

Manor Park Community Association  
Association communautaire de Manor Park

Minutes – February 14, 2006

Attendance: Patrick O’Keefe, David Goldfield, Robert Bennett, Tim Bowman, John Forsey, Tom Rodda, Sharleen Tattersfield, Jeffrey Thiessen, Robert Todd, Robert Valiquette, Ellis Westwood.

Absent: Gail Somers, Charles D’Amour, Ed Doe, Darlene Rodda, Mary Hickman, Loie Macdougall, Peter Macdougall, Marie-France Senécal, Inez Sunderland, Allison Simpkins.

Guests: Jacques Legendre, Fernand Begin, Susan Clarke, Ewen Cornish, Philip Hoan, John Mark Keyes, Michael Larrasse, Diane Lepage, Mark Seuw, Marianne van der Jagt.

Amendment: Item 3 of the January 2006 minutes should be changed from “A motion was made to give the committee \$650 for a one-time deal for a consultation” to “A motion was made to give the committee \$650 for a one-time deal for a consultation, subject to an invoice being presented to the treasurer.” Motion made by Patrick O’Keefe, seconded by David Goldfield. The motion was carried.

Item 1 – CFB Rockcliffe Action Plan: Patrick O’Keefe had asked Jeffrey Thiessen and David Goldfield to prepare a preliminary action plan for the Rockcliffe Base redevelopment. Two meetings were held in order to develop a vision so the MPCA could be ready for the city’s public consultations. The MPCA was one of twelve community associations invited to a meeting on February 13 regarding the formation of an association of associations to deal with the issue.

Item 2 – CFB Rockcliffe Development Liaison: Patrick O’Keefe attended a presentation by the Canada Lands Corp. to the Rideau-Rockcliffe Ward Council. He met with representatives from several other community associations, including those from Rockcliffe, New Edinburgh, Rothwell Heights and Fairhaven, and was in favour of joining a one-issue based community group to develop and promote a vision of the people with regards to the redevelopment of the Rockcliffe Base. A motion to join was made by John Mark Keyes, seconded by Tim Bowman. The motion was carried. A motion for the MPCA to maintain an independent subgroup was made by David Goldfield, seconded by Robert Todd. The motion was carried.

Item 3 – Manor Park Dinner Dance: The annual dinner dance was well attended this year. The dance operated at a slight loss, though exact figures were not yet available, so there will be an increase in ticket prices next year. The committee is ready for next year, and the Aviation Museum has already been reserved. The possibility of moving the date of the dance to the end of February was raised, though more discussion is needed.

Item 4 – Karen Way Update: John Mark Keyes visited planning lawyer Peter Vice for several hours. Mr. Vice gave advise on how to appear before the City’s Planning Committee. He would also be available for further consultation if needed. Mr. Keyes also met with RichCraft, who did not express willingness for a building shorter than nine storeys. The Karen Way Committee is planning a community meeting on March 15 in preparation for the Planning Committee meeting on March 28.

Item 5 – Beechwood Avenue Design Plan: Tim Bowman attended a presentation by National Capital Engineering and City staff for the final high-level long-term vision for the beautification of Beechwood Avenue east of Springfield Road. Topics discussed included the impact of nearby urban redevelopment, the possibility of narrowing the street improve sidewalks, and a parking study to possibly have cars park on nearby side streets.

Item 6 – Councillor Legendre Report: Jacques Legendre reported that there is a grant programme for projects such as the Manor Park history project, and that the City has contacted Dawn Logan about a possible grant.

Item 7 – Rockcliffe Base Institutions: Michael Larrasse suggested an idea for two national research institutes to be built on the redeveloped Rockcliffe base, financed by private stakeholders along with government grants. One would be the House of Waters, and the other would be the Dept. of Peace and Sharing. They would be located close the NRC, the RCMP and the CPC, and would provide employment for local residents.

Item 8 – Scouts: The MPCA is a major sponsor of 63<sup>rd</sup> Ottawa Scout Troop. Ellis Westwood asked for a nominal contribution of \$100 to help cover costs for the year 2006. A motion to contribute the amount was made by Robert Bennett, seconded to Tim Bowman. The motion was carried.