

**Glebe Community Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 24, 2009**

Present:

Board Members: Bob Brocklebank (President), Martha Bowers, Jill Adams, Elizabeth Ballard, Virginia Carver, June Creelman, Cindy Delage, Leslie Fulton, Carol MacLeod, Frank Oakes, Janet Sutherland, Caroline Vanneste, John Vincent, Barbara Wysocka

Others: Desmond Devoy, Clive Doucet, Carol Grieco, Kurt Kulakowsky, Marie Lafontaine, Gary MacDonald, Dave Stevenson, Jo Wood

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the January 27 meeting were adopted. (**Moved**, June Creelman, **Seconded**, Frank Oakes)

3. President's Report - Bob Brocklebank

- Former GCA Board member Joyce McMahon died on February 3. A remembrance ceremony was held at the community centre. It was moved that the GCA would make a donation of \$100 to the Canadian Cancer Society. (**Moved**, Carol MacLeod, **Seconded**, Frank Oakes) **Carried**
- Hintonburg has started a discussion on urban schools. John Crump will represent the GCA and June Creelman will represent Glebe Collegiate.
- The city is considering changes to development charges that could affect buildings in the Glebe.
- The GCA agreed to the renewal fee of \$370 for Directors Liability Insurance. (**Moved**, June Creelman, **Seconded**, Virginia Carver). **Carried** It was noted that Frank Oakes and Martha Bowers opposed the motion.
- There are a number of upcoming meetings that any interested members may attend: City's Official Plan, Feb. 24; Urban Forum, Feb. 25; Transit tunnel consultations, Feb. 26; FCA, March 2; City Centre Coalition, March 12.
- The GCA has learned that the Dow's Lake Residents Association has a noise metre that they are willing to lend to Glebe residents. Bob will put Adrian Belanger and Cam Robertson in touch.
- GNAG will feature speedskater Khristina Groves as a motivational speaker at an event at the community centre on March 25.
- St. James Tennis Club is going ahead with renovations to the clubhouse. Youth bands have been using the clubhouse to practise for a competition to be held on April 3.

5. a) Sports in Memorial Park - Gary MacDonald

Gary MacDonald, representing the Ottawa Internationals Soccer Club, gave a presentation on the group's soccer development programs related to the use of Memorial Park (near Glendale).

Action: Caroline Vanneste will organize a public meeting to provide information to residents about the BUGS and Just Food's proposal for a community garden and implications for other users of the park.

b) CANSEC - Jo Wood

An arms show is scheduled to be held at Lansdowne Park on May 27-28. The coalition to oppose the arms trade will hold an information session at Southminster church on March 24 and there will be a candlelight march over the Bank St. bridge on May 27. The GCA has sent a letter to the city indicating opposition to the event at Lansdowne Park, but apparently the contract has already been approved for this year.

Action: Leslie Fulton will put a link on the GCA website to a petition that the coalition is sponsoring.

6. Committee Reports

a) Lansdowne - June Creelman

- The results of the *Ottawa Citizen* survey were reported out of context, indicating that there was support for a stadium, but not necessarily at Lansdowne.
- The city has brought forward a policy change, that proposals for goods and services could proceed without competition. However, this would not apply to land development. Council will discuss this option on February 25.
- Corporate Services has received a report on 23 sites for a stadium/sports facilities. Council will review the report on March 11.
- The GCA continues to support an open, fair competition process and that Lansdowne Live and Mr. Melnyk must be required to present a business case for their proposals.

4. Councillor's Report - Clive Doucet

- The design process for Lansdowne Park should not have been halted when the unsolicited proposal came forward.
- The report on 23 sites for a stadium did not rank Lansdowne as the top choice. Transportation is a major issue.
- School boards will hold a forum on de-amalgamation of schools.
- OC Transpo service is returning, but there is a need for procuring more buses.

6. b) Planning - Caroline Vanneste

- Council will review amendments to the Official Plan in the area of managing growth in the urban area (i.e. intensification) on March 31.
- There was a new application for variances for 81 Fourth Ave.. Neighbours expressed concerns that the development does not respect the intent of the bylaws nor of the Official Plan and does not fit in with the neighbourhood. The Planning Committee supports the position of the neighbours. It seems that the owners did not consider other ways of intensifying the site.

Motion: The GCA agrees that the Planning Committee will oppose before the Committee of Adjustment the application for 81 Fourth Ave. as presented. (**Moved**, Caroline Vanneste, **Seconded**, Cindy Delage) **Carried**

c) Environment - Carol MacLeod

- The Community Associations Forum on Environment and Sustainability (CAFES) presented its position to the city regarding green buildings and housing. It is asking the city to implement progressive measures that lead to improved energy efficiency and reduced environmental burdens in new and existing buildings.

Motion: The GCA supports the CAFES's position on green buildings. (**Moved**, Carol MacLeod, **Seconded**, June Creelman) **Carried**

- CAFES would like the city to reinstate garbage collection services for small businesses, and presented a motion to this effect, which the GCA supported. (**Moved**, Carol MacLeod, **Seconded**, Jill Adams)
- The Committee intends to hold another envirofair in the fall on the theme of green buildings. It will apply to the city for a grant.

Motion: The GCA will provide up to \$2,500 to the Environment Committee for expenses related to

holding an envirofair in fall 2009. (**Moved**, Carol MacLeod, **Seconded**, Leslie Fulton) **Carried**

e) Business

- Catherine Lindquist, the Executive Director of the Glebe BIA will be invited to attend the March GCA meeting.

g) Membership - Cindy Delage

- We have received approximately \$7, 054 from the membership campaign. The next step is to input the information in the database.
- An email will be sent to area representatives to begin lining up block reps for this year's campaign.

i) Governance - Caroline Vanneste

- The draft manual is posted on the GCA website. Board members should provide comments to Caroline at the March meeting. Any changes to the Board will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting.

k) Parking - Elizabeth Ballard

- There are consultations on parking and traffic. The city would like to create a Parking Authority. Parking revenue would be allocated to the Authority and not to neighbourhoods.
- There may be changes to the cash-in-lieu model. This issue should be discussed at the March meeting with the BIA representative.

l) Great Glebe Garage Sale - Janet Sutherland

- The GGGS will be held on May 23. Leslie will activate a ticker (countdown) on the website as a promotional tool.
- Bob has to sign certain forms.
- Janet will organize an information meeting with the BIA and others.
- Janet would like someone to come forward to take over the GGGS.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:50.