

Glebe Community Association
Draft Minutes of the Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 22, 2007

Present: Bob Brocklebank, Ben Anthony, Martha Bowers, Neil Brommell, Brian Carroll, June Creelman, Cindy Delage, Rochelle Handelman, Inez Kettles, Ian McKercher, Carol McLeod, Joyce McMahon, Dale Miller, Frank Oakes, Janet Sutherland, Caroline Vanneste

Other: Clive Doucet, Jim Gauvreau, Donna Silver, Barbara Wysocka

1. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: (Bowers/McKercher) that the draft agenda be adopted. **Carried.**

2. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: (McLeod/Sutherland) that the minutes of April 24, 2007, be adopted. **Carried.**

3. President's Report

Membership Campaign: The campaign is underway. Bob is thinking of setting up a stand during the garage sale hoping to reach some of the Glebe residents who are more difficult to reach, especially those in the large apartment buildings.

Great Glebe Garage Sale: There was a last-minute crisis to get liability insurance through the City. However, with the assistance of Councillor Doucet's staff, a solution was found. It was discovered that some community associations are treated differently than others and Bob will follow up on this for future.

Planning: Draft guidelines on greenfields and transit-oriented development are posted on the City website for comments. A revised draft of the new zoning by-law is also posted. The Planning Committee will want to think about what kind of presentation it will be making on behalf of the GCA.

Pedestrian Plan: A large percentage, 80 %, of downtown trips are on foot. Open houses are being run, and one will be planned for downtown. People should think about things that encourage or discourage you from walking.

Education: The FCA has received a message from the Ottawa Carleton District School Board that this Saturday, they would like to have a representative attend a meeting on the School Evaluation Framework. They will address the methodology used to close schools and deal with boundary issues.

Education Program on Planning: The City will be offer a series of training sessions on planning issues. The first will be a Planning Primer on June 16. Check the City's website for information.

Doors Open: June 2 and 3 will offer people a chance to see all kinds of interesting buildings that would not otherwise be accessible.

4. Councillor's Report – Clive Doucet

Within the ward, there were three approvals:

- The application for a patio for Forno Antico was approved. The side patio will not be going in, but the one on Bronson will.
- Sunnyside Wesleyan Church made an application for cash-in-lieu of parking to accommodate their renovation. This was approved.
- A traffic light at South Keys Landing, Walkley near Bank, was approved.

Councillor Doucet would like to see some money, perhaps money from cash-in-lieu, going to communities for local concerns. Everything is currently handled at City Hall but he would like to see some financial authority, along with the finances, handed over to the communities.

Lansdowne Park: The Renegades don't appear to be coming back so addressing the future of Lansdowne Park is likely to be a priority for the Mayor. Doucet recommended that local business and the community create a plan for what they would like to see at Lansdowne, rather than reacting to proposals from others. A study from Murray and Murray was completed a number of years ago and is the latest plan. June Creelman questioned the terms of the work on Bank Street and how it may now relate to the redevelopment of Lansdowne Park. For example, the unsafe intersection at Bank and Wilton could be addressed by infringing on the park with a ramp east of Bank allowing access to the driveway.

Frank Oakes questioned the necessity of removing light standards in Central Park and replacing them with new one, and more. This item will be brought up for further discussion under "Other Business."

4. Committee Reports

a) Environment/Anti Litter

Clean-up - Carol McLeod

The committee organized the spring clean up on Bank Street. There are a number of other issues related to garbage. The committee agreed to defer all these issues until the fall and to work on a coordinated strategy. The next clean-up will be Sunday, May 27 to clean up after the garage sale. Meeting at 9 a.m. at Fifth and Bank Street.

Re-Tree our Glebe – Carol McLeod

The application is almost set to go in (must be in by May 25); waiting for a few letters of support. The GCC was not available, so the training session covering how to conduct the survey will take place at St. Giles Church, from 7-9 Friday and all-day Saturday. An article seeking volunteers will be in the Glebe Report and will be posted on the GCA web site. Volunteers are being asked to commit to at least 10 hours, on top of the training. The work can be done anytime after the training session until the leaves drop off in the fall. They are hoping to get 40 volunteers in total.

Note: The City has announced a tree program whereby they will provide homeowners with trees to plant on their own property. See the City web site for further details.

Graffiti

Colleen Leighton couldn't come, but she sent a written report advising that a presentation had been made to the Transportation Committee and Community and Protective Services Committee on May 3. The recommendation is going to City Council on May 23.

Reporting of graffiti continues to go to the City. City property has been cleaned on a regular basis and a student has been approached by the Olympic Sports Shop owner to do a mural on that building.

b) Membership – Bob Brocklebank

The campaign is underway. As we reach the end of the month, a few extra volunteers would be helpful to reach those areas that haven't been canvassed. Bob welcomed Barbara Wysocka who has volunteered to work on membership. The issue of using e-mail addresses was not addressed during this campaign, but privacy and related issues will be addressed during the year so that a decision will be made for next year's campaign.

