

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Present:

Carolyn Gauthier
Rolf Calhoun
David Johnson
Barb Squire
Howard Keck

Regrets:

Other Attendees:

Maria McRae, Councillor
for River Ward
John Brooman, Executive
Director for Ottawa Dragon
Boat Festival
Flo Ladds, Hunt Club
Riverside Recreation
Association
Bill Smith, Riverside Park
Neighbourhood Watch
Riley Brockington, School
Board Trustee OCDSB-
Zone 11

Meeting called to order at 7:40. Delay due to an RPCRA sponsored public meeting in Room 6 concerning development of 770 Brookfield.

Agenda: Approved by all.

Approval of Jan 7 minutes.

Approved: Moved by Dave, seconded by Rolf. Carried.

Correspondence Received.

e-mail: Thank you received from Heather Williams for their prize in our Holiday Festive Contest

e-mail: from David Sauve of Sypher Strategic Advisors volunteering assistance in formulating positions on various issues of community concern.

Treasurer's Report

Rolf pointed out that the low balance in the RPCRA operating bank account was due to a pending receipt of funds from the City for support of the skating rinks. This left the RPCRA short of funds for renewal of the Directors' Liability Insurance until these funds were received. All agreed that, if necessary, GIC's would be cashed to support this expense. Rolf will complete the application on behalf of the RPCRA.

Approved: Moved by Rolf, seconded by Dave. Carried.

Dragon Boat Festival Presentation

John Brooman, representing the Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival (ODBF) outlined their plans for the 2004 edition of their festival. The organization sees no changes to the previous years format and arrangements, despite a change in management.

Issues respecting damage to the park greens were raised and were recognized as a result of extremely wet conditions preceding the event. Dave Johnson asked if the ODBF would look into ways to mitigate the noise impact of starting signals for races, particularly before 9:00 am. Mr. Brooman agreed to look into this matter.

Since no complaints or controversy existed from last year's event, the Board unanimously agreed to issue a letter of non-objection to the ODBF.

School Trustee Report – Riley Brockington

Riley distributed an information sheet on Public School Board meetings, OCENET and names of the OCDSB executive.

He noted that there were to be no school closures in Zone-11. The Board hopes to convene a budget meeting within the month in the process of returning the management of the school system to the Trustees.

Riley was convening a Zone-11 parent council meeting to discuss issues. Carolyn asked if the RPCRA could have an article for the web site. Riley agreed.

Other Business

HOPE

On Feb 2, Howard Keck and Dave Johnson attended a meeting with Councillor McRae, city staff and HOPE organizers at City Hall.

Councillor McRae emphasized to the HOPE organizers that she was taking her direction in this matter from community organizations and members in River Ward. After some discussion, it was recognized that there had been communications problems in the past. However with new senior management it is hoped that misunderstandings can be corrected.

Aldo Chiappa from the City Festival Coordination staff explained the process the City was trying to implement in order to facilitate orderly administration of festivals citywide. Central to this process was a standardized Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with additional clauses covering special conditions. HOPE organizers indicated their desire to cooperate in this endeavour.

The situation with regards to noise level management was discussed. Councillor McRae pointed out that this was a serious issue and has to be seen in the light of this event being the first in a week of activity in the community. There was consensus that a surround-sound speaker configuration rather than a central source on stage would help to achieve the 65-db noise exemption granted the event.

Several other issues with respect to traffic, shuttles and policing

were discussed and will be reflected in the MOU. Maria suggested that the HOPE people contact the Riverside Mall to discuss their particular problems during the event. In closing, Howard Keck suggested that while festivals benefited many worthwhile causes, he would like to see them make some contribution to the community in which they are held.

Traffic

Carolyn reported that installation of new water mains at Canada Post was the cause of roadwork near Riverside Dr. and Brookfield Rd.

Dave reported that he had read the correspondence last month from Mr. Wevrick about motorcycle racing and questioned if writing a letter to Osgoode Property would do any good and felt this information should be passed on to Councillor McRae's office. Rolf said he wanted to read the Wevrick letters before discussing the matter.

Winter Fun Day

Will take place at HCRCC on Sun Feb 15. Hot Chocolate will be self-serve, so no volunteers needed to do this. Carolyn encouraged as many directors as possible to attend.

770 Brookfield Development

A public meeting with Councillor McRae and City Staff, Project Developers was being held in Room 6, Riverside Churches at the same time as the RPCRA meeting.

Flo Ladds conveyed thanks from the HCRCC for the RPCRA's \$500 contribution to programs.

Roundtable

There were no further issues.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40