



MINUTES

Riverside Park Community and Recreation Association RPCRA March Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, April 3, 2019
Riverside Churches, 3191 Riverside Drive

1. Call to Order

1.1. The meeting was called to order by Joel at 7:03 p.m. The following directors were in attendance:

- Nicole Christy, Director
- Travis Croken, Vice-President
- Joel Duff, President
- Barbara Haines, Treasurer
- Mark Staz, Director
- Gillian Wintonic, Secretary
- Terry Wood, Director

1.2. The following directors were absent with regrets:

- George Brown, Director
- Paul Willets, Director
- Andrew Wintonic, Director

1.3. The following community members were in attendance (15):

- Riley Brockington, River Ward Councillor
- Kate Cathrae
- Adam Joiner (Boys & Girls Club of Ottawa)
- Marvin Kaplansky
- Bob Laird
- Marika Magro
- Ron Moir
- Christian Chenier
- Marlene Davidson
- Paul O'Grady
- Carolyn Percy-Searle
- Sharon von Schoenberg
- Craig Searle
- Donna Warner
- Brian Wade (HCCA President)

2. Presentation of the Consent Agenda

2.1. Agenda

- 2.1.1. Joel noted that the purpose of serving the consent agenda in advance is to provide an opportunity for review. If there is nothing contentious, then the board can pass the consent agenda without further discussion. Any items that need to be verbally reported on can be requested for inclusion as Old Business or New Business.
- 2.1.2. Joel requested that board members flag these discussion items in their reports when they are submitted.
- 2.1.3. It was agreed to add two items to the agenda:
 - 6.1 - Airport Parkway Expansion/ Traffic Calming Pilot on Walkley Road (Terry)
 - 7.1 – Deadline for Tree Program (Nicole)

2.2. Minutes

2.3. April Reports Package

- 2.3.1. President's Report
- 2.3.2. Vice-President's Report
- 2.3.3. Secretary's Report
- 2.3.4. Communications & Outreach Committee Report
- 2.3.5. Events & Culture Committee Report
- 2.3.6. Environment & Parks Committee Report
- 2.3.7. Land Use, Development & Transportation Committee Report

- 2.4. It was moved by Mark and seconded by Nicole to accept the consent agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

3. River Ward Councillor's Report

- 3.1. River Ward Councillor Riley Brockington circulated a written report that spoke to a number of issues (see Appendix B).
- 3.2. Riley followed up on items that arose at the March 7 meeting of the RPCRA:
 - 3.2.1. Community Association profile in the Councillor's Community Bulletin – Contact information for RPCRA was included in the bulletin.
 - 3.2.2. Post tornado/event response – Riley is speaking to city staff.
 - 3.2.3. List of Adopted Parks for the GLAD Cleaning the Capital campaign – Riley to send this information to Nicole.
 - 3.2.4. Riley met with LUDTC on April 2 to discuss the proposed West Walkley Road traffic calming pilot project and related issues.

3.2.5. Accommodations bylaw review – Riley provided information to Erwin Dreessen and George.

- 3.3. Riley noted that the city is undertaking reviews of the official plan and city bylaws this year. The public still has two more months to review the papers and provide input. The deadline is May 31, 2019.
- 3.4. The 3930-3960 Riverside Drive Development proposal by Taggart was approved at planning committee on March 28. The proposal has been moved to council for further consideration on April 10. The Hunt Club and Riverside Park communities expressed concern over traffic impacts of the development and questioned who would be paying for the extension to right hand turn lane. Riley noted that the planning committee chair had supported that the City would cover the costs of the turn lane extension, and that the funds would come from the developer fee fund.
- 3.5. A community meeting has been scheduled for May 13 regarding the upcoming work on the swing bridge and stationary bridge at Hogs Back. Riley encouraged all community members to attend. It was noted that during construction on the bridges, there will still be access for pedestrians and cyclists.
- 3.6. It was reported that the Councillor's office is forming a small working group to plan a dinner and multi-cultural event fundraiser in support of insurance costs for the artwork on the Hunt Club Riverside Park Community Centre. Riley was seeking support from RPCRA for the event.

