

**Riverside Park Community and Recreation Association (RPCRA)**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 5, 2011**  
**19:00**  
**Riverside Churches**  
**3191 Riverside Dr. Room 5**

**Present**

**Board Members Present**

Teresa Reeve - President  
Howard Keck – Treasurer  
Andy Pinsent- Director  
Barb Squire – Director/Chair Rinks  
Louise Robert – Vice-President  
Tom Babcock – Director

**Board Members Not Present**

Amanda Yorston- Secretary  
Bill Smith- Past President  
Matthew Cragg – Director

**Other's Present:**

Irene Ross  
Joanne Lynn  
Richard Mowrey  
Carolyn Gauthier  
Jeff Atkinson  
François Bouchard  
Karen Cameron  
Giorgio Zanetti  
Victor Muscat  
Eta Schneiderman  
Chris Power  
Sherry Charlebois

Councillor McRae  
Nicole  
Garry

**1 Welcome:**

1.1 Teresa Reeve opened the meeting 1900

**2 Approval of Agenda :**

2.1 Carolyn Gauthier asked for an in-camera session at the end of the meeting. The request was granted.  
2.2 Motion to approve the agenda by Louise Robert, seconded by Tom Babcock. Carried.

**3 Approval of minutes of the December 1, meeting:**

3.1 Motion to approve the Minutes by Tom Babcock, seconded by Barbara Squire. Carried

**4 President's Report:**

4.1 Teresa Reeve reported that a statement had been made to the effect that the Board of the RPCRA had a religious affiliation that affected its views on the Lebanese Fun Festival. Teresa forcefully and publicly stated that the RPCRA had no religious affiliations whatsoever that would predispose it one way or another. She reiterated that all festivals were treated equally in that they were required to comply with approved regulations on noise, safety, cleanliness etc., and to suggest otherwise is irresponsible and wrong. Board members represent the community without bias, they are volunteers who are community minded and will always represent the views of the community regardless of which issue is before them. Teresa indicated that she

believes in transparent and inclusive governance of the Association and will, whenever possible share all issues with members of the Association.

- 4.2 Teresa said that the official and public position of the RPCRA on its Festivals would reflect the wishes of the community first and foremost. The position, developed after consultations with the community, would be publicized well in advance so that organizers of events would know whether a letter of non-objection would be issued by the Association.
- 4.3 The RPCRA is in the process of centralizing all its archives at the home of Louise Robert from the various sites where they currently are. Once in place, the archives will be organized, catalogued for ease of access in the future.
- 4.4 A number of volunteers have come forward to help on the various committees and Teresa thanked Chris Power for volunteering for the Transportation Committee. She made a special plea for volunteers to sit on the Festival committee.
- 4.5 There being an opening on the BOD, Ms Reeve asked for volunteers from the following areas: Revelstoke, Riverside Park East and Riverside Park South West. She reminded attendees that sitting as a BOD member entailed attending meetings, chairing a committee and working on a number of issues.
- 4.6 Teresa congratulated Councillor McRae on a recent victory in the transportation area.
- 4.7 Councillor Maria McRae thanked the Chair and announced her recent appointment as Chair of the City's Transportation Committee and also her appointment to the Finance Committee. She mentioned that she will have a special interest in environmental and economic issues. She announced her recent victory when, after consulting with the community and working with a resident, she succeeded in having a speed limit of 40 km installed on Flannery, Springland and Ridgewood. The signs for this new limit will go up as soon as it is feasible. (The rest of Councillor's McRae's presentation can be found in her monthly Report that is appended).
- 4.8 The Chair said that she will be writing a letter on behalf of the RPCRA to the City requesting why the last letter from the Board regarding the Blades on Riverside Drive has been ignored and why it has been over a year with no action after the end of the consultation period. Teresa also indicated that the consultation process appears to be flawed and would like more information from the Deputy Clerks office on this issue.

## **5 Treasurer's Report:**

5.1 The treasurer Howard Keck advised that there has been no financial transactions since the last meeting.

## **6 Communications Committee:**

6.1 Louise Robert reported that Draft 1 of an RPCRA Communications Strategy has been sent to her Team for brainstorming and discussion at a meeting planned for next week. Once debated, Draft 2 will be produced for further discussion. The Chair asked that a fairly comprehensive plan be presented at the next meeting.

6.2 Tom Babcock asked about developments on the website. The Chair mentioned the on-going work of cleaning up the site made by Amanda Yorkston's husband. It was agreed that the priorities at this point would be the posting of the dates of the RPCRA meetings and the update of the membership of the BOD.

6.3 Tom Babcock asked general questions about the renewal of memberships and the update of the membership list. It was agreed that there was an obvious lack of coordination and that the Communications Committee would look at this issue very specifically as part of its discussions.

## **7 Rinks:**

7.1 Barbara Squire reported that 2 of the 3 rinks were functioning. The third rink needs more snow and cold weather to be able to function.

## 8 **New Business**

8.1 Joanne Lynn reported on the **Feral Cats** issue. She said that was little progress made because it was presently impossible to have a proper count. Greg from Councillor McRae's office said that Councillor McRae had received several phone calls on the issue and that there was a staff member now assigned to the issue. Ms Lynn will get in touch with the staff member. Teresa Reeve will be writing a letter to the President of the Condominium Corporation at the corner of Springland and Ridgewood in support of their policy on feeding and sheltering the feral cats and a letter to the City.

8.2 **RPCRA signing authority.** The Treasurer and the President asked that the RPCRA's signing authority be amended to respect the new composition of the BOD.

A motion to give RPCRA signing authority to the President, Teresa Reeve, the Vice-President, Louise Robert and the Treasurer, Howard Keck was moved by Barbara Squire, seconded by Tom Babcock. Carried. The 3 board members will meet at the Scotiabank in the very near future.

## 9 **Adjournment:**

9.1 Meeting was adjourned at 2030. Next meeting of RPCRA is February 9, 2011.

## 10 **In camera session**

10.1 An in-camera session followed the meeting regarding a individual volunteer issue.