

Board Meeting April 8 at 7:00PM

Meeting summary

Quick recap

This board meeting of the Riverside Park Community Association (RPCA) covered financial updates, upcoming events, and major development projects in the area. Kevin presented the financial report showing the organization is tracking slightly below last year's performance due to lower interest rates, with current funds at \$29,000 and expenses higher than income as expected. Marianne discussed upcoming garden programs including a compost fundraiser at \$10 for 55 liters of mushroom compost and a Seed Day event on May 16th, partnering with Just Food. Riley provided extensive updates on local development projects, including the Southern Corridor land dispute with the NCC, the Munice Bay Hill safety improvements with four consultation options presented, and various residential developments like the docks project and Ridgewood construction. The meeting also covered upcoming community events including Earth Day on April 18th and the Older Adult Summit on May 21st, as well as potential hydroponic systems for educational programs at local schools.

Next steps

- Gabriel: Put Dave in touch with the Ottawa Outlook journalist for the interview about Moonies Bay Hill and Confederation Heights.
- Sarah Nicholls: Reach out to contacts at Brookfield (including through guidance) to help coordinate volunteer hours for the compost and seedling events; connect with Bernie as needed.
- Riley: May reach out to Dave to coordinate a construction mitigation open house for St. Pat's Home with neighbors before construction begins.
- Abbie: Send Sarah Nicholls an email with details on the number of units and stories for the Ridgewood development.
- Riley: Provide Gabriel with an update by email on the status of Line 1 (LRT) following the Transit Commission meeting.
- Board/interested members: Register or volunteer for the compost fundraiser and Seed Day by May 3rd (or pay deposit), and/or sign up to help with soil/compost delivery for those with accessibility needs.
- Riley: Look into whether the city can update the Walkley Road project website to reflect recent changes due to provincial legislation and the new plan.
- Board/interested members: Consider reaching out to RPCA or OCN if interested in writing letters to MPs or the Prime Minister regarding the Southern Corridor/NCC lands issue.
- Board: Review and discuss the hydroponics project opportunity, including potential engagement with schools and community partners.
- Riley: Work with city staff to schedule a community meeting as soon as possible for a detailed update on Walkley Road redesign, following the required committee update.

Summary

Medical Treatment and Scan Updates

Marvin discussed his recent medical treatment, mentioning that the technician reported no technical problems during his sessions. He has an upcoming appointment on Tuesday the 21st at 3 o'clock, and will have additional CT and MRI scans in June or July for comparison with previous scans. Marvin expressed satisfaction with the compassionate care he received at the hospital, contrasting it favorably with past experiences at Jewish General Hospital.

Zoom Screen Sharing Technical Support

Dave and Kevin discussed technical issues with screen sharing on Zoom, where Dave needed help accessing host privileges to share his screen. Kevin successfully made Dave a co-host and helped him resolve the sharing permissions. The meeting began with Dave acknowledging the unceded Anishinaabe Algonquin lands and noting that Riley and Abbie had joined, though the transcript ended before discussing quorum.

Board Financial Report and Updates

The board meeting covered agenda approval, financial reporting, and upcoming discussions. Kevin presented the finance report, noting that while income was similar to last year, expenses were higher due to rink maintenance and bylaw amendments. The organization's checking account balance stood at \$28,450, with a decrease in overall equity of approximately \$1,600 compared to the previous year. Marianne requested 3 minutes to discuss gardens under community calendar and events, and Gabriel raised a question about whether a board member would conduct an interview with a local newspaper reporter.

Financial and Fundraising Plans Approval

The board approved the March financial report. Marianne presented plans for a compost fundraiser in partnership with Greeley, offering mushroom compost at a discount, and a Seed Day event on May 16th from 1-4 PM. The board discussed volunteer needs for both initiatives, including help from high school students and coordination with Brookfield Community Food Cupboard. Gabriel requested Dave to conduct an interview with the Ottawa Outlook about the Moonies Bay Hill reopening and Confederation Heights plans, which Dave agreed to do.

Southern Corridor Land Development Updates

Riley provided updates on the Southern Corridor land development, explaining that a planned joint meeting with the city and NCC was postponed to April 10th. The NCC rejected the city's established criteria for land nominations, and Riley is awaiting a formal letter from the NCC outlining their next steps. Riley also discussed ongoing developments in Riverside Park, including the Muniz Bay Phase 1 project with 136 homes, and updates on the Brazil on Ridgewood and St. Pat's Home construction projects. A construction mitigation meeting will be hosted for neighbors before St. Pat's Home construction begins, as the 7-story, 133-unit apartment building project moves forward.

Community Events and Updates

Marianne announced an upcoming drop and swap event on April 25th at the RA Center, encouraging residents to participate. Riley provided updates on several local initiatives, including tree removal on Walkley Road, consultation results for Mooney's Bay Hill safety measures, and ongoing traffic calming efforts on Springland. Riley also announced upcoming community events including Earth Day on April 18th, a Mother's Day high tea on May 16th, an Older Adult Summit on May 21st, and a strawberry social on June 4th. The conversation ended with a discussion of the Confederation Heights Master Plan, which will bring approximately 22,000 new residents to the area around Riverside and Heron.

Community Development and Transit Updates

The meeting focused on updates and discussions regarding development projects, public transit, and community initiatives in the area. Riley provided information about the Confederation Heights development, explaining that excavation would be the primary activity in 2026, with potential foundation work depending on decontamination progress. Sarah Nicholls inquired about building heights and zoning restrictions, to which Riley explained how

development plans had evolved from initial proposals. Gabriel raised concerns about the Walkley Road redesign, emphasizing the need for community consultation and transparency regarding changes. Riley acknowledged these concerns and committed to arranging a meeting with city staff to provide updates. The discussion also touched on public transit challenges, with Riley promising to share details about Line 1's progress at the next Transit Commission meeting. Marianne thanked Riley for support on the Southern Corridor and encouraged community involvement in advocacy efforts. The conversation ended with updates on community initiatives, including plans for hydroponic systems in schools and Riverside Park development using AI design tools.