

**Glebe Community Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 27, 2010**

Present:

Board Members: Caroline Vanneste (President), Martha Bowers (Secretary), Jill Adams, Elizabeth Ballard, Joan Bard-Miller, Bob Brocklebank, Virginia Carver, Jim Gauvreau, Guy Giguère, Louise Green, Vaughn Guy, Thomas Krul, Carol MacLeod, Christine McAllister, Dale Miller, Barbara Wysocka, Catherine Lindquist

Others: Bev McRae

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted with a note that there would be no report from the Councillor. **Moved**, Barbara Wysocka, **Seconded**, Dale Miller **Carried**

2. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of March 23 were adopted. **Moved**, Carol MacLeod, **Seconded**, Virginia Carver **Carried**

3. Ottawa Fire Services Presentation - Michael Daigle

Mr. Daigle, Assistant Division Chief - Prevention, gave an informative presentation on fires in our community. He indicated that there are about 25-30 calls each year, mostly minor incidents. There is no commonality in the recent Glebe fires. Three-unit buildings are being retrofitted and the fire department carries out inspections. They also provide the community with information, in particular by encouraging electrical safety by having appliances properly installed. It was suggested that an article be written for the *Glebe Report* to provide residents with safety information, etc.

Action: Carol will work with Mr. Daigle to write an article on this topic for the *Glebe Report*.

4. President's Report - Caroline Vanneste

- Caroline welcomed Tom Krul as the new area rep for 4B.
- There are Board vacancies for Communications, the Great Glebe Garage Sale, GNAG, and representatives for 2B and 4A.

Motion: The GCA authorizes \$300 for an ad in the *Glebe Report* for the AGM. **Moved**, Christine McAllister, **Seconded**, Louise Green **Carried**

- Members of the Executive met on April 18 to discuss the following recommendations in the Change Management Report: 1) become more electronic: we are updating our email list to reach more people; we will have GCA email addresses for committee chairs but not area reps; we will not do on-line memberships as people seem to like the door-to-door contact and the cost is not worth it; 2) encourage more people to join the Board: we will post the 2010-11 board manual on the website (without individual contact info); 3) increase advertising: we will distribute the GCA brochure to businesses, at events, etc.; 4) measure performance: it would be difficult to implement performance measurements, but we could reissue the survey next year; 5) increase public opinion of the GCA (through the above measures).

Treasurer's Report - Louise Green

There had been a suggestion to set up a charity for fire victims. After researching this, Louise recommended that we not pursue it. We have a bank account for now and will close the account after disbursing all funds.

BIA - Catherine Lindquist

- Pay and Display parking will be implemented. Info will be provided in the Parking Report.
- The BIA now has an office assistant, Natalie Spooner, for 2 days each week
- We are keeping track of the Lansdowne project, specifically the transportation and retail studies. There were very detailed drawings from the real estate industry, which is a concern since apparently we are still in the consultation phase. The BIA called a media conference to address this and the scale and massing of uses in the plans, notably a two-storey Whole Foods store fronting onto Bank St. with 252 reserved underground parking spaces, a cineplex and condo highrise across from and taller than the Lord Lansdowne.
- The gateway banner poles have been approved for the C-I-L of parkland ward funding. However, they are to be installed in parkland.
- The TD Greenstreets application was not short-listed. It may be submitted next year. In the meantime, we will try to get trees from the city.
- A request for a shuttle bus stop in the Glebe during the Tulip Festival was rejected. However, there will be eight giant tulips placed in the Glebe along with tulips in the planter boxes purchased by the BIA and planted by community Planter Angels. Festival newspapers with a BIA ad and posters will be distributed to businesses and tulip key chains given out to Glebe customers. Some businesses will sell the tulip festival passports.

5. Committee Reports

Parking - Elizabeth Ballard

- 37 Pay and Display terminals will replace Glebe's 212 parking meters in August. They can be relocated efficiently when Bank St. reconstruction takes place. Rates, length of stay and permissible parking periods will not change. There will be an extensive communications plan, including kids as P&D "ambassadors."
- Some old meters will be converted into double D bicycle parking posts. The BIA will address coordinating the racks with other street furnishings. A city bicycle parking plan has been developed without input from the GCA or the BIA. We have insisted on being consulted for the parts of the plan covering the Glebe.
- Two Local Area Parking studies are done annually but the Glebe is not on the list. Eligibility and priority are based on criteria such as the amount of recent development. With the parking issue in Lansdowne Live and other intensification activities, it would be valuable to have detailed information while Bank St. is open.

Motion: The GCA supports the BIA in a request for a Local Area Parking Study for the Glebe.

Moved, Elizabeth Ballard, Seconded, Carol MacLeod Carried

- Elizabeth would like Catherine Lindquist to replace her at the Parking Stakeholders Advisory Group meeting on May 27.

Education - Christine McAllister

- A second meeting was held with school representatives. They decided to find generic solutions to local issues. Mutchmor has done a survey, and First Avenue, Hopewell and Glashan also plan to do surveys.
- Some members of the Education Committee are not GCA members. The board manual will be changed so that GCA membership is not required to sit on a committee.
- We will ask Glebe Collegiate if an all-candidates meeting for the fall municipal election can be held at the school.

Environment - Virginia Carver/Carol MacLeod

- We will continue the tree survey. A city person may work one day a week.
- The cash-in-lieu program is for parkland, so many of our proposals were not accepted, other than a tot lot in the Clemow/Patterson area that is being considered as a park. Ottawa East also has concerns about the process because the criteria are not clear. Clive's office is trying to clarify.

Great Glebe Garage Sale - Caroline Vanneste for Janet Sutherland

- We will celebrate the 25th annual GGGs with balloons with the logo and our website address, and possibly a banner across Bank St.
- The Metro parking lot or McHale's might be a good location for live music, etc.

Heritage - Joan Bard Miller

- Some property owners raised concerns at the March 24 meeting on the Clemow Estates East Heritage Conservation District, the area surrounding Central Park. The city will have a follow-up meeting in June.
- The Aberdeen Pavilion and the Horticulture Building will be part of the Doors Open Ottawa weekend, June 5 and 6.

Motion: The GCA authorizes \$300 to print information items/pamphlets on the Aberdeen Pavilion and Horticulture Building. **Moved**, Joan Bard Miller, **Seconded**, Guy Giguère **Carried**

- The Lansdowne Heritage Brief was disappointing. The Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee should inform citizens about these issues in relation to Lansdowne Park.

Lansdowne - June Creelman

- The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee passed a motion that Sylvia Holden Park is not part of the Lansdowne proposal.
- The Friends of Lansdowne Park must focus on changing the minds of those councillors who support the OSEG proposal. They also have to try to influence all levels of government, particularly federal through the NCC and Parks Canada.
- A communications campaign is planned for the end of May, prior to Council's vote.

Membership - Barbara Wysocka

- The membership campaign starts this weekend. The area reps have their kits.

Motion: That \$500 be allocated to the Membership Committee for additional printing costs, including an ink cartridge. **Moved**, Barbara Wysocka, **Seconded**, Elizabeth Ballard **Carried**

Social Services - Caroline Vanneste for Catherine Caule

- Catherine is organizing Thursday's meeting on the neighbourhood study.

Traffic - Guy Giguère

- Work is being carried out on Pretoria Bridge to have painted bicycle lanes. The south lane behind the TD bank is to be closed to traffic for bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- Glendale Ave. is being reconstructed this summer. Residents would like it to be returned to a dead-end. There will be a *Glebe Report* article to gauge response from residents. Comments could also be collected during the membership campaign.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.