

**Glebe Community Association
Draft Minutes of the Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 27, 2007**

Present:

Board Members: Bob Brocklebank, Karen Campbell, Virginia Carver, Andreia Couto, June Creelman, Guy Giguere, Kathi Lauder, Ian McKercher, Carol McLeod, Joyce McMahon, Roger Short, John Smart, Janet Sutherland, Caroline Vanneste, Barbara Wysocka

Other: Desmond Devoy, Magda Kubasiewicz, Pat Lemay, Cam Robertson (Item 3),

1. Approval of the Agenda

With the removal of items 9 and 10, the draft agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: (Campbell/Carver) that the minutes of October 23, 2007, incorporating typographic corrections, be adopted. **Carried**

3. Information Update – City Centre Coalition

Guest: Cam Robertson

The CCC is a 10-member association, of which the GCA is one member. They focus on transportation issues which mainly affect central Ottawa; proposing solutions, not just bringing up issues.

Some recent issues they have worked on include: widening of the 417; widening of Prince of Wales, supporting lowertown neighbours to keep King Edward to 4 traffic lanes, and requests to the NCC for pedestrian crossovers on the Queen Elizabeth Driveway and Colonel By Drive. They advocated, along with many other groups, against the proposed 7% increase to OC Transpo fares. They are now advocating for light rail through downtown and trying to get the downtown tunnel study underway now.

The City is planning for a record high of 200 km of new road construction; while they are funding only 40% of proposed road repairs. There is no City money allocated for pedestrian issues, safe cycling, or traffic calming.

The CCC is thinking of joining the Transportation Working Group of the Federation of Citizens' Associations (FCA), and will do so if member associations do not object.

4. President's Report – Bob Brocklebank

CCC: It would be nice if someone, on behalf of the GCA, could keep up on activities of this group.

Underground Sound: Attendance at last week's concert was lower than hoped for. That group may be rethinking their approach.

City Budget: The public session at Lansdowne Park was not very exciting. The 3 councillors (Doucet, Holmes and Hume) that attended were all of a like mind on issues, The challenge is getting the other 21 councillors to agree.

City Budget/Letter from the Mayor: A letter was sent to all community associations from Mayor O'Brien asking for help in assessing where savings could be made in administrative costs. Bob asked if the GCA should put together a group to give a presentation to the City on the budget? He noted there was no funding identified for the Bank Street project (does this mean work won't start before 2011?), and that there is no money for a traffic study of Sunnyside (which impacts on the Glebe Traffic Plan). Following discussion, it was generally felt that the Board would want to take a position. Bob will quickly pull together the interested board members. Some points raised at the board meeting include:

- One cannot gut staff - if you say you are not cutting front line services, but if drastic staff cuts are made, these services cannot be delivered.
- New revenue sources need to be found - recommend the City join with the City of Toronto to increase the PST (from the GST cut) to support city needs. Bob noted that Councillor Doucet is unable to attend tonight as he is working on a motion supporting this recommendation which he will present to Council tomorrow. There may also be a demonstration on Parliament Hill. Please watch the newspaper for further information.
- Staff Savings - Are there vacancies in City Hall for savings
- Capital Projects - should looking at curbing major capital projects rather than focusing on small administrative savings.

Graffiti: Bob will attend a strategy management meeting tomorrow. The GCA group is in a holding pattern until the GBG/BIA is settled.

Domicile Project on Bronson: Domicile is proposing another building on Bronson, north of Kipewa. Bob will make sure Neil Pearson/Planning Committee are informed.

Christmas Carolling: Students from Glebe HS, First Avenue and Mutchmor public schools and Corpus Christi will join on December 19 to sing carols on Bank Street.

CBC media workshops: are being offered to community groups focusing on how to pitch a story to the CBC. Bob will ask for a couple of spots for the GCA.

Federation of Citizens Associations: The FCA met with rural neighbours in Greely, Kars, Manotick, and Vernon. They found solidarity on a number of fronts.

5. Councillor's Report – As noted earlier, Councillor Doucet sent his regrets.

6. Lansdowne Park

Farmers' Market: Staff from the City and Lansdowne Park are now saying the Farmers' Market is part of the fabric of Lansdowne Park and they want it to stay. However, this is not the time to decide on a permanent home. They will extend the pilot project for another year or two until plans for the park are set.

Community Dialogue: Last Monday, about 150 people and 30 volunteers came out. There were 19 groups reporting on what they would like to see as part of the park, and what they would not like to see. Volunteers are transcribing notes and comment cards.

June invited Bob to report on the survey results, which will be posted shortly on www.glebeca.ca. There were 1,895 surveys responses with strong support for redevelopment of the park and for a public input into this redevelopment. A large portion of respondents live outside of the Glebe, Old Ottawa South and Old Ottawa East.

Reporting from last Monday, June said there was a surprising amount of consensus on what people want and don't want to see. Some ideas of what people want to see include: keeping the park in public hands, primarily for public use, as a multi-use, year-round facility. There was a green theme running throughout to have the development be a model of sustainability in all senses. Some of what people do not want to see include more asphalt, single use facility, and big box stores.

Unlike the survey, the comment cards indicate most participants in the Public Dialogue were from the Glebe. As a follow up to the meeting, a summary of the trends will be posted on the web site. With the information from this meeting, the GCA could quickly form a position if needed. We will wait until there is something to comment on before forming such a position.

Tomorrow, Council is to consider the staff recommendation to go ahead with a design competition, subject to budget approval. If successful, City staff have indicated a short time frame for public consultation on the design process and have asked that we be ready to help spread the word. They would likely be looking for public input in January, but will not have budget approval until later in December.

7. Committee Reports

a) Planning Committee

The Committee did not meet in November.

b) Environment Committee – Virginia Carver

Anti-litter Plan: on hold until the GBG/BIA is settled

Tree Project: still progressing

Pesticide-Free Glebe: would like to get something on the web site

Butt Stop Boxes: would like to use the \$500 to purchase 2 of these boxes. They would have to be put on City land so the GCA may have to give the boxes to the City so they can install them on their property. The Committee will discuss and return to the Board for authority to spend the money.

Footbridge Connecting Fifth Avenue and Clegg: Sustainable Living Ottawa East has a line on some university student they hope will do a needs assessment and subsequent cost analysis.

c) Membership – Barbara Wysocka

The committee is still working on the database. As money had been approved in the past, but not spent, to assist with data entry for the 2006 campaign; and now that entry for 2007 is waiting to be done.

MOTION: (Creelman/McLeod) that \$500 be allocated to get the data base in order. **Carried**

It was suggested that any job opportunity be advertised in the Glebe Report.

d) Traffic – Guy Giguere

There was no report.

e) Great Glebe Garage Sale – Janet Sutherland asked that this be placed on the agenda for the January meeting.

8. GNAG Update – Karen Campbell.

The craft fair took place on the same day as the flu shot clinic. Both events were so successful, this pairing will happen again next year if possible.

Upcoming events include:

- Community Theatre – *A Christmas Carol* – November 30-December 2
- Snowflake Special - December 8
- Taste in the Glebe - January 17
- Pub Night - February 1
- Registration for winter programs begins next week.

Investigation for sound panels for Scotton Hall is underway. Funding will be covered by GNAG. As this project is also to the benefit of the GCA, if there is a money issue, perhaps the GCA should think about helping out.

Information on the Community Use of Schools consultation in February will be sent to Karen as it will have a bigger impact on GNAG, than the GCA. Karen added that GNAG wants to make better connections with schools.

9. Adjournment

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