



MINUTES

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

Wednesday, September 4, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: Riverside United Church

1. Call to Order

1.1. The meeting was called to order by Joel at 7:01pm. The following directors were in attendance:

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

1.2. The following community members were in attendance:

- A. Chiarello
- L. Burpee
- K. Cathrae
- M. Kaplansky
- M. Davidson
- R. Murray
- C. Searle
- P. Herlihey
- M. Magro
- L. Robertson
- C. Percy-Searle
- E. Benesch
- R. Moir

2. Presentation of the Consent Agenda

2.1. Agenda

2.2. Minutes of June 1, 2019 Board Meeting

2.3. September Reports Package (See Appendix A)

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

2.4. It was moved by Terry and seconded by Travis to remove items 6 c) and d) from New Business as no further discussion is required at this time.

Motion Carried

2.5. It was moved by George and seconded by Travis that an additional item be added: 7a) Update on proposed dog park.

Motion Carried

2.6. It was moved by Barbara and seconded by Terry to accept the consent agenda.

Motion Carried

2.7 Barbara gave a summary of the RPCRA financial position as of August 30, 2019. There is a surplus of \$1,430. The Board will need to decide how to allocate these funds. It was agreed that the Executive will meet to prepare a proposal to bring forward at the Annual General Meeting.

3. River Ward Councillor's Report

3.1. The Councillor provided a written report (see Appendix B) and the report was presented by Councillor's representative Anthony Chiarello. Some highlighted issues included:

- 3.1.1. Norberry Apartments - The City has received the official site plan application, but it is not yet approved. The plan is for three new apartment buildings comprising 200 units. It is estimated that construction will begin in Spring 2020.
- 3.1.2. At this time, there has been no update on the Canoe Bay project. The last communicated timeline had construction beginning at the end of September.
- 3.1.3. The existing bus schedules will remain in place until October. Residents can learn more at the Ready for Rail information session that is scheduled for September 9 at the Jim Durrell arena.

- 3.1.4. A resident asked about the safety fence surrounding the Canoe Bay property during construction and the fencing for tree protection. Anthony indicated he would take this back to the Councillor's office.
- 3.1.5. Concern was raised over the timing of repaving Riverside Drive, noting that it could exacerbate traffic issues caused by the Hogs Back closure. Anthony noted that when paving begins, it will take place at night to mitigate traffic impacts. Concerns were also noted about the timing of Canoe Bay construction and the impact that construction traffic would have on the new pavement.
- 3.1.6. Terry asked about a multi-use pathway and the Anand development. It was confirmed that there will be connection to the transit station.
- 3.1.7. A resident asked about the Hogs Back Bridge replacement, wondering if it would have been possible to do a rapid bridge replacement. Anthony noted that NCC did not consider this to be possible.
- 3.1.8. It was requested that the Councillor provide an update on the Mooney's Bay Pavilion at the next meeting.
- 3.1.9. Paul noted that there is constant water being pumped onto Walkley road from the vacant lot. This could be a concern come winter time. Travis will send an email to the councilors office to inquire about pumping of water to lower the ground water level. This could be of concern for surrounding homes.

4. Receipt of Additional Officer & Committee Reports

4.1. Vice Presidents Report

- 4.1.1. Travis reported that he is now a board member of the Federation of Citizen Associations.
- 4.1.2. The City of Ottawa is having a public consultation on the City Plan – The 5 Big Moves. Travis recommended that everyone take the opportunity to provide their feedback.
- 4.1.3. It was moved by Mark and seconded by Nicole that Travis' report be received.

Motion Carried

5. Old Business

5.1. Assessment of Saturday Summer Meeting, June 1

- 5.1.1. It was noted that attendance numbers were not dramatically different for the Saturday meeting, but the attendees were not the same as other meetings. Therefore, the meeting was felt to be an overall success. In the future, the RPCRA will work worker even harder to promote the event.

