

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

**Present:**

GCA Board Members: June Creelman, Martha Bowers, Chris Bradshaw, Bob Brocklebank, Neil Brommell, Brian Carroll, Doreen Drolet, Leslie Fulton, Michelle Gagnon, Guy Giguère, Rochelle Handelman, Inez Kettles, John Leaning, Christine McAllister, Joyce McMahon, Frank Oakes, Diana Tyndale, Roger Short, Caroline Vanneste

Others: Clive Doucet, Margaux Béland (#10, L'Amicale), Rob Campbell, Jim Gauvreau, Colleen Leighton, George Wright

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

June advised that the item on Litter would be deferred to April, there will be an update on the Ward Council will be provided under Other Business, and the order of when the remaining items will be dealt with may be changed to accommodate guests and late arrivals.

MOTION: Rochelle Handelman moved the approval of the agenda as amended.

Seconded: Christine McAllister

Carried

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

MOTION: Brian Carroll moved that the minutes of February 28, 2006, be adopted.

Seconded: Bob Brocklebank

Carried

**3. President's Report**

*All Candidates Meetings:* June was approached by the Ottawa East Community Association to see if the GCA would be interested in co-hosting an all candidates meeting at Saint Paul University. Following discussion, there was general agreement that the GCA will agree to co-host an all candidates meeting at St. Pauls, which will feature mayoral candidates. The GCA will keep with tradition and host its own all candidates meeting at the GCC, which will provide a venue for candidates for ward councillor and both school boards. The main cost to be borne by the GCA will be for sound systems.

*Farmers Market:* Coming from the Rural Affairs Committee, there is a proposal for a pilot farmers market at Lansdowne Park starting this summer, running for 2 years. A permanent location could then be sought. Councillor Doucet asked for time for public consultations. The Board discussed having a public consultation for residents and local businesses. On learning from Councillor Doucet that the pilot was only going to take place for 6 Sundays, and that produce would all be local, a full public consultation was not considered necessary. However,

this item will be placed on the agenda for April's Board meeting allowing residents and businesses the opportunity to raise concerns or questions.

*Brown's Inlet Public Consultation:* The City has answers to earlier questions about the installation of the tarp to control plant growth in the Inlet. The meeting will be held on April 19, 7-9, at the GCC.

*Teen Centre Public Consultation:* The proposal to renovate the St. James Tennis Club allowing for a teen centre during the winter months will be the topic of discussion on April 24 at the GCC. GNAG may also have some landscaping plans for the GCC at that time.

*Travel Cuts:* Travel Cuts on Bank Street at Second Avenue wants to start an affinity program with the GCA where they would make a financial contribution to the GCA when someone uses their services. Chris Bradshaw agreed to follow up with Travel Cuts to determine conditions and benefits.

#### **4. Councillor's Report**

Councillor Doucet reported that he voted for an expanded environmental assessment for plans to expand the Carp dumpsite. Those councillors that voted no for plans to expand recycling have also voted no on this issue. The City can't say no to everything.

He talked about the publicity fall out from his ideas on congestion fees and selling bottled water. User fees are being implemented on almost everything, so why not roads? He feels these are ideas that will come eventually.

Concerning the reconstruction of Craig Avenue and the western portion of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, a walk about/meeting at the GCC is being planned.

#### **5. Committee Reports**

##### **5.1 Planning Committee**

*14 Morris Street:* The by-law amendment to redefine the concept of a duplex went to the City's Planning and Environment Committee today. What is happening at this address will not be allowed to happen from this point forward.

*615 Bank Street:* The appeal will be heard by the OMB starting May 2. Encroachment of setback on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floors is the basis for the appeal.

*Chamberlain/Colizzo Construction:* An application for another story on the existing structure is being put forward.

*680 Bank Street:* Concern over what is happening persists. The issuance of a liquor license will be addressed as there were sufficient enquiries from neighbours. A stop work order has been issued, but work appears to continue. The GCA's Planning Committee has not yet received formal notice of any application. The neighbours have several concerns, which they put forward

to the City. Councillor Doucet's staff have been trying to get answers. At this time, it was generally agreed by the GCA that the stop work order should be enforced.

MOTION: Bob Brocklebank moved that the GCA write to Councillor Doucet and the City requesting that the City takes action to enforce the stop work order at 680 Bank Street, and to ask City staff to respond to concerns raised by neighbours to confirm that planned usage conforms to by-laws.

Seconded: Roger Short

Carried

## 5.2 Membership Committee

Doreen Drolet reported that the membership campaign would kick off on April 21 with a Wine and Cheese event. It is getting more and more difficult to get space at the GCC and GNAG kindly moved some of its programming to accommodate the event.

Christine McAllister, as an area rep, would like to have an e-mail list of members in her area so that she could send them updates on GCA activities. Leslie Fulton advised that her list is not so much GCA members in her area, but friends and acquaintances on her street and elsewhere in the Glebe. Currently the GCA privacy policy states the member's information will "only be used for membership purposes." Without compelling area reps. to write and distribute updates to residents in their area, it was agreed it would be helpful to have the necessary information and approvals in place to enable this communication to take place.

MOTION: Doreen Drolet moved that the membership form be amended to include a question asking the member if their GCA rep could contact them by e-mail with GCA news.

Seconded: Christine McAllister

Carried

Roger Short advised the GCA that the bank account has a very health balance, thanks to the good work of the Membership Committee.

