

**Glebe Community Association  
Draft Minutes of the Board Meeting  
April 24, 2007**

Present (Board): Bob Brocklebank, Virginia Carver, June Creelman, Guy Giguere, Rochelle Handleman, Kathi Launder, Carol MacLeod, Joyce McMahon, Karen Reynolds, Roger Short, John Smart, Janet Sutherland

Others: John Crump, Councillor Clive Doucet, Jeff Froggett, Gina Grotoli, Walter Hendelman, Wolf Illing, Catherine Johns, Randal Leavitt, Dale McArthur, Brian McGarry, Will Murray, Stephen Richer, Barbara Riley, Donna Silver, Brydon Smith, Janine Smith, John Vincent,

### **1. Approval of the Agenda**

Additions include:

- Mayor's 1000 day initiative – John Smart
- GCA meeting on Property Tax - John Smart
- Retree the Glebe – Carol MacLeod under Environment Committee Report

The agenda, with the above additions, was adopted.

### **4. Approval of the Minutes**

**MOTION:** (Creelman/Giguere) that the minutes of February 27, 2007, meeting be adopted.  
**Carried**

**MOTION:** (Creelman/MacLeod) that the minutes of the March 27, 2007, meeting be adopted.  
**Carried**

### **5. President's Report – Bob Brocklebank**

Underground Sound: Bob encouraged everyone to attend the May 9 concert featuring Lynne Myles and Sneezey Waters. It will be a great finale to this season's series which raises money and awareness to bury the hydro wires on Bank Street.

Playground Equipment: Bob has been approached by the City who is anxious to consult with local residents about how the equipment at Lansdowne and Britton parks (O'Connor at Fifth) could be improved. Bob will approach GNAG as they may be in a better position to assist with such consultations.

Pedestrian Strategy: Bob will be attending a meeting on May 1, being hosted by the City. Please let him know of concerns.

Farmers Market: The Glebe Business Group (GBG) will be holding discussions with the GCA about the farmers' market tomorrow. The Friends of the Farmers Market meet tomorrow night. This group is still trying to organize itself and is looking for people to get involved, and perhaps assume a leadership role.

Westboro/Property Tax Meeting: There will be a meeting tomorrow in Westboro, the beginning of an attempt to have a city-wide discussion of this issue among community associations.

Interprovincial Crossings (bridges): Our Traffic Committee has found a representative to attend this meeting on May 23 which is intended to form a public consultative group. Participants include: NCC,

City of Gatineau, City of Ottawa.

The Annex: Bob has talked to some residents in this area (west of Bronson, north of Carling, now in Capital Ward) and invited them to observe our meetings.

Upcoming Events this Saturday:

- Glebe Spring Clean-up
- Environment presentation at City Hall
- FCA workshop on traffic issues at Greenboro Community Centre

## 6. Councillor's Report

Clive talked about disregard for official City plans when it comes to voting on development projects across the City. A good example is a new 8-story building which is going up on Rideau Street, across from Wallace House. The Sandy Hill community design plan limits buildings to 5 stories, with a setback there is exception for 6 stories. Council approved an 8-story structure for this Rideau Street project. During debate, Clive pointed out that there is something wrong when a community says it can live with 6 stories and the City's official plan agrees, but Council votes in favour of the developer.

The City's official plan and community design plans undergo considerable public consultation, at a significant cost and time, before being approved. Clive suggested that every community needs to write to their councillor in a formal way, voicing disagreement with committee and council going in favour of developers, rather than going with official approved plans. The Glebe will be going through the same process on Bank Street and will want the City to respect its plan.

## 7. Committee Reports

### a) Environment/Anti Litter

Glebe Clean-up: On April 28, gather at 9 a.m. Fifth at Bank Street to clean from the Canal to Queensway (part of our agreement with the City re Adopt-a-Street). The Committee would like to encourage participation by the GBG, which is part of the agreement.

Pesticide-Free Community: The Board expressed its appreciation of the work undertaken by the Environment Committee and discussed in detail the proposal concerning the best wording and action involved in declaring the Glebe a pesticide-free community.

*Whereas a body of evidence shows that pesticides can lead to permanent harm to human health, particularly that of children, and to the health of pets and the environment, and whereas 126 cities across Canada have implemented cosmetic pesticide by-laws, and 12 bylaws are pending, and whereas organizations such as the Canadian Cancer Society, the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment and the Ontario College of Family Physicians have identified the health risks of pesticides and advocate that people avoid exposure to pesticides through mechanisms such as pesticide by-laws, and whereas a public opinion survey released March 29, 2007, showed that 84% of Ottawa taxpayers believe that lawn pesticides threaten the environment, and 72% support a bylaw to phase out the use of toxic lawn chemicals, and*

*whereas strong support to make the Glebe a pesticide free community was demonstrated by an estimated turnout of 500 people at the March 24, 2007, EnviroFair sponsored by the Glebe Community Association and by 98 Glebe residents who signed a petition to declare the Glebe pesticide-free, and  
whereas a symbolic pesticide free designation for the Glebe will send a positive message to the community, to people hoping to move into the Glebe, and to the City of Ottawa, that ours is a green community,*

**MOTION:** (Creelman/Carver) that the Glebe Community Association declares the Glebe a pesticide-free community and urges the City of Ottawa to pass a by-law banning cosmetic use of pesticides in the City of Ottawa as soon as possible.

