

**Glebe Community Association  
Draft Minutes of the Board Meeting  
Monday, January 21, 2008**

**Present:**

*Board Members:* Bob Brocklebank, Virginia Carver, June Creelman, Leslie Fulton, Carol MacLeod, Ian McKercher, Joyce McMahon, Dale Miller, Frank Oakes, Roger Short, John Smart, Caroline Vanneste, John Vincent, Barbara Wysocka

*Other:* Vince Catelli, Clyde Doucet, Jim Gauvreau, Sherry Minogue, Richard Patten, Clyde Sanger

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda as drafted was adopted.

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

**MOTION:** (Creelman/Oakes) that the minutes of November 27, 2007, be adopted.

**Carried**

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

*City Budget:* Bob participated in the December 3 march to Parliament Hill sending a message to the federal government to considering allocating some GST, or other tax revenues, to municipalities. The 6 main points presented on behalf of the GCA were in the Glebe Report.

*Glebe Business Improvement Area (BIA):* The proposal has been launched and presented to City council. The area runs along Bank from the canal to the Queensway, and along Isabella/Chamberlain up to the Driveway, and includes the businesses located on side streets just off Bank Street, but does not include the conveniences stores located further into the Glebe. Commercial property owners and tenants now have time to object. The GCA is being as supportive as possible.

*Widening of Highway 417:* A response has been received to a letter sent by the GCA last March. It will be forwarded to the Traffic Committee who will need to begin getting involved.

*New Official Plan:* The process is underway, and the Planning Committee will want to become involved.

*CBC Pitch a Story Workshop:* The GCA has seen a flurry of recent media activity. With a view to better communications, Bob attended.

*Great Glebe Garage Sale:* A real estate group has proposed that in its regular mailing, the GGGGS could place a notice explaining that the sale is a fundraiser for the Ottawa Food Bank. This item was deferred to the February meeting so that Janet Sutherland could be present.

*FCA Membership:*

**MOTION:** (Oakes/Delage) that the GCA approved an expenditure of \$30 to continue its support of and membership in the Federation of Citizens' Association. **Carried**

*Website:* Compliments and congratulations to Jim Gauvreau for all his hard work in enhancing and keeping the website up to date.

**MOTION:** (Wysocka/Short) that the GCA approves an expenditure of \$90 to continue the [www.glebca.ca](http://www.glebca.ca) website for another year. **Carried**

*Book Proposal:* Guest: Clive Sanger

Mr. Sanger was invited to address the meeting. His proposal is to publish a book dealing with the people of the Glebe, using articles that he has written for the Glebe Report over the past 15 years. He feels it would be complementary to John Leaning's book which is about the history of the Glebe. His purpose in addressing the meeting was just to get a sense if it was a good idea. Ian McKercher volunteered to keep in touch with Clive as ideas are firmed up and report back to the GCA with a recommendation if or how the GCA might be supportive.

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

*Parking:* There will be a special meeting on February 6 to protest the proposed increases to parking.

*Transit:* Clive talked about his recent visit to Seattle and Vancouver to see their transit systems. There is a lot to be learned from existing systems and he will report to the City committee. His travels confirmed for him that successful cities don't build roads, they build transit systems; and that Ottawa doesn't have a transit system, but a bus company.

*Lansdowne Park:* Public consultation begins January 22 at Lansdowne Park. Clive commented that the GCA put on a great public consultation and he thanked all those involved. Clive thinks that Council will achieve the redevelopment of Lansdowne Park during this term.

*Budget:* The budget process is going through the Long-Range Financial Planning Committee. Responding to a question, Clive doesn't think there will be much public input.

#### **5. Lansdowne Park – June Creelman**

The next 2 months are critical for Lansdowne Park as the design brief will be developed at the end of the that time. Whatever is in that design brief will determine what will happen at the park. The time for public influence is during the three scheduled public meetings:

- Tuesday, January 22: a drop-in session from 3 pm to 8 p.m. with presentation boards and staff on hand.
- Tuesday, January 29: a facilitated workshop, pre-registration is requested and a link can be found at [www.glebeca.ca](http://www.glebeca.ca).
- Tuesday, February 26: another workshop, pre-registration again requested.

