

**Glebe Community Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 23, 2010**

Present:

Board Members: Caroline Vanneste (President), Martha Bowers (Secretary), Jill Adams, Elizabeth Ballard, Bob Brocklebank, June Creelman, Jim Gauvreau, Guy Giguère, Rochelle Handelman, Teena Hendelman, Catherine Lindquist, Carol MacLeod, Janet Sutherland, Barbara Wysocka
Others: Desmond Devoy, Clive Doucet, Danny Handelman, Walter Hendelman, Wolf Illing, Margo Williams

While waiting for more members to arrive to achieve quorum, the Councillor gave his report.

Councillor's Report - Clive Doucet

- The City has provided funding for the assessment of a bridge crossing the Canal at Clegg and Fifth Avenue and for crossing the Rideau River at Donald St.
- The issue of the urban boundary will again be debated at the Council meeting tomorrow. This issue may divide Council members. There will be a rally at City Hall at noon.
- There will be two meetings this week on the design of the “front lawn” at Lansdowne Park. Quality designers have come forward but the process is wrong and it is costing more for half of the site than it would have for the whole site.

Presentation - Margo Williams, Mutchmor Council Chair

- The Mutchmor Greening Project is an initiative to green the field behind Corpus Christie School. Some 14 ash trees will have to be removed because of disease and will be replaced. The multi-step process also involves installing an outdoor classroom with flat rocks, quiet seating and stone pathways that are wheelchair accessible, as well as the maintenance of the grounds.
- The cost of the project is approximately \$46,000. The school has received a \$9,000 grant from the city and several other groups are also making donations, including \$1,000 from GNAG. In addition, there are various fundraising efforts. The School Board does not provide funding for these projects so the school is asking other community groups for support.

Motion: The GCA agrees to match the GNAG donation of \$1,000 for the Mutchmor Greening Project. **Moved,** June Creelman, **Seconded,** Elizabeth Ballard **Carried**

1. President's Report - Caroline Vanneste

- Fundraising events for the fire on Glebe Avenue included a dance that raised \$1,600 and the concert and silent auction that raised \$3,500. The McKeen Metro gave \$100 gift cards to tenants.
- A total of approximately \$14,200 was collected. Cheques are now being distributed to the tenants of 17 apartments and the person who was responsible for building maintenance.
- There is a need for raising awareness of the importance of having insurance.
- There will be a public meeting to present the findings of the Clemow Estates East Heritage Conservation District Study and to review the plan for the area on March 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Glebe Community Centre.
- The GCA received a copy of a letter from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons offering to take over the Sunnyside Library, build another one and give the city \$1 million. However, given that the library is being renovated, the timing is off.

2. Approval of the Agenda and January Minutes

The agenda was adopted. The minutes of the meeting of January 26 were adopted. **Moved**, Barbara Wysocka, **Seconded**, Bob Brocklebank

3. Liaison Reports

GNAG - no representative

Caroline mentioned that GNAG supported the GCA motion on Sylvia Holden Park (see below). The spring program is now out.

Glebe Business Improvement Area - Catherine Lindquist

- The BIA supported the fundraising initiatives for the Glebe Avenue fire.
- Catherine will make a presentation at the Lansdowne meeting this week emphasizing the challenges and constraints of the site and that a better connection with the Canal is required.
- The BIA would like to place some banners, etc., as gateways to the Glebe. This may not fall under the parameters of the cash-in-lieu, but the idea was submitted to Clive's office.
- The BIA is asking if this is the right time to install the pay-and-display parking meters, if Bank St. is going to undergo reconstruction. This issue is being pursued with the Parking Committee (Elizabeth Ballard).
- The St. Patrick's Day parade will go through the Glebe in March. Donations for the Food Bank will be accepted.

4. Committee Reports

Lansdowne - June Creelman

- The consultant that developed the terms of reference for the transportation study withdrew from the competition. The selected firm should not have done work for the promoters, but this has not been confirmed.
- We have made contact with the design advisory committee. We still have concerns about the inclusion of Sylvia Holden Park, the baseball fields and the dog runs in the drawings, which Council had specifically directed were not included in the site. What action should we take if visual representations of the community park continue to be in the drawings? Should we take legal action by consulting a lawyer or civic action by mobilizing residents who have a stake in the community park areas? This issue must be raised again at the presentations this week.

Motion: That a letter be written to the City by a lawyer on behalf of the GCA indicating that Sylvia Holden Park is to be excluded from all graphics and descriptions of Lansdowne Park and its redevelopment. **Moved**, June Creelman, **Seconded**, Bob Brocklebank The motion was voted on via email and carried on February 8.

- Five firms have been short listed for the design of the "front lawn" (actually the back yard). We sent letters of congratulations to each firm and offered to work and cooperate with each of them on the work. We would like them to go beyond the mandate and look at the whole site and feel it is important to make personal contact with them.

Motion: The GCA authorizes a budget of \$200 to host an event for the design firms in order to introduce them to the Glebe and community leaders. **Moved**, June Creelman, **Seconded**, Bob Brocklebank **Carried**

Traffic - Guy Giguère

- Guy participated in a traffic management meeting in Old Ottawa South. Their main concern is Sunnyside Avenue, where there have been safety problems.
- There is discussion about reconstruction of Bronson Avenue, to change the water mains and realign the street, since the width changes along its length. A tentative date is 2012-13. This

could be an opportunity for the community to make improvements. The off ramp at Chamberlain is also a related issue. However, Bank St. and Bronson cannot be undergoing reconstruction at the same time.

Environment - Carol MacLeod

- Carol developed a list of ideas for the cash-in-lieu funds, which could be in the amount of \$100,000 for the Glebe. Projects are for parks and recreation and include the following:
 - Improve parking at the community centre for safety reasons, approx. \$50,000.
 - Contribute to purchasing the rocks (boulders) and mulch for the Mutchmor Greening Project.
 - Repair and replace planter boxes, approx. \$5,000.
 - Develop a park/play area in the northeast quadrant (perhaps the Clemow area), approx. \$25,000.
- It was decided not to contribute to the BUGS garden since it is temporary or playground equipment for Capital Park, since the city should be responsible. The list will be prioritized, highlighting greenspace, and sent to Clive's office for review by the city.
- Some members supported the idea of purchasing a piece of property to be developed as a park over time.

Other Business

The Secretary will not be available for the March meeting. Anyone who would be willing to take minutes should advise the President.

Planning - Bob Brocklebank

- Loblaws on Isabella St. has filed an application to renovate the store by filling in the area between the grocery store and the LCBO.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.