

**Glebe Community Association  
Draft Minutes of the Board Meeting  
Tuesday, September 25, 2007**

Present: Bob Brocklebank, Martha Bowers, Neil Brommell, June Creelman, Andreia Couto, John Crump, Cindy Delage, Leslie Fulton, Rochelle Handelman, John Leaning, Carol MacLeod, Ian McKercher, Joyce McMahon, Dale Miller, Frank Oakes, Neil Pearson, John Smart, Caroline Vanneste, Barbara Wysoka

Other: Clive Doucet, Vince Catalli, Desmond Devoy, Samuel Getachew, Jim Gauvreau, Colleen Leighton, Pat Lemay, Eric Meek, Jen Schellinck, Judith Slater

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

Additions under Other Business include: completion of construction of the steps at the Second Avenue entrance to the Glebe Community Centre (GCC), and Noise from the Lord Lansdowne building.

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

**MOTION:** (MacLeod/Creelman) that the minutes of June 26, 2007, be adopted. **Carried**

**3. President's Report – Bob Brocklebank**

Dancing in the Streets: Again this year there was a general feeling it was a good street festival, while raising awareness about cancer survival. *If members of the community have comments or concerns, the GCA wants to hear them.*

All Candidates Meeting: Thanks to all volunteers. Seemed to be a success. *Again, the GCA would be interested in comments from the community.* If you missed last night, there are other meetings planned around the riding.

Membership: It is time to wind up the campaign, so if anyone is holding packages, please return them to Bob. It was another successful campaign that reached out to thousands of people (about 3000 signed members to date).

Lansdowne Park: There has been significant publicity due to the crumbling south side stands. The GCA needs to discuss if this is an issue to work on, and if yes, how to do so.

Noise from Lord Lansdowne: This is the tower that used to be part of Glebe Centre at Bank and Holmwood. The problem seems to parallel a problem encountered here with excessive noise from the AC unit. There are new noise regulations that apply and the GCA should make sure these new guidelines are applied. Bob invited Eric Meek, a representative of affected neighbours, to come forward.

Mr. Meek reported that about 30 families are affected. A group of neighbours has gotten together to put together a letter to the City/Councillor Doucet recommending holding off on granting of the final occupancy permit until the AC works within bylaws. Mr. Meek is here to inform the Board of this situation and to seek the Board's support. June will provide contact information for residents that researched the noise problem from the GCC AC unit. There was

general agreement that the Board supports the position of residents affected by this noise issue.

Land Use Planning Primer: Two meetings have been held. Bob was involved in the second meeting and circulated material to the Planning Committee. Should people have an interest, he could provide information beyond the planning committee.

GNAG Representative: Someone is needed to fill the role of GNAG/GCA liaison.

Upcoming Meetings: City Centre Coalition (transport issues) and Federation of Citizen's Association this week. Always room for participation on behalf of the GCA.

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

Councillor Doucet advised of two successes from the Planning and Environment Committee.

First, a stay in the cash-in-lieu fee for the new Bridgehead in Old Ottawa South was granted

The other issue was a unanimous vote to go forward to develop terms of reference for an international urban design competition for the redevelopment of Lansdowne Park. Proposals in the past have been developer driven, and it would be good to open this competition to designers and architects only. Lansdowne Park is special as it is the only piece of green space in the centre of the city, connected to the canal, which is owned by the city. Public consultation will take place, but thought should be given to proposing GCA representation on the selection jury, or in developing the terms of reference.

*A small group from the GCA will meet to advise on a direction for the Board.*

**5. Presentation**– The Environment Committee's will report on this.

#### **6. Committee Reports**

##### **a) Planning Committee** – Neil Pearson

July saw applications for three demolitions in one week. All involved the demolition of an existing house, with incursions into setbacks for the development of the each new building. In two cases, the committee was able to influence the architects to engage with the community with positive results. A good process has evolved to help the Committee deal with such applications in the future.

##### **b) Environment Committee** – Carol MacLeod

Growing-Up Organic: At its meeting earlier this month, the Growing-Up Organic presentation was received. The main purpose in approaching the GCA was to get support. The committee offered support in principle, but advised that it had its own priorities to which took all its resources.

