

**Glebe Community Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 23, 2009**

Present:

Board Members: Caroline Vanneste, (President), Martha Bowers (Secretary), Scott Annan, Bob Brocklebank, Karen Campbell, Virginia Carver, Cindy Delage, Jim Gauvreau, Louise Green, Rochelle Handelman, Teena Hendelman, Catherine Lindquist, Carol MacLeod, Christine McAllister, Joan Bard Miller, Frank Oakes, Janet Sutherland,

Others: Ashwin Shingadia

The new President, Caroline Vanneste, welcomed members and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The Treasurer's report was added after the President's report. It was noted that Teena Hendelman would serve as the alternate for the Lansdowne report. With these items, the agenda was adopted.

Moved, Bob Brocklebank, **Seconded**, Rochelle Handelman

2. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of May 26 were adopted with small corrections. **Moved**, Janet Sutherland, **Seconded**, Rochelle Handelman

The President reported on several action items: the BUGS garden has been delayed due to soil testing; the Planning Committee sent comments to the city on the infill guidelines; and a letter was sent to the owner of the Lord Lansdowne regarding the air conditioner noise.

3. President's Report - Caroline Vanneste

Caroline thanked Bob for his service as president and said that we have a strong board with some experienced members as well as new faces.

- She mentioned several AGMs, including the FCA [Federation of Citizens Association] of which Bob Brocklebank is Secretary; and the *Glebe Report*, where June Creelman is a Board member.
- The NCC will have a public board meeting on June 30.
- She has directed calls from the CBC about urban chickens to the residents who attended a previous GCA meeting, and from the *Globe and Mail* about Lansdowne Park to June Creelman.
- The Sunnyside Public Library has received \$1.7 million in infrastructure funding so the Friends of the Library will not go ahead with a fundraising event.
- The Flight Centre, a new Glebe business, will officially open on June 27.
- We have received a nomination to fill the position of Director of Communications.

Motion: The GCA nominates Scott Annan as Director of Communications for the 2009-10 Board.

Moved, Cindy Delage, **Seconded**, Karen Campbell **Carried**

- Kathie Lauder has stepped down as Area Rep.

Action: Cindy Delage will look for a replacement.

- Caroline handed out the governance manuals to Board members.
- In the absence of summer meetings, Caroline will host a gathering for the Board on July 28 to discuss upcoming issues, including her replacement during September and October.

4. Treasurer's Report - Louise Green

- The new Treasurer said she would be available to do transactions at the monthly meeting and would like a list of projects that have been allocated funds.

Action: Committees to provide the Treasurer with a list of recently funded projects.

- There is a significant amount in the bank account that should be invested.
- It was suggested that the various committees prepare a budget when organizing specific events.

5. Councillor's Report

- In the absence of Councillor Doucet, the President mentioned several items of interest.
- Infrastructure funding has been received for several Glebe projects including \$200,000 for recladding the Aberdeen Pavilion, and \$3 million for sewer, water and road renewal in the Dow's Lake area.
- All future Community Design Plans must include a local pedestrian plan and the 2010 city budget will include funding for a study of the "midtown" pedestrian and cyclist bridge across the Canal near Fifth and Clegg.
- The current schedule for Bank St. reconstruction is from the Canal to Third in 2010 and from Third to the 417 in 2011.
- Some 2,600 signatures have been received for the Lansdowne Park petition.

6. Liaison Reports

GNAG - Karen Campbell

- The Lobster Kitchen party was a success.
- The Board is reviewing programming for adults and children and will have an operational plan for September.
- Focus groups will be used to address issues, e.g. service delivery, etc., in the city's White Paper.
- There is now a designated handicap parking spot at the community centre.
- It has been determined that there is not enough space to install showers on the third floor.
- There are discussions about how to prioritize applications for use of the centre.

BIA - Catherine Lindquist

- There have been 10 arrests and 8 charged for graffiti in the Centretown/Preston area.
- There will be a meeting with Clive Doucet and Inspector Cameron about the issue of panhandling and Kindness Meters. Robin Ambrose or Janet Sutherland may also attend. Give Smart pamphlets will be distributed to local businesses and there will be an article in the *Glebe Report* to provide more information to residents.
- The BIA has provided some funding for live music for Dancing in the Street.
- The BIA is concerned about integrated street furniture and will have a meeting with the city.

7. Committee Reports

Education - Christine McAllister

Overcrowding is becoming an issue in local schools. Community liaison is important so that schools are not pitted against each other. Ideas, info from others are welcome.

Environment - Virginia Carver

- Planning is underway for Envirofair in November. Priority will be given to Glebe businesses as exhibitors. The focus will be sustainable technology.
- The tree survey has already had a spinoff, with Mutchmor school enquiring about replacing the ash trees on the school grounds.
- Judith Slater, who is involved in the Garden Angels, has received plant donations. However, some of the planter boxes need to be replaced or repaired.

Great Glebe Garage Sale – Janet Sutherland

- The Food Bank has received \$3,000 so far. Many vendors still are not aware that the Food Bank is the dedicated charity.
- Garbage removal is still an issue.
- Ideas for next year's 25th anniversary are welcome.

Heritage - Joan Bard Miller

The city is currently reviewing the application for a Heritage Conservation District around Central Park East, which was submitted two years ago. Meetings concerning the district will hopefully take place in the fall.

Lansdowne - Teena Hendelman

- There are several areas of focus for the summer. A letter rebutting the column in Saturday's *Citizen* should be sent.
- The issues of sole-source procurement and lost opportunities must be communicated to taxpayers.
- Website content will be improved. Donations of \$1,600 at the public meeting and \$1,400 at the rally were received, which will help cover the purchase of software, etc.
- There must be outreach across the city through letters to community newspapers, etc.

Neighbourhood Planning - Bob Brocklebank

- The retirement home at 174 Glebe Ave. may be changing its focus.
- There may be a plan for a three-door row at 81 Fourth Ave.
- The BUGS garden has not yet been planted at Memorial Park while the soil is being tested. There is a park near Hawthorne and Main St. that may have been more suitable.
- It would be interesting to meet with Ottawa East about their experience with a community design plan.

Tenants - Jill Adams

- Carol MacLeod will send info about the responsibilities of landlords to maintain the property and grounds of rental buildings.
- An article in the *Glebe Report* on decrepit buildings in the area would help raise awareness of this problem.

Traffic - No report

Other Business

Motion: The GCA authorizes the Treasurer to invest \$11,000 in a GIC. **Moved**, Louise Green, **Seconded**, Bob Brocklebank, **Carried**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:35.