



**Minutes of the Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 22, 2011, Glebe Community Centre**

Present:

Board Members: Caroline Vanneste (President), Martha Bowers (Secretary), Jill Adams, Elizabeth Ballard, Lynn Barlow, Connie Boynton, Bob Brocklebank, Brian Carroll, Cindy Delage, Bobby Galbreath, Jim Gauvreau, Guy Giguère, Louise Green, Vaughn Guy, Teena Hendelman, Carol MacLeod, Dale Miller, Kiavash Najafi, Barbara Wysocka

Others: Dennis Brock, David Chernushenko, Don and Jackie Byrne, Danny Handelman, Julie Houle Cezer, Richard Lamothe, Rob Martin, George Wright

The meeting was called to order with a roll call of members present.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted with the removal of the BIA report. **Moved** Elizabeth Ballard
Seconded Kiavash Najafi **Carried**

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of January 25 were adopted. **Moved** Bobby Galbreath **Seconded**
Barbara Wysocka **Carried**

President's Report - Caroline Vanneste

- There is an online petition and Facebook page against the \$55 million 1.2 km “first phase of the Alta Vista Corridor road” for those interested in signing.
- The first meeting of the mid-town footbridge Public Advisory Committee occurred Feb. 17. Bea Raffoul and Carol MacLeod attended for the GCA. The first event will be a by-invite-only full-day meeting (charette) on March 29, 2011, with the Public Consultation Group (community), Parks Canada, the NCC, the city and consultants. The purpose of meeting is to look at where a multi-use crossing should/could go and what it should/could look like, bearing in mind NCC and Parks Canada World Heritage Site requirements.
- I recommend that the GCA not join the Federation of Urban Neighbourhoods, but keep up on their activities through our membership on the Federation of Citizens Associations (FCA).

Motion: The GCA agrees to pay the \$30 membership fee for the FCA. **Moved** Bob Brocklebank
Seconded Cindy Delage **Carried**

- We will have a few board members resigning at the end of this year and need volunteers for the Nominating Committee.
- Our Volunteer Canada membership is due.

Motion: The GCA agrees to renew our \$100 membership in Volunteer Canada. **Moved** Elizabeth Ballard **Seconded** Brian Carroll **Carried**

- We must also renew our insurance.

Motion: The GCA agrees to renew our insurance policy under the same terms as last year.
Moved Barbara Wysocka **Seconded** Elizabeth Ballard **Carried**

GNAG Report - Lynn Barlow

- There will be a volunteer appreciation night on April 15 called Let's Disco.
- A call for artists has gone out for a public art installation for the atrium of the community centre. Proceeds from an art show to be held from March 24 to April 4 will be used for the competition.
- Taste in the Glebe was successful.
- There will be a meeting with the city about using the tennis courts at Chamberlain for the overflow from the St. James tennis camps.
- Who will pay for the removal and reinstallation of the basement floors in the community centre has to be decided.

Committee Reports

Great Glebe Garage Sale - Lynn Barlow

- We'd like to bring back the banner that used to be strung across Bank Street during the Great Glebe Garage Sale to advertise the event, but we will have to ask the city, and get a quote before proceeding.
- Caroline has created a new Facebook page for the event. Please join and accept the invitation!
- We want to ask all the businesses along Bank Street in the Glebe if they could have an Ottawa Food Bank donation box beside their cash registers for the month of May. This is to increase this year's donations. We may also sell balloons again to raise some money.

Motion: The board approves the expenditure of up to \$1,000 for the design and development of the banner, if allowed by the city, and other related materials for the Great Glebe Garage Sale.

Moved: Lynn Barlow **Seconded** Kiavash Najafi **Carried**

Traffic - Guy Giguère

- Old Ottawa South Area Traffic Management Study: The Public Advisory Group meeting on January 26 recommended against restricting right-turns from Bronson Avenue into the Glebe during AM peak hours because of increased traffic in Ottawa South. The restricted right turns on Findlay/Torrington is successful but needs some reinforcement.

- Carling Ave. Rehabilitation between the O-Train and Bronson Ave.: The Public Advisory Group meeting on Feb. 17 saw plans to include a new pedestrian-activated signal at the O-Train station, dedicated cycling lanes and removal of the bulb-out at the bus stop near Bronson. There will be another meeting for Dow's Lake on March 2.
- There will be a Bank Street Reconstruction meeting on February 24 with the Councillor, City Manager and BIA Executive Director. The discussion should be focused on the planned reconstruction in 2011 of Bank (Holmwood to the canal) and the constitution of a new PAC. It was just learned that the BIA has changed its position on burying the hydro wires but the section of Bank affected (Queensway to Holmwood) is planned for reconstruction in 2012, which will leave us more time to discuss.
- One of the attendees asked for updated information on the proposed closures of Clemow and Elgin at Pretoria. However, given the issue of Bank St. reconstruction, info will be provided at a later date.

