

**Glebe Community Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting
February 28, 2006**

Present:

GCA Board Members: Bob Brocklebank, Chair, Martha Bowers, Brian Carroll, Doreen Drolet, Rochelle Handelman, Liam McGahern, Inez Kettles, Ian McKercher, Joyce McMahon, Roger Short, Janet Sutherland

Others: Clive Doucet, Ingrid Hall, Colleen Leighton, Jay Nordenstrom, Jerry Rogers, John Smart, John Vincent,

1. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Brian Carroll moved the approval of the agenda.
Seconded: Doreen Drolet
Carried

2. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: Ian McKercher moved that the minutes of January 24, 2006, as amended, be approved.
Seconded: Bob Brocklebank
Carried

3. President's Report

Bob Brocklebank chaired the meeting on behalf of June Creelman who was out of town. He had a number of notices to make.

Mutchmor School Council Auction: An auction will take place on March 25 at 8 p.m. to raise money to make school yard improvements. They are looking for people to attend and to donate auction items. Contact Meghan Wallace, if you're interested
mutchmor.school.council@theglebeonline.ca .

Brown's Inlet Drainage: The Ministry of the Environment has responded and the response is posted on the Glebe-on-Line. People are encouraged to read this response.

St. James Tennis Club/Teen Centre: On April 24 there will be a public consultation meeting with neighbours of the St. James Tennis Club, GNAG and GCA to talk about the project idea to renovate the club and use it as a teen centre during the off-tennis season.

Library: There will be a library meeting March 1 at the Rockcliffe Park Community Centre to talk about the central library. Caroline Vanneste will represent GCA, but everyone is welcome.

Federation of Citizens' Association: There will be a meeting Monday at the GCC. Bob Brocklebank will represent the GCA. Associations are allowed 2 reps. As Mike Delage may be unable to attend, another GCA rep would be welcome.

4. Councillor's Report

Mr. Doucet presented a Notice of Motion he is planning to make to the Transportation Committee of Council. His concern is the lack of funds going into Capital Ward. No Capital Ward project is scheduled to receive funding over the next 10, and renovation of the GCC is the only heritage project in recent years. The City needs to find new ways to make money. Mr. Doucet is suggesting a pilot project, which would charge a road fee on traffic entering Capital Ward. The resulting revenue would remain in Capital Ward for Capital Ward projects. The effect would not likely be felt by residents of the ward, but by those cutting through it.

Some GCA members were concerned that this would have a negative effect on the Glebe and make us look like we don't want others in our neighbourhood. Suggestions to Mr. Doucet were to seek support from other councillors before going forward and to set up a mock poll which would receive more positive press and show the potential revenue to be raised. It was noted that tourism is Ottawa's third largest revenue source and protecting the downtown protects that revenue source.

Recognizing that the motion is unlikely to pass, Mr. Doucet is hopeful it will at least get the discussion going. There is nothing wrong with trying to protect your community.

5. Committee Reports

5.1 Planning Committee

14 Morris Street: The GCA was successfully represented by Frank Oakes at the February 1st committee hearing. The application for variance and severance made by the developer were rejected. He has until March 1 to appeal this decision. However, the developer does have a valid building permit to renovate the existing structure and build on to it. An interim control bylaw to freeze further applications was considered, but was not seen as a viable option as it could prevent homeowners from making renovations to their homes.

The City is moving to amend the old by-law to redefine the concept of a duplex. There does not seem to be any opposition to this proposal and it will likely be approved. Once approved, this type of development will not happen again.

On behalf of the neighbours, John Vincent thanked the GCA and Councillor Doucet's office for all their support. He reported that the developer was proceeding to redevelop the house and build within the allowance of the building permit. He plans to sell the structure as a duplex. Neighbours are monitoring the work.

615 Bank Street: Bob corrected his report from last meeting. The Committee of Adjustments had approved the Domicile proposal, but an appeal has been entered with the OMB. No hearing date has been set.

680 Bank Street: There is growing concern over what is happening. A pub, patio, live entertainment establishment seems to go beyond the approved site permit for an enhanced retail space. A stop order was issued based on the fact that what is happening doesn't appear to match what is on the permit. Work has not stopped. A notice of the liquor license apparently drew many concerns. Neighbours are hoping this will attract further attention and are closely watching the project.

Doreen Drolet noted that there is an area rep. vacancy on the Board for Clemow and Powell, between Bank and Bronson.

A preliminary public consultation on the development of an image for Bank Street took place a couple of weeks ago. There was much agreement in wanting Bank Street to be a lively, active street. But there was no unanimous agreement on the make-up and look of this lively, active street. The GCA needs to work with the GBG and BANG (Business Association of North Glebe if it still exists) on the development of a vision.

