

**Glebe Community Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 28, 2009**

Present:

Board Members: Bob Brocklebank (President), Martha Bowers (Secretary), Jill Adams, Elizabeth Ballard, Karen Campbell, Brian Carroll, Virginia Carver, June Creelman, Cindy Delage, Jim Gauvreau, Guy Giguère, Roger Short, John Smart, Vanneste, Barbara Wysocka
Others: Brian Askew, Val Askew, Evie Barnes, Linda Butcher, Joshua Dauphinee, Desmond Devoy, Clive Doucet, Randy Freda, Lynda, Hall, Ananda Kelly, Tim Lash, John Leaning, Bev MacRae, Elaine Marlin, Christine McAllister, Terri O'Neil, Ian Rice, Catherine Shepherd, Judith Slater, Susan Wellisch, Greg Wilbur

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted with the agreement to move the Library item before the committee reports, and to move Lansdowne, Planning and Governance after the other reports.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the March 24 meeting were adopted with minor corrections. **Moved**, Brian Carroll, **Seconded**, June Creelman

3. President's Report - Bob Brocklebank

- The Federation of Urban Neighbourhoods will hold its AGM at City Hall on May 2.
- Jane's Walks will be held this weekend.
- City staff will do a presentation on revisions to the Official Plan.
- During the Great Glebe Garage Sale the Food Bank will have a table at the community centre to accept donations.
- The nominating committee is working on nominations for the GCA Board for the AGM.
- The GCA will send a letter supporting Abbotsford House's proposal to build a ramp.
- There will be a meeting on graffiti on April 30.
- There may be discussions with the BIA on installing meters for donations as an alternative to giving money to panhandlers.

4. Councillor's Report - Clive Doucet

- Peter A. Victor will do a presentation at City Hall on May 5 on "Managing Without Growth" to promote a sustainable system.
- Council approved the Lansdowne Live proposal, with a rural-urban split. This will have city-wide implications. Many do not understand that the City will assume the costs and risks while the private sector will receive the profits. The issue will go back to Council after a 60-day consultation period. There will be an event on May 7 to raise awareness about Lansdowne. It will be important to get people from the suburbs involved. There are still questions about stopping the competition process.

5. Committee Reports

a) Library - Caroline Vanneste

The Sunnyside Library is scheduled for renovations. The Friends of the Library would like to hold an event, such as a reading by local authors, to raise funds for other items. If the GCA sponsors the event, it can be held at the community centre without a fee.

Motion: The GCA agrees to sponsor an event for the Friends of the Sunnyside Library, to be held at the Glebe Community Centre. **Moved**, Elizabeth Ballard, **Seconded**, Brian Carroll. **Carried**

b) Environment - Virginia Carver

- There was a successful clean up of Bank St. in collaboration with the BIA.
- Training for the tree project is scheduled for May 20 and 24 to learn about the data collection instruments provided by the City.
- Envirofair 2009 planning is going well. David Chernushenko will be a keynote speaker. Most of the panel and workshop presenters have been identified.
- A meeting to develop a more sustainable plan to address graffiti vandalism in the Glebe is scheduled for April 30 with representatives from the City, police, schools and community associations.
- The Green Walk, organized by Tucker House as part of a city-wide Jane's Walk initiative, is scheduled for Saturday at 3 p.m., with possibly one of the six stops at Eco Cité.
- Virginia attended a roundtable on the environment organized by the local MPP with the Minister of the Environment John Gerretsen answering questions about provincial environmental policies and initiatives.

c) Social Planning and d) Business - no reports

e) Traffic- Guy Giguère

There is a proposal to expand Central Park by removing the asphalt on Clemow Ave. now that the park is city property, not NCC. Apparently the original intention was to remove the road so that the park would be continuous. Consultations will be held and info published in community papers on converting this stretch of Clemow to parkland.

f) Membership - Cindy Delage

- The membership drive begins on May 1. The envelopes are ready for distribution. We are still missing some block canvassers.
- We will explore the costs of purchasing a computer dedicated to GCA membership, etc., and report back at the May meeting.

Motion: The GCA authorizes up to \$800 for membership-related expenses, including \$250 for a cut-out in the *Glebe Report* for sign-ups. **Moved**, Guy Giguère, **Seconded**, June Creelman. **Carried**

g) GNAG - Karen Campbell

- Some upcoming events include a jewellery show on Mother's Day weekend, and a lobster kitchen party on May 28 as a fundraiser for activities.
- The Parks and Recreation Department has prepared five discussion papers in the Master Plan for review and feedback from focus groups, etc.

h) Planning - Caroline Vanneste

- There was no OMB appeal for 81 Fourth Ave.
- The GCA did not send a letter concerning 15 Crescent Heights since the Dow's Lake Residents Association did not object to the application.
- There was a meeting on April 7 with residents about the proposed garden in Memorial Park, resulting in two ideas: to monitor the project throughout the season; and to evaluate the project at the end of the season. There was a meeting on April 8 with the City, BUGS and Just Food to address issues. A discussion ensued about issues such as installing a barrier or fence, vandalism, traffic, etc.

Motion: The GCA supports a one-year trial of the BUGS garden in Memorial Park, with an agreed-upon evaluation plan and review after one year, and ensuring that there will be no permanent changes to the park. **Moved**, Caroline Vanneste, **Seconded**, Guy Giguère. **Carried**

i) Lansdowne Park - June Creelman

- We have to decide what approach to take on the issue.
- City staff have been directed to negotiate with Lansdowne Live over 60 days; however there were several conditions in the approval including that any revenues generated not be used by professional sports, and that the design must include the farmers market and public recreational space.
- We need to rally support from across the city, in particular from the four councillors who voted for the proposal.
- The GCA Board voted electronically on April 16 on the following motion:

The Lansdowne Committee recommends that the GCA support recommendation 4 in the staff report. The recommendation is:

That, should Council not deem that the construction or reconstruction of a sports and entertainment facility at a capital cost in excess of \$100 million dollars represents an infrastructure investment priority for Council at this time, then:

- a. That both proposals not be pursued further on the basis that the total cost of either proposal prevents them from being an investment priority for Council at this time,*
- b. That staff be directed to immediately develop alternative redevelopment scenarios for Lansdowne Park in accordance with the process outlined in this report so that Council may establish a new vision for the long-term redevelopment of Lansdowne Park prior to the end of this year, and*
- c. That staff be directed to immediately complete a comprehensive study to determine the best location for a new sports and entertainment facility that would be designed to serve the needs of the City of Ottawa for the next seventy-years in accordance with the process outlined in this report;*

with the added proviso that both the Lansdowne Park redevelopment process and the sports and entertainment facility study be open and competitive and involve public consultation in order to ensure that the public assets are used effectively and that the best possible value is derived from the investment of public funds. **Carried**

j) Governance - Caroline Vanneste

- Members discussed the proposed changes to the Board. They agreed that there could be vice-chairs for certain committees, but that only one person would have a vote on GCA issues and there should be a representative at the GCA monthly meeting. It was also agreed that there would be two representative per area and one per sub-area.
- In order for the nominating committee to present a list of candidates for Board positions for next year at the AGM in June the following motion was passed:

Motion: The Nominating Committee is mandated to propose a slate of candidates, including the possibility of adding or eliminating positions within what has already been proposed, at the discretion of the Board. **Moved**, Karen Campbell, **Seconded** Elizabeth Ballard. **Carried**

Motion: The GCA authorizes appropriate funds for Caroline Vanneste to prepare the binders on governance. **Moved**, Elizabeth Ballard, **Seconded**, June Creelman. **Carried**

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.