Membership - Cindy Delage

Some problems include the following:

- each March, several area reps resign, leaving their areas to be managed (block reps found, etc.) by the two co-chairs;
- other area reps do not contact block reps in advance of the campaign;
- some area reps do not recruit block reps and/or do a lot of the canvassing themselves;
- some results do not come back to the co-chairs till late in the fall or even later;
- members who sign up for the email list do not start receiving emails until months later;
- one of the co-chairs is resigning in June.

Proposed solutions (short term):

- a meeting with area reps will be held on Tuesday, March 15;
- the door-to-door campaign will run again this year, with the April board meeting used to distribute canvassing packages to area reps;
- data collection for this year is limited to address, a minimum of one adult name, one phone number and one email address;
- Glebe Collegiate will be contacted for student volunteers to canvass areas that don't have block reps or if block reps don't get their packages back by the end of May. Student canvassing would be done the first week of June.

Proposed solutions (long term):

- the board explores changing the GCA's yearend to have the AGM and elections in early April (immediately prior to the membership campaign) to ensure that area reps conduct this work at the beginning of their term;
- the board explores the use of Paypal or other mechanisms to allow online membership registration as a backup for those missed during the door-to-door campaign;
- a better system be developed to allow for one database for both membership and emails to our mailing list.

Motion: The board approve the expenditure of up to \$1,000 for the production of membership campaign materials. **Moved** Cindy Delage **Seconded** Brian Carroll **Carried**

- The Dow's Lake membership campaign was successful.

City Councillor Report - David Chernushenko

- There has been no new info from the Lansdowne Design Review Panel since November. In response to a letter about the delay in receiving details, he was informed that everything is behind schedule.
- The Urban Park Consultation is scheduled for March 23-24.
- The Soccer World Cup bid will influence Bank St. reconstruction. Apparently the BIA does not support burying the wires because of the cost to businesses.
- The Bank St. reconstruction committee needs to be re-established. The city has not provided any info for the Public Advisory Committee.
- There will be an open house for public comment on the budget on March 3.
- Funds for soil remediation at Lansdowne are not included in the budget.
- The issue of relocating the dome has not yet been resolved.

Lansdowne - Bob Brocklebank

- June Creelman has advised that the Ministry of Environment has replied to the letter about the Lansdowne site. The group plans to have a meeting this coming week to discuss next steps. It is certainly of concern that the MOE is allowing the city to use 2004 standards, not the new 2009 standards.
- The OMB appeal public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Glebe Community Centre for residents to i) learn about the rezoning and how the OMB appeal process works; ii) provide input into the GCA's position and strategy; and iii) comment on additional use of GCA money and/or fundraising for the appeal. Bob gave a slide presentation explaining the OMB zoning appeal and process. The pre-hearing will be March 11 and the hearing on May 9.

Planning - Bobby Galbreath

- City Council passed a motion on June 28 calling for commencement of an RFP for parking facilities behind the Metro as a partial solution to parking needs at Lansdowne. Staff would like to undertake a parking study to verify the need and have initiated discussions with contiguous business owners. The options include residential + parking, ground floor commercial + parking, parking only. The GCA position is that community consultation is needed at every step in the process.
- A Planning section is being developed for the website to be integrated with Heritage.

Heritage - Caroline Vanneste for Joan Bard Miller

- The GCA could recommend that Mutchmor School be part of Doors Open. If Doors Open is interested in including it, they would negotiate permission with the school. Prior to contacting Doors Open, someone on our committee would contact the school to a) let them know of our plans, and b) see if they are interested in having students participate in some manner.

Motion: The GCA requests Mutchmor School, a designated building under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, be included in Doors Open on June 4 & 5, 2011. **Moved** Joan Bard Miller **Seconded** Carol MacLeod **Carried**

Other Business

- **Northeast Glebe Parks: Tot Lot(s) Feasibility Study:** The city expects to hold a facilitated meeting with residents, advertised by the GCA, to discuss concepts in advance of the April GCA Board meeting, with final concepts delivered in May.
- **Central Park Security:** The final WISE report on Central Park East Security has been received. Options for increased lighting are being explored. A meeting will be organized by the Health & Safety Committee with key stakeholders and experts on CP East and West. **CIL Guidelines:** David Chernushenko advised that our proposed change to the CIL guidelines (that neighborhoods lacking in parkland could undertake CIL projects on lands belonging to boards of education) is prohibited under the Planning Act.
- **Bank St Reconstruction:** If the city establishes the mandatory Public Advisory Committee an NEGP representative anticipates participating. It appears we may have only one year to deal with the proposed Belvedere.
- **Banner poles:** The BIA has shared the 5 proposed sites for flag poles, slated for installation in May, and welcomes GCA consultation in advance. (Sites are Central Park, Chamberlain Park, Glebe Memorial, Glebe Community Park [Lansdowne Community Park], Patterson's Creek Park.)

The following motion was circulated by email on February 24, 2011:

Motion: The GCA supports the Riverview Park Community Association in their opposition to the \$55 million 1.2 km road linking the General Hospital parking lots and ring road to Riverside Drive. **Moved** Virginia Carver **Seconded** Elizabeth Ballard **Carried**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.