Capital Infrastructure Plan. It is open until May 12.

5. Proposed Parking lots at 1967 Riverside (Riverside Hospital and site of Schlegel Villages complex under construction) The City has received a Site Plan application to construct two new parking lots, Parking Lot C (44 parking spaces) and Parking Lot D (126 parking spaces), to serve the hospital and medical offices. Comments due by April 17. Questions as to why so many parking spaces are needed given the location adjacent to Transitway .

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Annex D

Social Committee Report

The following is a list of our planned RPCA Social events for 2025:

1. Winter Carnival Sunday, February 9th 2-4 pm (Campfire)
2. Cutest Pet Competition Feb. 1 – May 15 TBD
3. NEW - Easter Egg Hunt @ Balena – Sunday, April 20th
4. Cleaning the Capital Spring Version Saturday May ??, rain date Saturday, May ??
5. Community garage sale early June TBD
6. Porchfest Sunday June 13-15 or 20-22
7. Summer festival and Movie night Saturday August 23rd (Campfire)
8. Possible additional movie nights Saturday, June 28th, Saturday, July 26th (Campfire)
9. Councillor's Fall Corn Roast - Sunday September 14th TBC
10. Fall Social – Sunday, September 28th before AGM
11. RPCA AGM October 22nd
12. Cleaning the Capital Fall version tentatively early October
13. Christmas Carol sing - Friday December 12th (Campfire)

Some other events under consideration are:

1. Silent book club
2. Billings Estate High Tea
3. Art in the Park
4. Volksmarch community walk
5. Community Potluck dinner/Harvest Feast / Foodie event
6. Sports events – Titans Baseball, Atletico soccer, 67's, Ottawa Charge Women's hockey, Ottawa RedBlacks Football