

Minutes of Board Meeting

Date: January 8, 2025



RIVERVIEW PARK
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Board Members in attendance: Carol McQueen, Stephanie Lines, Jon Lemieux, Lorella Piirik, Bryan Orendorff, Lynne Patenaude, Kris Nanda

Regrets: Jeff Blattman, Ron Ridley, Wanda Raymond

Topic	Discussion	Action Item
Call to Order	Carol McQueen called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM Declaration of conflict of interest: None	
Agenda Approval	<i>Motion: Approval of Agenda (see Annex A)</i> Agenda approved with the addition of <ul style="list-style-type: none">All candidates meeting in case election is called First moved: Kris Seconded: Bryan Approved by: All	
Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting	<i>Motion: Approval of December meeting minutes</i> With the date correction First moved: Carol Seconded: Lorella Approved by: All	
Councillor Marty Carr's update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Things have been quiet at Council with the holiday breakMid-term governance review underway. Looking at councillor assignments. Likely no change for Marty, who is currently on three boards: Police, Public Health, and Community HousingClimate change master plan update overdue. There has been a lack of progress on environmental files. She is following up with senior city officials about their work. She would like to see coordinating work on invasive species.Work continues to find additional space for sheltering new immigrants. New facilities are opening up. Increase in the amount of homelessness is of concern especially vulnerability to cold weather.Community gardens review/survey underwayHydro One corridor access is still outstanding. Unable to negotiate agreements for use of the spaceLine 2 and Line 4 opening this week went well. OC Transpo route changes to take place in May.Marty will host a meeting on ward transit in spring to talk about the concerns.	Need to provide Marty's office with a list of sponsorship requests for 2025

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kris raised VIA lands environmental assessment, Lansdowne stands reconstruction, all candidates debate, and Volunteer Ottawa possible to help with invasive species removal.	
Treasurer's Report	Budget and Financial Statements <ul style="list-style-type: none">Financial statements were presented to the board.	
Special Reports	Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none">January's newsletter will come out soon with information on the carnival and cutest pet contest among other things.Lorella is working on getting information on the pet memorial on the web site.	
	Planning and Development <ul style="list-style-type: none">See Annex C for the report.Kris is looking to do a story on the Metro site where the building was removed and a parking lot was installed.Kris is looking at asking for a right turn lane on Neighbourhood Way onto Industrial and a sidewalk on Industrial.	
	Green Spaces FoRPGS <ul style="list-style-type: none">Currently working with the City's Forestry group to get our 2025 permit for removing invasives and planting natives in all Riverview Park City of Ottawa owned land areas, not just the parks. On the bright side we did get a reply back from the city on Monday after prodding them for months. On the not-so-bright side they answered our questions but have asked us to submit an "intake form" with 21 questions and we can still only get a 1 year permit meaning we have to go through this every year. Ron will do the intake form submission and will ask Marty if this level of bureaucracy is really needed.The remainder of the 2023 ISC grant was recently spent purchasing a 7hp chipper/shredder and tree extractor. Ron is researching tools and supplies to spend the remainder of the 2024 money (\$2400).Ron is looking at whether or not we apply for the 2025 ISC grant. The deadline to apply is January 15th.There was an enquiry by a concerned resident over the buckthorn removal done in Balena Park to which Ron	

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	responded to back in December - he has not heard back, so hopefully this is closed.	
	Social Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Caroling event went very well. 100-130 people attended. Thanked Marty for supporting the sleigh ride. It was very popular• Jon is coordinating the winter carnival and gave an update on the planning activities. Ron has requested equipment for winter carnival. He has made the request for the park permit. Ron is working to request the fire permit for all events on one permit. Request for Hot 89.9 for winter carnival has not been acknowledged. Cappy may come.• Additional highlights of the Social Committee Report in Annex D were presented• Kris is organizing the cutest pet contest. He has heard from the Humane Society about working with us on the event. Pet Value will again provide prizes.	
	Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Membership was promoted at the Christmas Carol Sing on Dec. 13th and we received 2-3 new memberships	Members to provide feedback on membership letter
President's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ron has continued to prod the city to process our key agreement for the Balena Field House but this has not moved. He is also trying to get a key agreement for the old Little League Baseball building at the end of Dale where the rink is.• He is continuing to work with the City to get a blanket 2025 Fire Permit so we only pay ~\$63 once for all 2025 camp fires, and not ~\$63 for each campfire we have. The city is making it more difficult to do this in 2025 and it will require more ongoing administration.• He circulated the draft new member letter - if you have any feedback please send it along this week so I can finalize the letter and send it out next week.• I have drafted an RPCA Event Organizing form and sent it around to the Social Committee for review and comment. The goal is to get all the required information to organize each event in one place so the event organizer doesn't have to	

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	re-learn everything we have already learned from organizing the event earlier. If you would like to provide input on this document, or any of the specific event versions, please Ron know.	
New & Ongoing Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kris sent an email to Marty for the contacts at the other community associations to set up an all candidates meeting, should the need arise soon.	Kris will report back on what he hears.
Approval to Adjourn Meeting	Motion: Adjournment of Meeting First moved: Kris Seconded: Brian Approved by: All	

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Annex A

FINAL AGENDA

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
 - i. Winter Carnival
 - f. Membership Report
7. President's Report (5 min)
8. New & Ongoing Business (10 min)
 - a. All candidates meeting in case election is called
9. Recap of Action Items and Adjournment (5 min)

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Annex B

Communications Report

Statistics for November 14 – December 11, 2024

Newsletter

- Newsletter to be send out in January

Website

- Updating as our events unfold.

