

**Glebe Community Association
Draft Minutes of the Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 23, 2007**

Present: Bob Brocklebank, Martha Bowers, Neil Brommell, Virginia Carver, June Creelman, Leslie Fulton, Guy Giguere, Kathi Lauder, Joyce McMahon, Frank Oakes, John Smart, John Vincent, Barbara Wysoka

Other: Clive Doucet, Vince Catalli, Karen Campbell, Desmond Devoy, Inez Kettles, Susan Landis, Jim Gauvreau, Colleen Leighton, Barbara Riley, Samuel Getachew, Jim Gauvreau, Colleen Leighton, Pat Lemay, Eric Meek, Jen Schellinck, Judith Slater

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda as drafted was adopted.

2. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: (Creelman/Fulton) that the minutes of September 25, 2007, be adopted. **Carried**

3. Information Update – Bank Street Reconstruction Project

Guests from the City of Ottawa: Joanne Moore, Project Manager, and Neil Stout, who will be replacing Jo-Anne shortly when she goes on leave

Guests from IBI Consulting Group: Edson Donnelly and David Hatten

The project is split into two segments: Canal to Third Avenue, and Third Avenue to the 417. Within each segment, there will be a design phase and a construction phase. The project is in the design phase. The split was necessary as the construction portion of the project is just too large to undertake all at once. In terms of timing: 2009 for the Canal to Third Avenue; and 2010 for Third Avenue to the 417. Each phase will have two open houses. The first open house for the design phase of the Canal to Third Avenue will be coming in the next couple of months.

A public art competition is well underway. Of the twenty-six proposals received, six have been short listed. There will be a public display of these proposals at the Glebe Community Centre (GCC), November 12, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Scotten Hall.

Burial of Hydro Wires: The existing design plan does not include burial of hydro wires. However, a street design policy, for streets like Bank Street, is under development at the City. Burial of the wires is turning into a council-led issue and some direction from this policy is anticipated down the road. Until shovels are in the ground, it is never too late to change. To bury the wires means the wires would be contained in large underground ducts, with these ducts cutting into buildings and connecting to power down side streets. It was noted that with underground wires, transformers are placed at ground level, likely just off Bank on side streets. Jo-Anne said she would try to get some further information from Hydro; and that thought is being given to setting the infrastructure for future burial.

The proposed redevelopment of Lansdowne Park will not impact on this work at this point. If and when concrete plans for the park are approved, the plans for Bank Street's redevelopment would be meshed with the plans for the park.

4. President's Report – Bob Brocklebank

Upcoming Events:

Heritage Ottawa Lecture about the Rideau Canal, Wednesday, October 24, 7 p.m. in the Central Library Theatre, Laurier Avenue.

FCA, Wednesday, October 24 - June will attend, but others are welcome

October 27-28: The Great Glebe Pumpkin Event.

November 12: Exposition of art proposals for Bank Street.

November 2-3: The Glebe will play host to another movie filming.

The news lights in Central Park seem to be attractive, functional, and not too bright for neighbouring homes.

New Official Plan for the City of Ottawa: Starting today, a revision of key documents is underway. A series of white papers dealing with all sorts of topics has been issued. The intent is to get people thinking about these topics. A further consultation session, City Café, will take place at Lansdowne Park. Registration is required. Check the City's website.

5. Councillor's Report – Clive Doucet

Housing: A new strategy, an Inclusive Housing Policy, is coming forward. This means in new areas, and infill projects, a certain portion of development will have to be affordable housing. Developers are not happy about this.

Harmonized Zoning By-law: The GCA did some great work on this which introduced some changes, for example leaving setbacks as they are, rather than reducing them to almost zero.

Lansdowne Park: Clive is still fighting for an international open design competition. There is lots of local talent, and hopefully a local person will win. He sees it as critical to keep the park in the public domain. The idea of selling off the only real park we have in the centre of the city is wrong. Thanks to all those who worked on the Lansdowne survey. It really shows people from across the city want to participate in the park's future.

6. Lansdowne Farmers' Market

Guest: Christina Bates

The Friends of the Ottawa Farmers' Market were asking for support of this Market which runs from May to November. It is special in that it sells 100% locally produced products, which is different by the Byward and Parkdale markets, thereby helping make local farming sustainable.