During the GGS, Bob thought he would like to set up a table near his house on Third Avenue near Bank Street. Volunteers are needed to help staff the table - please let Bob know if you can help. Neil has a sandwich board that could point people down to Bob's house. The Farmers Market has a community table which we could make use of. Barbara offered to give it a go some Sunday.

c) Traffic Committee – Brian Carroll

The Committee met about a month ago to discuss the Wilton/Bank intersection. They addressed some parking signage issue on Fifth near Bronson. They also discussed parking on Bronson from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. and a motion to this effect is being brought forward. Pierre Johnson from Councillor Doucet's office is aware this is coming. The Dows' Lake Residents' Association has already passed a similar motion.

MOTION: (Carroll/Creelman) that the GCA request the City to implement overnight parking, between the hours of 11 pm and 7 am, on Bronson Ave between the Rideau Canal and the Queensway, as approved by Council, as recommended by staff, and as recommended in the Glebe Traffic Plan. **Carried.**

The City is to undertake a survey on the impact and effectiveness of no right turns off Torrington onto the Driveway during a.m. rush hour. Brian will check with Guy to determine if the City has promised to share these results with us.

d) Planning Committee

There was no representative from the Committee, but Bob reiterated that the June 8 meeting of the Council Planning and Environment Committee on the new draft zoning by-law will be important. The Committee is working on a response and the Board will likely hear from the Committee by e-mail.

e) Bank Street Reconstruction - June Creelman

As agreed last month, our position on Street Design Policy was submitted. A reply from the City was received. The City did not substantively respond to most points, but they did focus in on the point that current Hydro by-law calls for buildings to be set back 3 metres back. This calls for new buildings to have a far greater set-back than what most buildings now have. Another draft of the policy will be circulated in the fall.

Changes at Lansdowne Park may affect the work on Bank Street so we will have to figure out how we deal with that. June reminded the Board there would be no construction until 2009 so plans are to keep the interest alive and going forward at a slow pace. The report last month that Elgin Street is a gateway street and will therefore have its wires buried seems to be a rumour, but she is working to get to the bottom of the matter.

f) GNAG - Inez Kettles

Landscaping at the GCC is happening with help from Doug Casey and Davis Landscaping which is working for cost. A new GNAG position is being staffed which will help free up some of Mary Tsai Davies' time so that she can switch from day-to-day operations to strategic planning. The jewelry show was a big success and investigation into acoustic needs for Scotton Hall is beginning.

g) Great Glebe Garage Sale – Janet Sutherland

Promotions: Underway with thanks to Jim Gavreau for posting frequently-asked questions on the site. Confusion over dates persists because of internet links to previous years. This will need to be fixed before next year. Shop-the-Glebe involvement is new and has been a positive addition. Janet needs a volunteer to be interviewed by the A-channel.

Garbage: Will be picked up twice during the day. Following Sunday's clean-up, extra bags can be left beside cans and will be collected by the City on Monday.

Liability Insurance: Thanks to Councillor Doucet's office for helping solve the liability issue and this is another issue to be resolved before next year's sale.

Special Displays: La Strada parking lot for Ottawa Police Service and the Food Bank where the Mayor's office will be selling raffle tickets.

Donations to the Food Bank can be dropped off to the Food Bank at the La Strada parking lot until 4 p.m., cheques to the community centre, and cash or cheques to Liam McGahern Books.

h) Lansdowne Park – Neil Brommell

With the CFL revival seemingly fallen through, it's time to think about Lansdowne Park. It was generally felt that a visioning/ brainstorming exercise, similar to that done for Bank Street, should be planned. June Creelman volunteered to help, and the Planning Committee should be involved. Action includes:

- book Scotton Hall for Tuesday, October 16 if possible (Neil B.)
- track down the Murray and Murray report (Donna S. and Frank O.)
- research past history on Lansdowne Park plans and GCA positions
- mention of upcoming visioning exercise in Gebe Report as part of the President's Report in June report (Bob B.)
- fuller article for September Glebe Report

5. Dancing in the Streets

This year they would like to get local volunteers who know the neighbourhood. Exactly what the volunteers would do has yet to be determined. June and Bob will be attending a meeting with City's Special Events Committee shortly and more details will be available after that time.

6. AGM

The Mayor is not available and a message is with David Collenette who was out of the country until today. In the event he says no, other suggestions include: Randall Denley, Russell Mills, new NCC Chairman, David Gibbons from the Mayor's office, community liaison officer, Nancy Schepers, Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment.

7. Other Business

Lighting in Central Park: There is some concern about whether the increased number of lamps is required and if the lighting will be invasive of neighbouring properties. Timing is tight as they plan to install the new lighting in the fall.

Action: If project timing allows, Mr. Hopkins will be invited to a June meeting. Bob will make mention of this project in his report.

Cruelty to Animals: Carol MacLeod said that someone painted a squirrel in her area of Fourth Avenue between Bank and O'Connor Streets. Please keep an eye to see if this occurs elsewhere.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: (Carroll/Delage) that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40 p.m. **Carried.**