Annex C

Planning and Development Report

January 2024

1. Proposed Tremblay Multi-Use Connection (Terminal Avenue to Tremblay LRT Station). project has been put on pause until the time when VIA rail redevelops the area as part of the High Frequency Rail (HFR) . No timetable yet. The RPCA has subsequently contacted VIA's HFR team to ensure that community concerns are reflected in the redevelopment plan and to see more information on how the City's work to date might be incorporated into VIA's planning. A February 6 in-person meeting has been scheduled for the RPCA at the VIA Station

2. Alta Vista Transportation Corridor Public Consultation

As the city continues its review and update of Ottawa's Transportation Master Plan, Councilor Menard's office will be holding a public consultation via Zoom on January 29 at 7 PM to discuss the future of the field on Lees Avenue that currently serves as park space but is identified to be used for the future Alta Vista

Transportation Corridor.

3. Lansdowne 2.0 Update and January 2025 public consultations The City is looking to move forward with the \$419 million project this year, which includes a new 5,500-seat event centre to replace the Arena at TD Place and building a new north-side stands for the football stadium. Under the partnership with the Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group, the City would cover the cost of building the new arena and stadium stands. Concerns have been raised about the affordability of this project and the potential financial risks the City faces in light of budgetary constraints and other priorities

On Monday January 7, 2025, the city issued a tender seeking qualification submissions for general contractors to build Lansdowne 2.0. A bidder's conference will be held on Jan. 15 for interested parties, and the closing date for submissions is Feb. 4. Two public information sessions will be held to discuss the project (1) An in-person meeting inside Gate 2 at the Arena at TD Place on Wednesday, Jan. 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and (2) a virtual public meeting on Thursday, Jan. 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. You can register here: [register here](#)(opens in a new tab).

4. Update on the former Farmboy building in Trainyards

There is activity inside the old Farmboy site next to the LCBO No details currently available on prospective tenants.

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Annex D

RPCA Events

Current as of November 2024

2024/2025 Events Plan

Upcoming Events	Date	Details
Winter Carol sing	Friday December 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carol has arranged with Marty for the sleigh ride• Ron has secured the fire and park permits.• Carol has reached out to Ottawa South Church to co-sponsor.• Craig will be leading the sing-along• 110-130 people attended
Winter Carnival	Sunday, February 9th 2-4 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jonathan will be the lead organizer. Support provided by Councilor Carr, Maplewood, MP McGuinty, MPP Fraser, Sonja Payette
Cutest Pet Competition	Feb. 1 – Mar. 15 TBD	
Easter Egg Hunt @ Balena	Sunday, April 20th	
Spring Cleaning the Capital	Saturday May ??, rain date Saturday, May ?	
Community garage sale	early June TBD	
Porchfest	Sunday June 13-15 or 20-22	

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Summer festival and Movie night	Saturday August 23rd	
Possible additional movie nights	Saturday, June 28th, Saturday, July 26th	
Councilor's Fall Corn Roast -	Sunday September 14th TBC	
Fall Social – Sunday	September 28th before AGM	
AGM	October 22nd	
Fall Cleaning the Capital	tentatively early October	

Potential additional events:

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

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2023/2024 Events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Principal Organizer</u>	<u>Details</u>
RPCA AGM	Oct 23		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AGM to be held at Trinity Church
Fall Cleaning the Capital	Oct 5 Rain Date Oct 12		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volunteer leaders will be leading volunteers to pick up garbage in the neighbourhood.• Ron has gloves and garbage bags if needed
Fall Social	Sept 29	Kris Nanda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dinner and Silent Auction fundraiser at O'Briens• We welcomed 83 people to the event (including 77 residents and 6 guests) and netted proceeds of \$3,600 to split between the RPCA and Matthew House Ottawa (that's \$1,800 each).• Thank you letters will be drafted.
Councillor's Fall Corn Roast	Sept 15		
Summer Carnival A movie, games, food, and campfire in Balena Park	Aug 24 6:30 pm – activities/games 7:30 pm - movie	Carol McQueen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant for \$1600 received from the City of Ottawa• MP McGuinty has donated \$200• MPP Fraser has donated \$200• Movie Encanto was shown• Food Popcorn, smores, drinks, freezies• Ron has secured equipment for the games from the city• Carol managed publicity.• Ron acquired A/V equipment• Cappy from the Titans was present from 6:30 to 7:30• Partnered with David Hood for face painting and other activities
Porchfest Neighbourhood musicians play in 45 minute sets at houses in the neighbourhood		Ron Ridley	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reached out to all musicians to see what genre, where they will play, preferred time, etc. ~16 Acts• Given the number of bands they will be divided into groups and clustered together geographically• Publish all the acts and map on RPCA Web Site• Do signage 1-2 weeks in advance in the neighbourhood, Figaro, etc.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ask musicians about interest in an after-party at O'Brien's● Musicians can put out a guitar case for donations for themselves, split for Blair Court or other charity of their choice if they want to● Note when promoting the event - no restroom facilities● May need a volunteer for traffic control on the streets
RPCA Night at the Ballpark Ottawa Titans Baseball Game	June 2024	Kris Nanda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Games are played at the baseball stadium on Coventry Road a short drive, bike ride or walk from Riverview Park● Visit the Ottawa Titans website and purchase your tickets.● Use the code RPCA24 to get a special discounted price of \$10 (plus tax)
Cleaning the Capital	April 2024	Ron Ridley	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Complete● Report Completed.● Fall event planned
Cutest Pet Contest	April-May 2024	Kris Nanda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Completed very successfully with over \$500 raised for Humane Society.● Prizes donated by PetValu● Plan to do it again next year