Planning and Environment Committee: A front yard parking agenda item drew Bob to the meeting. The City will issue tickets, rather than a summons, for illegal front yard parking, but only after a complaint. The relevant document is on the web.

99 Fourth Avenue/Post Office Development: There is a proposal for cash in lieu of parking for a medical centre being planned in the basement.

5.2 Membership Committee

Doreen Drolet would like to table a motion with the Board to get approval of the budget and timing of the 2006 membership campaign. She is proposing to start the door-to-door campaign in May, with on-line registration to start in April. A budget of \$1000 would cover data entry (\$400), Wine and Cheese (\$200) and printing, supplies, photocopies (\$400). Last year printing, supplies, and photocopies were an exceptional \$1500 to purchase some re-usable supplies. The year before was \$900. The Board was pleased to see that the purchase of re-usable materials for last year's campaign has enabled the Committee to reduce its expenses.

The following motion was tabled for future voting by the Board:

Doreen Drolet moved that the GCA set the date for the 2006 membership door-to-door campaign during the month of May, preceded by an all-year on-line registration campaign starting in April.

Doreen further moved that the GCA approve a \$1000 budget, including an advance of \$500 to the Membership Committee Chair, for the GCA 2006 membership campaign.

6. Underground Sound

A written report from Leslie Fulton was read. The February concert, featuring Tom Wilson drew 193 people, of which 178 were paid tickets. An estimated \$1,400 profit was made (unofficial numbers).

The next concert features multiple-Juno Award winner (and Grammy nominated) Colin Linden on Wednesday, March 22. GCA Board members are encouraged to attend this concert to show their support and also pass along the details to their friends, neighbours, colleagues and families.

7. Volunteer Canada Membership/Directors' Liability Insurance Renewals

Following agreement by the Board last spring, the GCA became a member of Volunteer Canada, with a view to obtaining the Directors' and Officers' liability insurance open to VC members. Annual renewal notices have been received. Membership and insurance both expire March 31. Membership in Volunteer Canada is \$100 for the year, and the insurance is \$513 (includes fees and taxes). General agreement was that this is a small part of the GCA budget and a worthwhile expense.

The following motion was tabled for future voting by the Board:

Joyce McMahon moved that the GCA renew its membership in Volunteer Canada and renew the Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance offered as a Volunteer Canada membership benefit.

8. Great Glebe Garage Sale

Janet Sutherland is the GCA rep for this year's garage sale on May 27. As has been the case in the past, she would like to place ads in the Glebe Report in April and May promoting the sale. To the best of her knowledge, there are no other costs associated with the sale. Suggestions raised were to place posters in neighbourhood businesses and to get volunteers to go around later in the afternoon of sale day to collect donations for the Food Bank. Janet was reminded that this is a GCA and Food Bank project.

The following motion was tabled for future voting by the Board:

Janet Sutherland moved that the GCA allocate an expense of \$470.80, which included GST, for the purchase of 2 half-page ads in the Glebe Report.

9. Ward Council Committee on Property Taxes

A meeting was held last week and the issue is being kept alive. The focus of this committee will be to come up with modifications to the assessment system.

10. Nominations Committee

It is time to establish a Nominations Committee for next year's Directors to be presented at the GCA AGM normally held early June. June Creelman has indicated her willingness to sit on the Committee. Doreen Drolet, as Membership Committee Chair has also agreed to join the Committee. Ideally there should be at least one more member. Please indicate your interest to June or Doreen.

11. City Budget Reductions

Bob asked the Board if he and June should appear before the Committee to express the neighbourhood's concerns, or would a greater impact be made having a number of individuals make shorter presentations? For example, Environment Committee talking about the reduction in tree plantings, Litter Committee talking about reduced litter pickup, a resident of the Palisades talking about how they rely on day service of the #6 bus etc. It was felt more presentations would make the greater impact.

The Board was clearly concerned over the decision to cut GCC staff and wondered about the rationale behind such a decision. It was noted that for this year funding from reserves may be authorized, however, the issue remains.

12. GNAG

Inez Kettles reported the GCC was selected for an Award of Excellence in the Adaptive Use category of the Ottawa Architectural Conservation Awards. A public consultation on the St. James Tennis Club renovation is proceeding. The 8th annual Taste of the Glebe raised about \$9,000. The Glebe Renovation Spending Committee has formed a sub-committee to review and propose landscaping around the GCC. This sub-committee met with the City, who agreed to provide maintenance.

Next event is a Pub, Music, Comedy night Friday, March 3. Contact GNAG for tickets (\$5).

13. Other Business

Street redevelopment of Fifth Avenue east of Bank is planned for 2006.

Congratulations to Christine McAllister on the birth of her son last week.

14. Adjournment

MOTION: It was moved by Roger Short that the meeting be adjourned.
 Seconded: Liam McGahern
 Carried

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, March 27, 2006

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