

**Glebe Community Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 26, 2010**

Present:

Board Members: Caroline Vanneste (President), Martha Bowers (Secretary), Elizabeth Ballard, Joan Bard-Miller, Bob Brocklebank, Virginia Carver, Catherine Caule, June Creelman, Cindy Delage, Jim Gauvreau, Guy Giguère, Louise Green, Vaughn Guy, Rochelle Handelman, Carol MacLeod, Christine McAllister, Barbara Wysocka

Others: Desmond Devoy, Jennifer Fotheringham, Martin Freeman, Geoff Hall, Julie Houle Cezer, Frank Oakes

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of November 24 were adopted. **Moved**, Elizabeth Ballard, **Seconded**, Carol MacLeod

3. President's Report - Caroline Vanneste

- Caroline thanked everyone who helped organize the response to the fire on Glebe Ave. Many donations from businesses and residents have been received and there is a bank account at the Royal Bank. It is expected that the building will be demolished. We are creating an itemized list of household items offered to the tenants. A fund-raising event co-sponsored with GNAG and the BIA will be held at the community centre on Feb. 20.

Motion: The GCA will donate \$500 to the fund for the fire and lend \$500 to the organizers to cover costs before ticket sales generate revenue. **Moved**, June Creelman, **Seconded**, Christine McAllister **Carried**

- Caroline introduced the fourth year Carleton students who are working on a governance project (managing change), looking at how the GCA works, what we do, our strengths and weaknesses. They intend to do an online survey of members to gather information on perception in the community.
- The money from cash-in-lieu of parking is to be used for parks and recreation projects in the communities where it is collected. We have been asked for ideas on suitable projects, such as improvements to the steps at the community centre, Mutchmor school, the garden angels, etc. Carol MacLeod volunteered to consult with groups and prepare a list of projects for mid-February.
- Caroline attended the 3i conference in November but there were no tangible outcomes.
- Bob Brocklebank made a presentation to City Council on the budget on behalf of the GCA.
- The next FCA meeting will be held at our community centre on Feb. 8.
- Caroline has created a Facebook page with GCA information.
- Members thanked Caroline for hosting the gathering earlier in January.

Treasurer's Report - Louise Green

The Treasurer reported on our bank account and GICs. The GCA will work with the Red Cross to distribute the funds in the RBC fire account to the tenants at a later date.

4. Liaison Reports

Glebe Business Improvement Area - Caroline Vanneste for Catherine Lindquist

Caroline reported that the BIA, which is having its AGM this evening, has had a busy year. There are been good cooperation with the GCA on many files. They have also participated in fund raising for the fire.

5. Committee Reports

Education - Christine McAllister

- Representatives from Mutchmor, First Ave., and Lady Evelyn met to discuss the impact of housing in the Lansdowne proposal on school enrolment, safety for walking along Bank St. and bussing. Glebe Collegiate is also concerned about use of the dome at Lansdowne Park. They also asked that people report on the use of drugs on the street and in parks. There is also an issue with limited staff parking at Glebe Collegiate.
- The Board of Education is reviewing the Alternative Schools Program. If the program is ended at Lady Evelyn some students from the Glebe will return to Glebe schools. There is already an issue with overcrowding at First Ave. However, the main issue is the importance of choice that Alternative Schools offer.

Motion: The GCA will write to the Ottawa Carleton District School Board in support of the Alternative Schools program. **Moved**, Christine McAllister, **Seconded**, Carol MacLeod **Carried**

Lansdowne - June Creelman

- The city approved the OSEG Lansdowne proposal with several conditions.
- A consultant is developing terms of reference for the transportation study. However, the consultant is going to get the contract. This is another example of sole sourcing, which is of great concern to those who opposed the Lansdowne proposal on the same grounds!
- Expressions of interest are requested for the design competition for the “front lawn” (actually the back yard) for February 10. A design panel of outside experts/professionals has been formed. Should the GCA’s Lansdowne committee be proactive and approach the various groups with ideas?

Motion: The committee will put together a one-pager with ideas gathered from the community consultations and send it to all of the selected firms. **Moved**, Christine McAllister, **Seconded**, Elizabeth Ballard **Carried**

- John Martin has asked for the GCA’s support for his legal challenge. We are concerned that he wants to act alone and make his own decisions. The GCA cannot lend its support to private individuals who are unwilling to have decisions made by the board.

Motion: The GCA does not endorse the legal action pursued by Mr. Martin. **Moved**, Bob Brocklebank, **Seconded**, Jim Gauvreau **Carried**

Traffic - Guy Giguère

- The committee supports the postponement of the reconstruction of Bank St. until the Lansdowne proposal and burying the wires have been decided.
- The project manager for the city has indicated that there is potential for the section of Clemow Ave. on Central Park to be closed.
- There will be a traffic management study in Old Ottawa South. A working group, including GCA representation, will evaluate traffic calming, etc.
- The NCC plans to study pedestrian crossings on the Driveway.

Heritage - Joan Bard-Miller

Joan participated in the tour of the Horticultural building at Lansdowne Park and is working with Heritage Ottawa. They are hoping to participate in the George Dark study.

Environment - Virginia Carver

- The Mutchmor Parent Council is interested in greening the school area and has applied for a city grant to replace the dying ash trees, improve the pathways and provide benches for the children. They would also appreciate help from the garden angels for the heritage garden in the front along Fifth Ave., particularly during the summer.
- The next Envirofair will be March 19, 2011. A theme is to be decided.

Planning - Bob Brocklebank

- The Official Plan for the City of Ottawa has been approved by the provincial Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

Motion: The GCA agrees to pay \$30 to renew its membership in the FCA. **Moved**, Bob Brocklebank, **Seconded**, Barbara Wysocka **Carried**

Motion: The GCA agrees to pay up to \$75 in order to copyright the GCA logo. **Moved**, Bob Brocklebank, **Seconded**, Catherine Caule **Carried**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.