



Riverside Park Community and Recreation Association (RPCRA)

Board of Directors' Meeting

Wednesday February 6, 2013 7:00 PM

Riverside Churches Room 5, 3191 Riverside Drive, K1V 8N8

Minutes

Board Members Present:

Jeff Atkinson – Director
Jean Emmell – Director
David Hutchinson – President
Sandra Kearns – Director
Ken Leese – Vice-President & Secretary
Andrew Pinsent – Director
Bill Smith – Director

Board Members Absent:

Carolyn Gauthier – Director
John Kruithof – Director
Barbara Squire – Treasurer

River Ward Councillor's Representatives:

Councillor Maria McRae
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Angela Martin

1. Welcome

Dave Hutchinson opened the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was proposed by Sandra Kearns and seconded by Bill Smith. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the January 9 2013 Board minutes was proposed by Andrew Pinsent and seconded by Jean Emmell. Motion carried.

4. River Ward Councillor's Report

Councillor Maria McRae presented her monthly report to the Association on behalf of Councillor Maria McRae. The report is available at riversidepark.ca.

Councillor McRae communicated the following during discussion of her report:

- Angela Martin was introduced as a member of Councillor McRae's staff.
- Councillor McRae's office will investigate a report that a redundant street sign "blade" has been installed at Riverside Drive and Ridgewood Ave
- OC Transpo is still studying the Route 87 change proposal initiated by Carolyn Gauthier. OC Transpo provided a detailed rationale for evaluating such route changes; several Board members expressed appreciation for these insights.



- The Councillor does not intend to initiate or sponsor a community meeting related to the Committee of Adjustment application for severances and variances at 3759 Revelstoke Drive
- To improve the understanding of city planning principles and rationale, Councillor McRae suggested that the RPCRA consider inviting a senior City of Ottawa planner (for example John Schmidt) to present at a monthly RPCRA meeting.
- City of Ottawa Parks and Recreation has not responded to the RPCRA request (through Councillor McRae's office) for a review of signage at Pauline Vanier Park.
- Renaming of the "Confederation" O-Train station was discussed. It was noted that the new LRT line will be named "Confederation Line", which might suggest that renaming the existing "Confederation" O-train station could reduce confusion. Councillor McRae did not confirm whether this was likely.

5. Committee Reports

Board Administration and City Liaison - David Hutchinson (no report)

Finance - Barbara Squire

Membership and Communications - Sandra Kearns

Email, Facebook and Twitter were briefly discussed as ways of allowing the membership to connect with the association. While email is currently used for distributing announcements, agendas and minutes, the RPCRA does not currently maintain Facebook or Twitter accounts.

Land Use and Development - Jean Emmell

The Board briefly discussed the infill proposal at 3759 Revelstoke Drive; the RPCRA had sent a letter to the Committee of Adjustment opposing the current application for severances and variances. The proposal was scheduled to be heard at the same time as the current RPCRA board meeting.

Special Events - Jeff Atkinson

The possibility of the RPCRA sponsoring a Victoria Day Fireworks event was discussed at length. Rick Brown volunteered to organize this event under the direction of Jeff Atkinson, RPCRA Special Events Chair. A discussion consensus was that this event should adhere to the same planning standards as events organized by other parties.

Jeff undertook to update the RPCRA Directors at the scheduled March 6 meeting.

Transportation - David Hutchinson (no report)

Environment - Bill Smith

Further discussion occurred relating to adopting Pauline Vanier Park and a pathway; no formal motion occurred.



Safety and Police Liaison - Bill Smith

There was a brief discussion of the possibility of automatically posting certain email announcements from Police and Safety agencies on the RPCRA website. No conclusions were reached as to feasibility.

Rink - Barbara Squire (presented by Dave Hutchinson)

Carolyn Gauthier will prepare cheques for rink supervision during the time when Barb Squire will be unavailable in February. Dave Hutchinson and Ken Leese will coordinate signing and delivery of required cheques during this time.

6. Close of Meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting was proposed by Ken Leese and seconded by Jean Emmell. Motion carried.

Minutes recorded by Ken Leese (Secretary)