

**Glebe Community Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting
January 24, 2006**

Present:

GCA Board Members: June Creelman, President, Catherine Bell, Martha Bowers, Chris Bradshaw, Bob Brocklebank, Neil Brommell, Cindy Delage, Doreen Drolet, Leslie Fulton, Michelle Gagnon, Guy Giguère, Inez Kettles, Christine McAllister, Ian McKercher, Joyce McMahan, Frank Oakes, Karen Reynolds, Diana Tyndale, Caroline Vanneste

Others: Clive Doucet, Sean Cahill, Liam Finney, Noelle Harris, Desmond Hassell, Sally Juden, Kevin Love, Kiersten Love, Claudia McKeen, Doug McKeen, Terri-Ann Priel, Hannah Reid, Judith Slater, Jeff Sloan, John Smart, Brenda Schroh, Cathy Vincent, John Vincent, Jeannie Wynne-Edwards,

1. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Roger Short moved the approval of the agenda.
Seconded: Leslie Fulton
Carried

2. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: Leslie Fulton moved that the minutes of November 22, 2005, be approved.
Seconded: Bob Brocklebank
Carried

3. President's Report

The public consultation meeting to look at the drainage study affecting Glebe areas from 4th Avenue to the 417 was poorly attended. The study will proceed. June advised the GCA that the City does take flooding seriously. If you have flooding, report it each and every time to the City.

The functional design for the Bank Street project is completed and money is in this year's budget for Wellington to Laurier. Decisions on light rail need to be made before proceeding further into downtown. It will be 2007, more likely 2008 or 2009 before they get to the area of Bank St. around Lansdowne Park. The City has put money in the budget to undertake a planning study on a policy for hydro wire burial.

The City is testing different designs for the Pay and Display parking machines that you now see in the 2nd Ave. parking lot behind Loeb.

4. Councillor's Report

Mr. Doucet advised that the budget is his main item to report on, but that a written flyer is being sent to households detailing the budget process.

5. Committee Reports

5.1 Planning Committee

615 Bank Street: Bob Brocklebank reported that the project at 615 Bank Street (at Strathcona) was approved. The Board generally felt it was a good project, but there were some concerns over the height.

14 Morris Street: This property has been purchased by Alan Bateman who is proposing to rehabilitate the existing house and build another, linked, house behind. He would then sever the lot. An appeal was made at the Committee of Adjustments on January 11 seeking a delay in its decision to allow for neighborhood consultation. The Planning Committee has not yet met to take a position, but are awaiting the opinions of the neighbours. Building of the linked structure does not require a zoning change, but severance of the property does.

Neighbours have been meeting and would like to oppose the development. They are not against development, but are concerned that this type of project will create problems for parking, snow removal, and traffic. It also will impact on neighbouring properties.

The Board felt that if the project does not fit within the rules, and if the residents on the area are opposed to the development, the Board should support the residents.

MOTION: Bob Brocklebank moved that the Glebe Community Association opposes the development project at 14 Morris Street as it is currently proposed, and concurs with the opinion of the City's Planning and Growth Management Department that the proposed project does not respect the established pattern of the street, is out of character with the neighbourhood, does not sufficiently contribute to the vitality of the street and is not in keeping with the goals of the infill housing guidelines.

Seconded: Frank Oakes

Carried

MOTION: Chris Bradshaw further moved that the GCA opposes this project on the grounds that it affects the zoning of several blocks and the severance of this property is too great a variance issue for the Committee of Adjustments and it should be subject to the zoning review process.

Seconded: Doreen Drolet

Carried

The CGA encouraged neighbours to continue communications with the developer, and the GCA will write noting its opposition.

680 Bank Street: At the last meeting of the GCA, the Board was concerned over a proposed configuration change for the building. This is now academic as the property has been leased for

an “Irish Fine Dining Establishment”. Neighbourhood concerns include outdoor usage/patios, garbage, landscaping, signage, traffic and kitchen smells. Neighbours are talking with the developer. The GCA discussed the lack of a vision for Bank Street and suggested a letter go to the City asking for a visioning exercise on the future of Bank Street in the Glebe.

MOTION: Bob Brocklebank moved that the GCA ask the City to undertaken a community design project for Bank Street in the Glebe vicinity.

Seconded: Leslie Fulton

Carried

5.2 Traffic Committee

Bronson: Guy Giguere continues to monitor the implementation of proposed changes relative to traffic issues in the Bronson area.

O'Connor at Monkland Parking: The parking issue on O'Connor at Monkland continue to be an issue and a bulb out is seen as the solution. Mr. Doucet noted there are 3 bulb outs planned for that section of O'Connor and proposed that one might be moved to the Monkland intersection.

Sidewalks: Sidewalks on Fifth Avenue are good, but they are not perfect. Problems continue on Strathcona and Patterson, but perhaps better snow removal would help.

Pedestrian Safety: Judith Slater reported on activity to ensure safer pedestrian crossings at Catherine and Kent, and Chamberlain at Lyon. Some improvements include wider paint lines at the stop, more speed signs, and disallowing a right turn on a red light from Catherine onto Kent. Not everything has been resolved, but there has been a good reaction from the City.

6. All Candidates Meeting

Christine McAllister reported that the meeting may have been too popular as many people (estimates of 200-300) had to be turned away. Six community associations joined together to host the meeting and 7 of the 8 local candidates participated. A report was submitted and will be a useful reference in planning futures meetings.

7. Underground Sound

Leslie Fulton reported that \$21,000 has been raised to date. The December concert was cancelled due to poor ticket sales. There is a great line-up of concerts: Bob Wilson performs on Feb. 23. Word of mouth really is a great advertising tool and Leslie asked that the Board members continue to help promote the concerts among their contacts.

8. GNAG

Hannah Reid, GNAG President, talked about a project idea to renovate the St. James Tennis Club for a teen centre. There were a number of catalysts to the idea: the back door of the Tennis Club was opened up with the GCC renovation, there is no designated area for the 11-16 year-old age group, and the Tennis Club is planning renovations. GNAG approached the Tennis Club with the idea of a more extensive renovation allowing year-round usage of the building. It will

primarily be a tennis club in the summer and a supervised youth space in the winter. This would be of benefit to the community at large

Discussions with the City have begun. Hannah is asking for GCA support in the consultation process and for GCA volunteers to help on the Committee.

MOTION: Leslie Fulton moved that the GCA join GNAG in requesting support from the City for the renovation of the Glebe St. James Tennis Club to enable it to house a supervised youth space during the winter.

Seconded: Guy Giguère

Carried

9. Other Business

9.1 Federation of Citizens Association

MOTION: Guy Guguère moved that the GCA renew its \$30 membership in the Federation of Citizens Association

Seconded: Christine McAllister

Carried

9.2 Property Tax Assessments

On behalf of the GCA, Bob Brocklebank chaired a public consultation meeting on property tax assessments. Mr. Doucet advised that there would be a meeting next week to come up with a strategy for the next three months (contact his office for exact timing of the meeting). It is generally felt that the assessment act is not successful the way it is and political push and agreement is needed to effect change. An NDP panel is travelling to a number of centres, Capital Ward being one host site. Desmond Hassell talked to Richard Patten who agreed that something had to be done. Mr. Hassell also sees that people like Mr. Doucet have to be involved to propose a solution.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: It was moved by Bob Brocklebank that the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded: Neil Brommell

Carried

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, February 28, 2006