## 5.3 Traffic Committee

Guy Giguère had good news concerning bulb-outs on O'Connor. Currently 4 are budgeted for: 1 at First Avenue, 2 at Second Avenue (north and south, east side), and 1 at Third Avenue. Approval has been received to move one of the bulb-outs from Second Avenue to Monkland, solving a long-standing problem.

Fifth Avenue/Craig Street Reconstruction: A walk about and meeting at GCC is being planned to take place before the City's Open House. The wider sidewalks and narrowing of the road will help with Craig resident complaints about their street being used as a throughway from Holmwood to Fifth.

While complements were given for the results of the new sidewalk design on Fifth Avenue, it was pointed out that the new design is not so successful on Strathcona Avenue. These sidewalks are narrower than those installed on Fifth Avenue. This narrower width, along with a large

number of driveways and poor snow removal, have in fact made the sidewalks more dangerous and frequently force people to walk on the street during winter months.

## **6. Graffiti**

June reported that there has been a surge in the amount of new graffiti in the Glebe. The business community is quite distraught and have written asking if the GCA could address this issue. June asked if the GCA would like to mobilize in some way to deal with this problem?

Graffiti comes in a couple of very different forms: graffiti art and tagging. Councillor Doucet advised that the City doesn't have the money and will never take responsibility to deal with this issue, which goes beyond this neighbourhood. If the community wants to mount a campaign, he will be glad to support it, but it must be done at budget time.

During discussion, it was clear that the Board was in agreement that graffiti is a growing problem. What it is willing to do is still unclear; however, the business community and building owners need to be part of the solution. It was noted that murals seem to escape tagging and perhaps the GCA could sponsor some sort of wall art competition. Another suggestion was to provide reward money for proof of such vandalism, which would lead to the prosecution of offenders. Graffiti is a criminal activity and the police should be responsible. Some surfaces can be given an anti-graffiti finish to allow for cleaning (have to keep on top of it). Old Ottawa South's approach is to keep painting over any markings.

As a first step, Colleen Leighton volunteered to research and write an article for the Glebe Report identifying this growing concern and advising people what they might do if they see it happening, or if they are the recipient of graffiti. In addition, June will raise this issue in her next report asking if there is a member of the community willing to take a leadership role in fighting graffiti.

## **7. Underground Sound**

About 190 tickets were sold for last week's Colin Linden concert. It was a huge success. The \$600 profit was the smallest to date, but publicity was good. About \$25,000 has been raised to date. Leslie Fulton asked that the Board and GCA members continue to help promote the concerts.

April 18 – David Gogo and Tony D.

May 22 – David Francey

Councillor Doucet said the concert series has made this issue visible. Here is a community raising money to fund something that is done automatically in other communities.

## **8. AGM Speaker**

The AGM is set for Tuesday, June 13. Suggestions for guest speakers/topics were: graffiti, Julian Armour to talk about the concert hall, heritage of the Glebe.

There will be some movement this year as June will be stepping down after 3 years; Diana Tyndale is leaving the neighbourhood opening up the Environment chair; and the

Communications Director is still vacant. The Nominations Committee of June and Doreen would still welcome more members.

## **9. Bank Street**

The Bank Street Reconstruction Committee dealt with the hardscape of Bank Street (sidewalk widths, parking, etc.) The next step is to determine what the community would like to see on the street. This currently rests in the hands of the building owners. The CGA should be aware of issues and thus more easily able to respond to issues as they arise. A couple of meetings have already taken place with a view to trying to come to a consensus on how the GCA would like to see Bank Street develop. Bob Brocklebank is proposing a further meeting on May 10 with the Glebe Business Group and the North Glebe Business Association. He is looking for Board approval to proceed in this direction and for members to participate.

MOTION: Christine McAllister moved that Bob Brocklebank start the consultation and planning process to look at the future direction of Bank Street, and further investigate whether a community design plan is necessary for Bank Street.

Seconded: Roger Short

Carried

## **10. L'Amicale**

Margaux Béland explained that L'Amicale is a new organization with the goal of providing a forum for francophones to get together for social, cultural and educational events. L'Amicale has been up and running since last fall, and is planning a formal launch for April 28. This will be a wine tasting event at the GCC. She would like to ask the GCA for its financial support in the amount of \$250: the same amount that GNAG and OOSCA have pledged.

MOTION: Doreen Drolet moved that the GCA provide a one-time financial contribution of \$250 to support L'Amicale's launch event.

Seconded: Brian Carroll

Carried

## **11. Glebe Business Group – Beat Cop**

The GBG asked if the GCA could ask the Police Services Board to reinstate a Beat Cop for the Glebe.

MOTION: Brian Carroll moved that June Creelman make a presentation to the Police Services Board requesting the reinstatement of a Beat Cop for the Glebe.

It was further moved that she first investigate a joint presentation by the GCA, Dows Lake Residents Association and Old Ottawa South Community Association.

Seconded: Christine McAllister

Carried

## **12. GNAG**

On-line registration is taking place. Upcoming events include: Fiddler on the Roof, April 7-8-9; Family Dance, April 21; Public Consultation on St. James Tennis Club renovation proposal, April 24; and L' Amicale Wine and Cheese, April 28.

## **13. Other Business**

### **13.1 Ward Council Committee on Property Taxes**

The Committee has come out with a statement with the intention of keeping the property tax issue in front of the public. It was noted that the deadline to appeal your MPAC assessment has been extended.

## **14. Adjournment**

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

### **NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

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