It was moved by Nicole and seconded by Terry that the RPCRA nominate Travis to help in the planning and execution of this event.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Order of the Day: Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa

- 4.1. Adam Joiner, Director of Programs joined as a guest to highlight the Boys and Girls Club programming in the community (see Appendix C for a copy of the presentation).
- 4.2. Funding from our community has provided transportation to and from the Boys and Girls Club on Thursday evenings from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Since February, there have been an average of 8 participants each Thursday. In order to improve attendance, the RPCRA will assist in getting the word out about this program.

5. Receive Additional Officer and Committee Reports

5.1. Treasurer's Report

- 5.1.1. The Treasurer's report contained the financial statements (see Appendix D for a copy of the presentation).
- 5.1.2. It was moved by Mark and seconded by Nicole that the report be received.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Old Business

6.1. Airport Parkway Expansion/Traffic Calming Pilot on Walkley Road

- 6.1.1. Terry met with Councillor Brockington on April 2 to discuss the traffic calming pilot for Walkley Road (no other LUDTC members were available to attend). Based on the measures proposed in the approved environmental assessment, the current outside traffic lanes would be repurposed as a buffer area and bike lane. There would also be left turn restrictions onto Southmore Drive. The importance of consulting the community was emphasized, as well as the need to consider other possible traffic calming measures, not just those proposed in the environmental assessment.
- 6.1.2. It was pointed out that the pilot represents an opportunity for the community to test out and evaluate traffic calming measures so that the forecast increase in traffic can be effectively mitigated if/when an exit ramp and roundabout are put on West Walkley Road.
- 6.1.3. Terry proposed that the LUDTC continue to liaise with the councilor and then come back to the RPCRA Board with the outline of the pilot project. It was agreed that the traffic calming pilot will be retained as an open action item for the committee to report on as things progress.
- 6.1.4. It was stressed again that the community has a window of opportunity right now to gain better understanding of how they will be impacted and what input they can provide. The community can test the assumptions of the design and how they translate into practical application of traffic calming measures. Should an off-ramp not be built on Walkley, the will pilot still offer valuable information on how various traffic calming initiatives affect the flow of traffic on a busy residential street.

7. New Business

7.1. Community Centre Bulletin Board

- 7.1.1. Joel noted that the Hunt Club Community Association had taken the initiative to have a closed in bulletin board installed at the community centre. The board will be shared equally by the two associations.
- 7.1.2. It was moved by Travis, and seconded by Mark that the Communications and Outreach Committee will take on the responsibility of maintaining the bulletin board content.

MOTION CARRIED

7.2. Co-Hosting Fall Festival

- 7.2.1. Joel said the Hunt Club Community Association had approached the RPCRA to co-host the Fall Festival at the Hunt Club-Riverside Park Community Centre.
- 7.2.2. It was moved by Mark and seconded by Travis that the RPCRA co-sponsor the Fall Festival and assign the Events and Culture Committee to coordinate our involvement.

MOTION CARRIED

7.3. Canoe Bay Park Plan

- 7.3.1. Nicole reported that the feedback received on the park design is being considered, and that further updates will be provided as the planning progresses.

7.4. Dog Park Proposal

- 7.4.1. On behalf of the Environment and Parks Committee, Nicole presented plans for a community consultation on designating an existing neighbourhood park to allow for a fenced off-leash dog area that would help promote responsible dog ownership and manage dog waste.

- 7.4.2. Nicole presented a preliminary design for what a fenced off-leash dog park could look like in Ernie Calcutt Park. The estimated cost for the preliminary design is \$35,000 and the RPCRA would be responsible for sourcing the funding.