6. New Business

6.1. *September 7 Community Festival Planning*

- 6.1.1. Joel reminded members that the Hunt Club - Riverside Park Fall Festival is on September 7. It is expected that the RPCRA members will volunteer at the event.
- 6.1.2. Donations have exceeded expectations, largely in part to the revised donor package and efforts of in person solicitation.
- 6.1.3. It was discussed how RPCRA volunteers can identify themselves at the event. It was mentioned that the councilors office has reflective vests that we may be able to borrow. Travis and Nicole volunteered to bring lanyards for the name tags.
- 6.1.4. Additional materials that we can provide includes: AGM information, neighbourhood maps, RPCRA flyers, paper weights, and gazebo.

6.2. *Annual General Meeting Planning*

- 6.2.1. The Annual General Meeting notice will be promoted next week. It will also be featured in its own eblast. George noted that the bylaws indicate we provide at least ten days' notice for the meeting. It is anticipated that we will provide notice well in advance of this.
- 6.2.2. The year end financial statements are to be provided at the AGM.
- 6.2.3. There is one director spot open for election of a two-year term at the AGM. The RPCRA will need to strike a Nominating Committee that is responsible for promoting the vacancy, vetting applications and then presenting a list of candidates at the annual general meeting.
- 6.2.4. It was moved by Travis and seconded by Terry that a Nomination Committee be formed.

Volunteers for nominating committee: Nicole, Joel,

Motion Carried

- 6.2.5 Joel requested that a resolution be served at the AGM to amend the articles to change the name of the association to "Riverside Park Community Association". It was moved by Nicole and seconded by George that this be brought forward at the AGM.

Motion Carried

6.2.6 Each committee should provide a report on what's been accomplished throughout the year, and what remains for the year ahead.

6.2.7 Leading up to the meeting, there will be heavy promotion on renewing membership and acquiring new members.

6.3. Park and Green Space Audit

6.3.1. The Environment Committee has been conducting a tree audit north of Walkley and provided home owners with information on how to obtain a tree through the City of Ottawa. The audit will be conducted south of Walkley in the fall.

6.3.2. The committee will also conduct audits of parks and park amenities. This will be tied to the Cleaning the Capital campaign.

6.4. Fall Cleaning the Capital Campaign

6.4.1. The committee had a campaign in the spring, but attendance could have been better. For the fall campaign, the clean up will be spread over a longer period of time, rather than focused on a single day.

6.4.2. It was questioned whether RPCRA could incentivize this event. The campaign sponsor provides items that could be used as prizes.

6.5. Protection of Linton Park

6.5.1. Terry recapped the discussion on commercial development in Linton Park. The councillor met with the NCC landowners, where it was indicated that the lands are not currently listed to be disposed of. However, this has given us an opportunity to express our appreciation and use of this greenspace. Terry suggested that the RPCRA take a position in opposition to commercial development in Linton Park.

6.5.2. It was moved by Terry and seconded by George that:

“Taking into account recent interest in the acquisition from the National Capital Commission of lands around Linton Park for commercial development; and

Further taking into account the significant environmental value and recreational use of Linton Park and its adjacent land to Riverside Park and its many other users;

The RPCRA calls upon the National Capital Commission to refrain from disposition of Linton Park and adjacent land so that it does not become available for commercial or other development which would adversely affect its environmental value and recreational use.”

Motion Carried

6.5.6 This resolution will be communicated to the federal MP - David McGuinty, the NCC and the Councillor Brockington. Travis will bring this issue to the FCA.

7. Other Business and Upcoming Events

7.1. Update on Proposed Dog Park

7.1.1. Nicole reported that the environment committee will be putting together a consultation plan for the community in determining the need and desire of a fenced dog park in Riverside Park.

7.2 Ridgewood Mall for Sale

7.2.1 Large parcel of land for sale, zoned for general mixed use. The RPCRA will provide updates as they become available.

8. Next Meeting

8.1. The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting and will be held on October 2, 2019 7:00 pm at the Riverside Churches.

8.2. Dates for 2020 meetings will be presented at the AGM.

9. Adjournment

9.1. The meeting was adjourned at 9:11pm.


Meeting minutes were prepared by:

Gillian Wintonic

Minutes confirmed by:



Joel Duff, President



Gillian Wintonic, Secretary