

Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Present:
Carolyn Gauthier
Rolf Calhoun
David Johnson
Barb Squire
Howard Keck

Regrets:

Other Attendees:
Francois Bouchard, for the
Riverside Mall and the
Country Grocer
Sarah Cousineau, for
Councillor McRae
Bill Smith, Neighbourhood
Watch
Dan Saikley, Lebanese Fun
Festival
Representatives for the
HOPE Volleyball
Tournament (see
attendance list)

Meeting called to order at 7:30.

Agenda:

Rolf suggested that the presentations by the HOPE and the Lebanese Fun Festival Events be moved forward to item 4 for the convenience of the the attending representatives.

Moved by Rolf, seconded by Howard. Carried

Approval of Feb 4 minutes.

Moved by Dave, seconded by Howard. Carried.

HOPE Volleyball Tournament

A number of representatives from the HOPE organizing committee (Linda Quarin – Event Manager) attended and gave presentations of their plans for 2004. This included issues related to security and safety, parking and traffic management, entertainment and noise management as well as site sanitation and cleanup.

The representatives apologized for past misunderstandings with the community especially with respect to the sound levels generated by musical entertainment at the event.

The format is the same as previous years (1000 teams and 10,000 participants). It is estimated that 15,000 attend the live music events at the beer tent. As a result the HOPE organizers estimate 20,000 to 25,000 people will be on site at peak periods.

Information pertaining to parking availability and restrictions will be on the HOPE web site and advertising material as well as at the Mooney's Bay site. Dupont will

be closed and staffed by festival organizers. There will be 1100 parking spots available at Canada Post and 810 at Carleton University with a shuttle service.

Laura Andrews, HOPE entertainment manager, said that in conjunction with City staff and Ken Craigs Productions they were trying to achieve a "surround sound effect" from speaker placements in the entertainment area to reduce overall community noise levels.

North American Security said that the Ottawa Police Mobile Command Vehicle would be on site. There are to be 2 patrol cars in the community and 30 police officers, 30 paid security personnel and 150 volunteers present during the event. The RIDE program will be in place and 24-hour security will be in place at the Riverside Mall. Francois Bouchard noted that many of the cars paying for parking at the mall were left overnight which was encouraged for driving safety.

The RPCRA Board was generally satisfied with the planning information for the good management of this event and consideration for community issues. Carolyn said some work still remained with the MOU and the Board would like to have more information regarding speaker placement at the event.

Lebanese Fun Festival

On behalf of the LFF, Mr. Dan Saikley presented a summary of the 2003 event. The LFF would be happy to sign a similar MOU for 2004 and would continue to address any community issues arising during this event.

The LFF also plans to make changes to stages and sound systems to further reduce sound levels throughout the surrounding neighbourhood.

Carolyn asked if the same rides would be featured this year and would the Round-Up ride be included? Mr. Saikley said that the same rides operator was expected to be back and detailed planning was still in progress.

Further discussion followed about coordination between Riverside Mall and the St. Elias Community Centre during large-scale events at the latter. It was noted that St. Elias was hosting a major PanAm Parish Conference on the first weekend in July 2004.

5 minute break

Correspondence Received

Letter of thanks from Riley Brockington for gift from RPCRA
Notice of Public Hearing for a Zoning variance on Sandhurst Court
Notice of Public Hearing for a Zoning variance on Revelstoke Drive

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer presented the current Balance Sheet statement and Income Expenses report. Rolf noted that although we had not received the December 2003

statement from the bank, the current statements were tracking correctly.

Rolf was proceeding with the application for liability insurance and would issue the necessary check for \$1080.

Moved by Rolf, seconded by Howard. Carried.

Payments for final rink expenses for the season and honorariums to be paid.

Moved by Rolf, seconded by Barb. Carried.

Monthly report approved.

Moved by Rolf, seconded by Howard. Carried

New Business / Committee Reports

Traffic

Bill Smith notes Community meeting Mar 9 at Riverside Churches to discuss traffic issues along Flannery and Springland.

Communications

RPCRA web site is down and may have lost backup files. Doug Beardshaw to investigate.

Winter Fun Day

Moderate attendance and bake sale results.

Rinks

Discussion about scenarios for future support under reduced City funding. It was suggested that Bayview should be the lowest priority site.

Roundtable

Correspondence received from Mr. Wevrick respecting noise from motorcycle racing throughout River Ward and surrounding areas was given to Sarah Cousineau for the City's consideration.

Adjournment – 9:09 pm

Minutes taken by Dave Johnson, Secretary