- 7.4.3. The Environment and Parks committee has prepared a motion that was moved by Nicole, and seconded by Mark

“RESOLVED that the RPCRA prepare an outreach and engagement plan and undertake in-person and online consultations on a change in designation for Ernie Calcutt Park to enable the development of fenced off-leash dog park; and
RESOLVED that pending adequate community support, the RPCRA will work with the Councillor's office to secure all necessary funding to finance the construction of the park and address (either mitigating or reducing) potential negative impact.”

- 7.4.4. Discussion on this motion solicited strong negative reactions from some residents in attendance, with many questioning the second clause of the motion, arguing that it presupposed the outcome of any potential public consultation.

- 7.4.5. Nicole and Mark agreed to a friendly amendment to remove the second clause of the motion.

- 7.4.6. Some residents present also felt there was insufficient rationale provided for selecting Ernie Calcutt park as the site for a potential dog park, questioning its suitability/desirability. Many members also felt there was insufficient community consultation prior to this motion being put forward. It was noted that no consultation with residents in the immediate area had taken place at this point, and the motion was meant to launch community-wide consultations. Members present expressed a desire to see the motion expanded to consider more options for a potential fenced dog park as part of the consultation process.

- 7.4.7. Based on the discussion on the presented motion, it was moved by Gillian and seconded by Travis to amend the motion:

“RESOLVED that the RPCRA prepare an outreach and engagement plan and undertake in-person and online consultations on a change in designation for a park in Riverside Park to enable the development of fenced off-leash dog park.”

MOTION CARRIED

7.5. GLAD Cleaning the Capital

7.5.1. The Environment and Parks Committee is looking for volunteers to help clean up parks in the neighbourhood as part of the GLAD Cleaning the Capital event. The committee is planning to have 5 teams (1 in each neighbourhood). Each team will complete a clean-up by April 27.

7.5.2. Those present noted additional areas in need of clean-up:

- a. Mooney's Bay Park
- b. OC Transpo stops/shelters
- c. Cow tunnels
- d. River bed

8. Other Business

8.1. Deadline for Tree Program

8.1.1. Nicole said the Environment and Parks Committee will be handing out flyers to approximately 60 residence that could be eligible for a tree under the City's Trees in Trust Program. The committee will also be asking for replacement of trees within parks and streetscapes that have been damaged.

8.1.2. Travis moved a motion to add an additional agenda item on the Federation of Community Associations to the agenda, seconded by Mark.

MOTION CARRIED

8.2. Federation of Community Associations – Co-Hosting of Meeting

8.2.1. Travis noted that the FCA typically rotates their monthly meeting among the member community associations. The Riverside Park Community Association and the Hunt Club Community Association had been approached to co-host the FCA's May 15 meeting at the Hunt Club–Riverside Park Community Centre. Moved by Travis, seconded by Gillian that RPCRA co-host the FCA's May 15 meeting with the Hunt Club Community Association.

MOTION CARRIED

9. Next Meeting

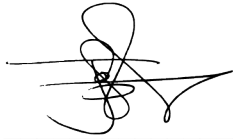
9.1. The next meeting of the RPCRA will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Riverside United Church (room 6).

10. Adjournment

10.1. The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Meeting minutes were prepared by:
Gillian Wintonic

Minutes confirmed by:



Joel Duff, President



Gillian Wintonic, Secretary

<u>List of Open Action Items</u>		
<u>20190403.1</u>	West Walkley Road Traffic Calming Pilot Project.	<u>OPEN</u>
<u>20190403.2</u>	Environment and Parks Committee to prepare an outreach and engagement plan to undertake in-person and online consultations on a change in designation for a park in Riverside Park to enable the development of fenced off-leash dog park.	<u>OPEN</u>

<u>Action Items Opened at April 3 Meeting</u>		
<u>20190307.2</u>	Communication and Outreach Committee to coordinate with Councillor's office on content for semi-annual bulletin.	<u>CLOSED</u>

Appendix A – Meeting Reports Package

Appendix B – Councillor’s Report

Appendix C – Boys and Girls Club Presentation

Appendix D – Additional Officer and Committee Reports