June urged people to attend to have input into the design principles and evaluation criteria and process.

On the GCA front, many people put forward their names about getting involved. The first meeting of this group will be Wednesday, January 23 at 7:30. If you are interested, you are welcome to go. The Board will have to take a Board decision sometime in February or March.

#### **6. Communications – Leslie Fulton**

The e-mail list for GCA updates is close to 150 names. More names are always welcome. There was a suggestion to add all block representatives to the list. Barbara Wysocka will try to retrieve this information from the database.

*Underground Sound:* The Committee decided to postpone further concerts for the time. The concerts will be revisited and/or resumed when the issue of burying hydro wires returns. (The

L'amicale concert planned for May will proceed.) The money raised to date, about \$47,000, is sitting in a high income GIC.

## **7. Library Developments – Caroline Vanneste**

As the GCA representative on Friends of Sunnyside Library, Caroline invited Doug Casey of Charlesfort Developments to present his ideas about redevelopment of the Sunnyside Library site. The plan had been presented to the Ottawa South community association. Mr. Casey will be making a presentation to the City, but is proceeding with exposure to community associations to get people thinking.

His proposal suggests building a new library of an appropriate size, supported by 75-80 condo units above. The early concept drawing was presented. There would be no sun shadow or privacy issues to existing neighbours. The building would be a stone product of a similar color to Southminster United Church. The building would be 13 stories, or about 140 feet (Lord Lansdowne is 12). The neighbouring College of Physicians is 5 taller stories, or about 80 feet. Parking would be moved to the south end of the property. There would be 9-10 exterior spaces and 10-11 inside spots reserved for the library (currently 18 outdoor spaces). There would be 110 spots on 2 levels for condos. While the library would be part of a larger building, the City would still own the library (freehold).

Thanks were extended to Mr. Casey for his presentation to the GCA.

## **8. Committee Reports**

### *8.1 Planning – John Vincent*

Planning matters are fairly quiet, but there is a proposal to build in the back yard at 112 Strathcona Avenue. John is trying to meet with the architect and bring interested parties together.

There is Domicile project on the west side of Bronson, north of Kipewa, west of Bronson, to put in a 4-story apartment building. The Dows Lake Residence Association is involved and has asked for the GCA's support and participation. No one knows much about this and there was a suggestion that they could be invited to the Board to give a presentation.

### *8.2 Environment – Virginia Carver*

**Butt Stops:** The Committee would like to proceed with the purchase of 2 pilot butt stops, to be placed on Bank Street at Second and Third Avenues. They will be donated to the City to avoid any encroachment issues. The GCA will be responsible to clean them, at least for an initial period.

**MOTION:** (Carver/Miller) that the GCA approve an expenditure of \$500 to purchase 2 butt stops, which would be donated to the City, to be maintained by the community for a period of time. **Carried**

**Comprehensive Anti-litter Plan:** This was undertaken in response to a request from June to be fed into the Bank Street project. The plan should go to the Bank Street committee and decisions can be made on what should go forward and what should come to the full board of the GCA.

### *Membership - Barbara Wosocka*

Progress was being made entering the backlog of information, but the data entry person developed carpal tunnel. They will keep plugging along.

## 9. GNAG

Bob reported that the Taste in the Glebe was another success.

## 10. City of Ottawa Increase to Parking Rates

The GCA was interested in knowing where the Glebe business community stood on this issue. Jim McKeen said they are already at a disadvantage as shoppers have to pay parking on Saturday. It appears that no thought was given to business economies, no logic was applied in terms of considering those attending church on a Sunday or after-hours use of schools. The business community would like consultation with the public, a broader vision of parking in the city, and a level playing field.

It was agreed that a small group, including at least Leslie Fulton and Richard Patten, would make a small presentation to the city, and run the content through the Board.

**MOTION:** (Creelman/McKercher) that the GCA opposes the imposition and the extension of city parking fees on evenings and weekends. **Carried.**

## 11. Adjournment

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

Minutes taken by: Joyce McMahon