

Board of Directors' Meeting

Wednesday, March 5, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

Riverside Churches, 3191 Riverside Drive, Ottawa

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Jeff Atkinson – Vice-President (meeting Chair)
Carolyn Gauthier – Director
Karin Howard – Director
David Hutchinson - President (meeting Secretary)
Andrew Pinsent – Director
Barbara Squire - Treasurer

Observers / Participants:

Marvin Kaplansky	River Ward Councillor Maria McRae
Ken Wilson	Festival of HOPE organizers:
Keith Parsonage	Holly Tarrison
Francois Bouchard	Laura Andrews
Ron Moyer	Rich Keenan
Richard Nickerson	

1. Welcome

David Hutchinson welcomed everyone, noted that we had a quorum and introduced Jeff Atkinson as the Chair of the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: M/S Hutchinson/Squire that amended agenda be adopted. Carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion: M/S Atkinson/Hutchinson that January 2014 minutes be approved. Carried.

4. President's Report

No comments this month save for status updates under Committee reports.

5. River Ward Councillor Maria McRae's Report (River Ward Councillor McRae gave her report later in the meeting but these minutes reflect the original agenda order.) Councillor McRae distributed her March report and reviewed its contents. (This and previous reports are available on the new RPCRA website). Her March report deals with a number of current issues, including:

- Transfer of the old Bayview School property (3071 Riverside) to the City-owned Ottawa Community Lands Development Corporation in preparation for later sale. The

sale will be subject to certain constraints. For further information, see the Councillor's report and

<http://app06.ottawa.ca/calendar/ottawa/citycouncil/occ/2009/12-09/csedc/08%20-ACS2009-0053-CMR-REP-0053-3071Riverside.htm>

- Speed board: Traffic speed detectors will be permanently installed on Southmore Dr. E. and Springland Dr.
- As a result of a third party review, the City will prepare a plan to address “culture problems” related to the failures in the Airport Expressway pedestrian bridge project. See the Councillor's report for more information.

Questions and answers:

Q1 (Carolyn Gauthier): The RPCRA provided \$500 towards a new play structure and bench at Paget Park. What is the status of the proposed Paget Park play structure and bench?

A1 (Councillor McRae): The bench will be provided by the City. (Ed.: This is a different bench than the one that was vandalized and replaced by the City). Carolyn was asked for additional details of the play structure requirement.

Q2 (Carolyn Gauthier): Lights and sound from exhaust fans at St. Patrick's home are disturbing nearby residents at night.

A2: The Councillor offered to drive by to get a personal impression of the problem and to contact St. Patrick's home about the problems.

Q3: (Carolyn Gauthier): Will the new path across the train tracks at Brookfield connect to South Keys station?

A3: Yes. (discussion ensued)

Q4: (Jeff Atkinson): What is the schedule for taking down the old St. Patrick's residence now that the new building is operational?

A4: The time frame is not known at this time.

6. Committee Reports:

Communications and Membership:

- Jeff circulated the latest version of the flyer (in black and white). The final version will contain a higher resolution map.
- Jeff has set up a Facebook page for the RPCRA.
- Dave talked briefly about the new website (both old and new are currently available online). The new website uses Wordpress, allows RPCRA membership signup and fee payment online via PayPal.

Special Events:

- As a courtesy to the community, HOPE presented their plans for the 2014 version of their festival at Mooneys Bay Park. HOPE operations manager Laura Andrews

presented a map of their proposed 2014 festival site, same as last year. Dupont Street will be shut down to traffic. The festival will be July 12-14, 2014. This is their 32nd year, 29 years at Mooneys Bay. They have received SEAT approval. Karin's request for their advice in planning for our Victoria Day fireworks was well received.

- Motion: M/S Atkinson/Hutchinson that the RPCRA provide a letter of support for the 2014 HOPE festival.
- Dragon Boat Festival: Jeff reported that he had been in touch with the organizers. Their festival is planned to be the same as last year except they may not have a Ferris wheel. Arrangements have not been finalized with the City, and they are asking to open a day earlier. Jeff will raise this issue again at our June meeting.

Finance:

- Barb Squire distributed paper copies of a proposed RPCRA budget for the 2013-14 fiscal year.
- Motion: M/S Andrew/Carolyn – “The proposed 2014 budget is accepted by the Board.” Carried.

Rinks:

- Barb Squire reported that the rinks were under budget this year and they were slated to close for the season on March 15.

Victoria Day:

- Karin distributed a report on the status of Victoria Day fireworks arrangements.
- Karin arranged a site visit to Mooneys Bay Park on March 4. Eight people attended, including representatives from the Councillor's office, City staff, RPCRA and pyrotechnics professionals.
- Councillor McRae was supportive of the initiatives and offered to provide assistance where possible. She suggested that the RPCRA determine ways to provide value to potential sponsors, perhaps by listing their names on a banner at the event. She suggested, however, that we “build community capacity” for this event by recouping some costs from attendees where possible. Ski patrol and St. Johns Ambulance were suggested as first aid providers.
- **Motion:** M/S Hutchinson/Pinsent “The RPCRA will contribute funds to a maximum of \$5000 for the 2014 Victoria Day event.” Carried.

7. New Business: none

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.