**Carried**

Graffiti: The sub-committee working on this issue has found it cumbersome and time consuming to share information and links to relevant sites and would like to establish a new site to bring together all information and links in a single site. There was some discussion about keeping this site separate from the Glebeca.ca site for legal reasons.

**MOTION:** (Carver/Creelman) that the GCA authorize the expenditure of \$100 to purchase a domain name to host a web site to combine all information for one year, which will be long enough, to increase communication. **Carried**

Retree the Glebe: The Committee would like to make an application to the Community Environmental Project Grants Program (CEPGP) to fund a project to inventory all mature trees on both public and private property in our older inner city community, bounded by Dow's Lake, Carling, Bronson north to Isabella, east to the Rideau Canal and south along the canal to Dow's Lake. The application for funding to the Community Environmental Projects Grants Program (CEPGP) must be made on behalf of the GCA. The Committee has consulted with a number of groups, all of whom expressed enthusiasm and support for this project. Deadline for applications is May 25.

**MOTION** (MacLeod/Giguere) that the Glebe Community Association agrees to support the proposal of the Environment Committee to apply to the Community Environmental Projects Grants Program for monies for the Retree the Glebe Project. **Carried**

The Committee explained that the timing is very tight and that they have to take action and make expenditures immediately. The expert in the field required to train volunteers is only available in June, and the inventory must be done in the spring.

**MOTION** (MacLeod/Creelman) that the Glebe Community Association agrees to advance the Environment Committee an amount up to \$2000 on the understanding that it will be repaid if the grant is approved. **Carried**

## **b) Membership**

Bob reported that Doreen Drolet has stepped down as Chair of Membership as she is too busy with

her new job. We will proceed the best we can for the 2007 membership drive, beginning with a wine and cheese this Sunday, April 29, at Bob's house. Bob hopes that Doreen will continue to be involved with the Board to keep our link with l'Amicale.

**c) Traffic – Guy Giguere**

This Report will be deferred to the May Board meeting.

**d) Planning**

Bob reported briefly on behalf of the Committee. There continues to be concern over the full service restaurant license which allows expansion into longer hours, i.e. Humphries which has replaced the New Delhi Restaurant on Bank Street.

**e) Bank Street Reconstruction – June Creelman**

The City has a policy for all “special” streets, which are traditional main streets, distinctive streets. Bank Street falls into that category. This will eventually give guidelines for design, which will include wire burial on Bank Street. The GCA wants to have Bank Street dealt with using sound principles and policies rather than arguing for extraordinary treatment for our street. This committee reviewed the City document “Street Design Policy for Special Streets” and presented a position for consideration by the GCA Board. June briefly summarized the Committee's position paper.

**MOTION** (Creelman/Giguere) that the GCA adopt the position as presented by the Bank Street Reconstruction Committee as its position, and that the President send this position paper to the City with copies to all City staff working on the paper. **Carried**

June noted that they are planning to bury the wires on Elgin Street which is considered a gateway street. Maybe Bank Street could be designated a gateway street.

**f) GNAG**

A director of programming has been hired (assisting Mary Tsai Davies); landscaping will be done this spring; and they've just had a retreat to discuss their strategic plan.

**g) Great Glebe Garage Sale – Janet Sutherland**

- Janet has met with the City of Ottawa Special Events Advisory Team, which includes police, fire, OC Transpo, paramedics, and parking/bylaw staff.
- Businesses will need individual permits for sidewalk sales.
- The “Shop the Glebe” website is interested in putting up a map and pledge form, with a link to glebeca.ca.
- A poster for merchants will be ready early May.
- Janet is approaching schools to see if they can provide more vending space.
- A few businesses have agreed to receive donations for the Food Bank on the day of the

sale.

- Janet questioned if anyone knew who owned “greatglebegaragesale.com.”

The City will send trucks to pick up garbage from cans, and the extra cans, only. The Environment Committee should proceed with their plans for a Sunday clean-up.

## 6. GCA Annual General Meeting

The meeting is schedule for Tuesday, June 12, 7:30 p.m. Bob was looking for ideas for possible speakers: the Mayor, David Collenette (Transportation Task Force), Randall Denley (Citizen columnist)?

No other names were proposed, but there was a feeling that we should first invite the Mayor (it could be mentioned he offered to present a certificate for the GCA’s 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary). We don’t really know him yet and this could be an opportunity to do so.

## 7. Other Business

Mayor’s 1000 Day Initiative: John Smart wondered if timing was right to write to the Mayor saying we don’t think there’s enough effective communications. It might be early for such a letter.

Property Tax: John Smart tabled this item for the May Meeting.

## 8. Adjournment

**MOTION** (Short/McMahon) that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 p.m. **Carried**

**Upcoming Meetings**                      Tuesday, May 22, 2007  
AGM – Tuesday, June 12, 2007