

**Glebe Community Association  
Draft Minutes of the Board Meeting  
Tuesday, June 24, 2008**

**Present:**

*Board Members:* Bob Brocklebank (President), Jill Adams, Elizabeth Ballard, Martha Bowers, Virginia Carver, Vince Catalli, June Creelman, Cindy Delage, Leslie Fulton, Guy Giguere, Rochelle Handelman, Carol MacLeod, Ian McKercher, Frank Oakes, John Smart, Janet Sutherland, Barbara Wysocka

*Others:* Ali Anissa, Anthony Bansfield, John Dance, Desmond Devoy, Afnan Kaid, Kathy Needham, J. Carolyn Racine, Jayne Stoyles

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

An item on Dancing in the Streets was added to the agenda.

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

Corrections/changes were made to the Environment and Noise sections of the May minutes.

**MOTION:** That the minutes of the May 27, 2008, meeting be adopted. (Sutherland/McKercher)  
**Carried.**

**3. President's Report – Bob Brocklebank**

- Bob will circulate the dates of the FCA meetings so that other interested members of the GCA can attend.
- The Rural Settlement Strategies workshop produced a report with 179 recommendations, some of which are applicable to the urban area. It is important to work together because both areas have similar problems.
- The Urban Tree Conservation Project may lead to a bylaw on the urban forest. **Action:** Bob will send the report to the Environment Committee.
- There is a study on another inter-provincial crossing. This issue will have an impact on Glebe residents.
- We will have to be engaged in the Intensification Forum. **Action:** June will invite the City to do a presentation on density.
- There are some issues with the Graffiti Management Strategy. It is not always possible to identify the owners of the various utility boxes. **Action:** The Environment Committee will draft a letter to city officials and the respective utilities.
- Elizabeth Ballard attended the Parking Management meeting. Ideas included providing short-term parking for businesses, limiting land use for parking structures, etc.
- The Ottawa Centre MPP is holding 2 meetings on poverty on June 25 and 26.

**4. Councillor's Report**

- Capital Ward has active community associations that can provide advice and training to other associations in the city.
- The Planning and Development Committee is dealing with the Carp River Flood Plain issue.
- There are more funds for the Bicycle Plan, but still not enough. We have to retrofit our cities in order to reduce our carbon footprint and still maintain our quality of life.

## **5. Presentation on Pedestrian Bridge Linking Ottawa East and the Glebe – John Dance, Jayne Stoyles**

- The Ottawa East Community Association is developing a proposal for a pedestrian bridge linking Ottawa East with the Glebe and is also seeking support from Alta Vista and Ottawa South.
- The presenters provided some background history (for 75 years there had been a winter bridge and a summer ferry), as well as information on the benefits of such a link (improved, safer access to Lansdowne Park for pedestrians and cyclists, economic benefits to businesses).
- The proposed location is between Clegg St. and 5th Avenue, but there are other possibilities.
- Several issues were raised during the discussion, including the need for more analysis, but most members supported the proposal in principle.

**MOTION:** The Glebe Community Association endorses the concept of a pedestrian bridge linking Ottawa East and the Glebe. (Creelman/Carver) **Carried.**

## **6. Presentation – Leadership Ottawa – Caroline Racine, Anthony Bansfield**

The presenters provided information on the 9-month program that promotes learning and developing skills for community action. The goal is to identify neighbourhood connectors who would develop a network to share ideas and learn how to get things done in the community. The project is seeking nominations for the next program.

**Action:** Leslie will post a notice on the GCA website and also provide information in the August *Glebe Report*.

## **7. Committee Reports**

### **Traffic – Guy Giguere**

- The NCC is holding consultations and workshops on pedestrian safety along Queen Elizabeth Drive and Colonel By Drive to identify the most used and dangerous crossings, vehicle speed, number of vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists, etc.
- The next steps involve collecting data on the four seasons.
- There should be a report on the findings in February.

### **Planning – Caroline Vanneste**

Caroline provided some information in an email advising that she and John Vincent will be working together to ensure a smooth transition, and that they will be using a glebeca email address and the mailbox at the GCC so that work-sharing is facilitated.

### **Environment - Virginia Carver**

- The pilot on Butt Stops will go ahead. The *Glebe Report* had given the Environment Committee \$500 for this project.

**MOTION:** The GCA will provide \$200 to supplement the committee's budget for the Butt Stops project. (Carver/MacLeod) **Carried.**

- Fourteen volunteers have come forward for the graffiti campaign to adopt a box (mailboxes only).

- The City intends to go ahead with the retreeing project. Dr. Peter Teitlebaum has been photographing trees in the Glebe to help people identify them. There will be a link to his website from the GCA site.
- The committee is advocating for more garbage cans on Bank Street, and fewer other boxes.
- The Garden Angels are trying to get the City to fill the rain barrels for watering garden boxes. Loblaw donated plants.
- Loeb is reducing the use of plastic bags in an effort to reduce waste and encourage reusable bags. **Action:** Bob will send a letter to the Bank St. Loeb thanking them for this effort.
- There was an issue about Styrofoam insulation blowing onto Brown's Inlet from the new house being constructed. The committee has contacted the provincial environment ministry about the issue.

#### **Membership** – Barbara Wysocka

- Some returns have been received. Some blocks have not been canvassed. More information on the campaign results will be provided in September.

#### **Lansdowne** – June Creelman

- The design competition is still on hold. The City is studying the state of the stadium to assess if it should be part of the redevelopment or not.
- There is no proposal from the football group on the table at this time.
- The lower stands are scheduled for demolition on July 20.
- It is expected that there will be no further action until the fall.
- A resident noted that there is a peregrine falcon nest at Lansdowne.

#### **Great Glebe Garage Sale** – Janet Sutherland

- So far \$5,100 has been raised for the Food Bank. The contribution from the BIA is still to come.
- There is a suggestion that block reps collect donations to ensure that the Food Bank receives part of the vendors' sales.
- **Action:** Thank you letters to the key supporters will be prepared.

#### **Dancing in the Street** – June Creelman

- August 23 is the date for this year's event.
- This year there will be more but smaller stages to promote a community flavour and encourage local participation.
- Bank Street will be closed from dawn until midnight.

### **8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:35.