MOTION: (Creelman/Oakes) that the GCA write to the City expressing its support for an extension of the pilot project for a further 3 years at Lansdowne Park. **Carried.**

7. Communications – Leslie Fulton

Hits to website have gone up, mostly due to the survey, but the longer length of the visit indicates that people are staying on the site and checking out the GCA. From the 1388 survey responses to date, it is clear that the public feels it should have a say in the redevelopment of Lansdowne Park; and more that half support an open international design competition. There has been significant media and the GCA is seen in a positive light for having undertaken this initiative. Full statistics will be released in the Glebe Report; and perhaps a press release when we hit 1500 responses. Survey Monkey, \$20 per month, was used for the survey and members of the Executive felt that it was a reasonable expense. Seeing how it has worked, it could be useful for other issues affecting the Glebe. Thanks to Leslie who worked so hard, and quickly, to get the survey up and running, and information out to the press at the right time.

8. Committee Reports

a) Underground Sound – Leslie Fulton

The October concert was cancelled as only 10 tickets were sold. This is not bad considering only 2 concerts have been cancelled in the 3 seasons of Underground Sound. The Committee met and decided to continue with November 22, Terry Gillespie of Heavens Radio. Doreen Drolet suggested working with L'Amicale for a French concert in February or May to expand our audience and work with a new partner. Thought will also be given to bringing in a bigger draw artist to increase audience size. Corporate sponsorship is great ...

It's really important to get the message out there about the concerts: Leslie cannot do it alone.

b) Planning Committee

There was no report.

c) Environment Committee – Virginia Carver

Retreeing the Glebe is moving forward and the EC is getting lots of cooperation from the City and NCC. The major work will be next year when the leaves are on the trees.

Major graffiti action is waiting for the establishment of the BIA so that we can work with the businesses. In the interim, individuals are cleaning boxes under the "adopt a box" initiative. More volunteers are always welcome – contact the EC. Clive noted that the City has a policy to clean up graffiti on its property within 48 hours of being reported. Call 311 in you notice graffiti on city property.

Bank Street Clean-up: The 2nd clean up will take place on November 17, following the Santa Claus Parade. Meeting outside Fifth Avenue Court at 1:30 pm. Virginia will check with Starbucks to see what their adoption of Bank at Third means, considering the GCA has already adopted all of Bank Street from the 417 to Canal.

The \$500 donation from The Glebe Report will likely be used to pilot 2 butt stop boxes: one at Bank and Third, the other at Bank and Second.

An environment group from Old Ottawa East want to get together and lobby for a foot bridge from Fifth to Clegg. They are looking for support and participation. Virginia will respond that we would like to talk.

The EC will draft a letter going to Parks Canada, the City and NCC to address responsibility for cleaning the garbage in Patterson Creek and Browns Inlet.

d) Membership – Barbara Wysocka

They are still in the analysis stage and hope to have a student enter data for next month.

e) Traffic – Guy Giguere

Glendale/Renfrew/Percy residents have complained about volume and speeding. Some new traffic signs for speed will be installed at Percy and Renfrew, and Lyon and Renfrew. The committee met with residents and suggested if residents want the committee's help, they will have to help the committee count traffic, get signatures on petitions, and to join in the walk about with city staff.

Historically this committee dealt with speeding issues. More and more it's about pedestrian safety. Correspondence on traffic issues dealing with the Driveway that are directed to Clive should also be copied to Paul Dewar.

9. GNAG Update – Inez Kettles

Inez introduced the new GNAG representative: Karen Campbell.

MOTION: (Creelman/Carver) that Karen Campbell be elected to the GCA Board as GNAG representative. **Carried**

The new GNAG President is Ian Nicols , Vice-President is Mary Omeraud. The steps at Second Avenue should be finished before the snow starts. January 17 is set for the 10th Annual Taste of the Glebe: to be newly named "Taste in the Glebe". For the first time, restaurants outside the Glebe will be invited to take part.

A program for coffee with Glebe High School students is underway and hopes to raise participation in GNAG activities by teenagers.

10. Lansdowne Park

A planning group met to talk about a November 19 meeting. June has agreed to work with Neil Brommell on this project. Scotton Hall has been booked. The GCA has to be very careful not to oversell this meeting: we will not solve all the problems: it is an exploratory meeting to encourage community dialogue.

Some feel that as the Glebe is not the only stakeholder and we don't want to give the impression that we are speaking for the entire city. Others feel that the survey was such a powerful tool open to the entire city, perhaps the 19th could accommodate both Glebe and City-wide input.

Further comments can be given to June and Neil. The planning committee will be kept smaller in order to be most effective, but lots of volunteers will be required for the night of the meeting.

11. Other Business

Frank Oakes noted that the Ontario Government has new legislation on heating/furnaces requirements. When you get your furnace cleaned this fall, it may result in your furnace being “red tagged” if it does not meet specifications. If this happens to someone’s furnace, Frank has experience and is willing to help. Give him a call.

12. Adjournment

MOTION: (Giguere/McMahon) that the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 p.m. **Carried**

Minutes taken by: Joyce McMahon