Re-Tree the Glebe training has occurred with about 25 participants. Money is available for equipment, with the project work being deferred to the spring of 2008. This will allow time to line up work, relationships with other groups, and secure more volunteers. A refresher course will be offered to volunteers before the work begins in the spring.

Grant: The Committee received a \$500 grant from the Glebe Report. Potential uses for this money are being examined.

Graffiti: Colleen Leighton reported that an article was in the Glebe Report asking for volunteers to “Adopt a Box”. Materials would be supplied for the volunteer to clean off graffiti - the theory being the sooner you remove it, the less likely it is to recur. The article will re-run in the next issue.

Garden Angels: Judith Slater reported that getting water to the boxes is a major issue and she is working with Councillor Doucet’s office to see if the City would water the boxes. They are also seeking more volunteers to help with new and future boxes.

**c) Membership** – Martha Bowers

A small subcommittee met to debrief from the last campaign and brainstorm on how to improve the process. Some good ideas were gathered and they will be working to ensure area reps. are in place next January. The Board felt it would be helpful if membership reports could gather volunteer names.

**d) Traffic** - Judith Slater

The Committee met in the spring to discuss a problem on Dows Lake Road, brought forward by a Dows Lake Road resident. They have been surveying traffic volume and speed. Once written up, further consultation is needed with Councillor Doucet’s office to determine how they will use this data.

Another issue exists on Renfrew Avenue at Imperial where lots of service vehicles use this route and go too fast. This will be discussed further at the next committee meeting.

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

At our October meeting, there will be a special presentation about Bank Street by Joanne Moore to give us an insight as to where we are. The project seems to be a bit off its schedule right now, with the next consultation not expected before the new year.

**7. Communications** – Leslie Fulton

Leslie has been working with Bob and Jim Gavreau, our web coordinator, to ensure the new web site is higher on the lists when people do web searches. Communications are taking place to advise groups of our new web site. An ongoing problem of links to the Glebe on Line (which is a dead site) continues, but is being worked on.

*To keep the web site active, Leslie urged Committee Chairs to provide up-to-date information on activities and meetings. Send information to Jim Gauvreau ([webmaster@glebeca.ca](mailto:webmaster@glebeca.ca)), copy to Leslie ([leslie@glebeca.ca](mailto:leslie@glebeca.ca) or [leslie@magma.ca](mailto:leslie@magma.ca)). Updates will be made on a weekly basis. E-mail addresses through the web site are available to committee chairs if so desired.*

Leslie is developing an e-mail list, solely for GCA use to keep residents informed of GCA activities and positions. *If you have friends or neighbours that would like to be on this list, please E-mail Leslie ([leslie@glebeca.ca](mailto:leslie@glebeca.ca)).*

Posters and distribution – Leslie would love to have a volunteer who would be in charge of posters for events. All else failing, each committee head would be responsible for posters for their events.

**8. Underground Sound – Leslie Fulton**

October 18 – The Souljazz Orchestra kicks off the season  
November 22 – Terry Gillespie  
February 2008– The Might Popo  
May 2008 – Brian Brown

Tickets, \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, are available at Compact Music, the GCC, and the Ottawa Folklore Centre. Concerts start at 7:30. Work is underway to get corporate sponsors again this year; and there may be a silent auction in November.

**9. Other Business**

**a) New Board Member – Caroline Vanneste**

**MOTION:** (Vanneste/Fulton) that Glen Scherning be nominated to sit on the GCA Board as Area Representative for 4B. **Carried.**

**b) Construction of Steps at Second Avenue – Rochelle Handelman**

Rochelle enquired what was happening with this work. Councillor Doucet thought the work had been completed, but will make an enquiry.

**c) Purchase of Ambulances – Samuel Getachew**

Samuel Getachew made a plea to the board, and more specifically Councillor Doucet, to assist in his cause of purchasing used ambulance from the City. He has the funds to secure the purchase (\$5,000), but is required to go through an auction process which will add an additional \$25,000 to the purchase price. Bob thanked Mr. Getachew and told him that there are no doubt members of the board who would be sympathetic to his cause.

**10. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** (Handelman/McMahon) that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m.