

**Glebe Community Association
Draft Minutes of the Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 22, 2010**

Present:

Board Members: Caroline Vanneste (President), Joan Bard-Miller, Lynn Barlow, Virginia Carver, June Creelman, Louise Green, Vaughn Guy, Teena Hendelman, Catherine Lindquist, Kiavash Najafi, Luz-Maria Wilson, Barbara Wysocka,

Others: Larry Balkwill, Nadia Bryden, Sandy Bryden, Doug Casey, Allison Dingle, Clive Doucet, Alex Fallis, Ginny Fokert, Mary Kovaks, Linda Landry, Bernie Lefebvre, Pamela Mackenzie, Peter Mackenzie, Dianne Maclaren, Pat Mars Hall, Frank Oakes, Lucette Ouellette, Margaret Proulx, Vicki Robinson, George Windsor

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted. **Moved**, Teena Hendelman, **Seconded**, June Creelman **Carried**

2. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of May 25 were adopted. **Moved**, Joan Bard Miller, **Seconded**, Vaughn Guy **Carried**

3. President's Report - Caroline Vanneste

- Frank Oakes followed up on the copyright for the GCA logo, which cost \$65. He would like to thank Mary Lou Coulter for designing the logo. She has not received any remuneration for her effort, but the logo has been in use for many years since it was selected through the initial competition.
- Caroline had a call from the architect for the new design of 114 / 116 Glebe Avenue. He will be meeting with the Planning Committee.
- The Ottawa Carleton District School Board is considering selling off the property at Bronson and Chamberlain and is looking at conducting public consultation in the fall.

4. Committee Reports

Environment – Virginia Carver

- Virginia discussed the cash-in-lieu of parkland money available to us. There was a proposal from the City to put a play structure in Central Park, rather than conduct the requested feasibility study. The play structure would be moved once the greening of Clemow occurred. Feedback from the neighbourhood study indicated that the consultation was too hurried, although 72% were in favour of the results, and the rest opposed. Some concerns included the loss of a dog park with off-leash facilities, cutting down three linden mature trees, and incompatibility of the play structure and off-leash use of the park. It is not a good location for tot lot since big puddles are often filled with feces because there is an overflow from sewers, and condoms and needles are often found there. In addition, City heritage staff do not support the play structure in the proposed location.

Motion: That the GCA board approve a feasibility study for a preschool play structure in the northeast quadrant of the Glebe, north of First Avenue and east of Bank Street. **Moved**, Virginia Carver, **Seconded**, June Creelman **Carried**

Lansdowne - June Creelman

- The Lansdowne meeting on June 17th was well attended. Eight of the city's advisory committees oppose the Lansdowne proposal.

- June Creelman put forth a motion to approve the following 10 statements:

Be it resolved that the GCA communicate to City councillors and staff, to elected officials at the provincial and federal levels, and to the community at large the Glebe community's consensus position on the redevelopment of Lansdowne Park.

1. Lansdowne Park should be revitalized through a fair, open and transparent process that involves meaningful engagement of the public and of neighbouring communities.
2. The financial proposal for Lansdowne should be rejected since it is not in the public interest and will increase the burden on taxpayers by:
 - providing public land for commercial purposes at a nominal rent of \$1 rather than leasing the land at market rates;
 - debt financing an expensive \$130 million dollar stadium renovation when the City's own reports indicated that renovations could be done at a much lower cost;
 - failing to follow a competitive process to ensure value for taxpayers' dollars.
3. In terms of the proposed mixed-use development, the GCA calls for:
 - a limit on the height of buildings as per current zoning on Holmwood Avenue and Bank Street;
 - a significant reduction in the amount of retail and the size of individual stores, and reduced incursion into Lansdowne Park in order to maintain compatibility with neighbouring businesses and to respect the traditional main street zoning and character;
 - adherence to the City's Housing First Policy with respect to affordable housing.
4. The community park variously known as Sylvia Holden Community Park and Lansdowne Community Park should be retained as a distinct community park, with physical barriers separating it from Lansdowne Park and the Queen Elizabeth Driveway. This park should remain under city ownership and be managed by the City's parks and recreation department.
5. The traffic and parking generated by the proposed development will have severe adverse impacts on the quality of life, health and well being, and safety of residents of the Glebe. The Association opposes the proposed scale of development and the number of events, without adequate rapid transit. The proposed project provides no major improvements to public transportation or cycling infrastructure to reduce car traffic to the site.
6. The heritage values and attributes of the site should be respected, specifically
 - the viewsheds and easements of the Aberdeen Pavilion should be maintained;
 - the Horticulture Building should not be dismantled or moved;
 - open public space should be preserved for large public gatherings in keeping with the site's traditional uses and sense of place.
7. Lansdowne Park should be retained as a public space—planned, managed and operated by the City of Ottawa for the benefit of the citizens. No land should be declared surplus and the management of the site should not be delegated to a municipal services corporation.
8. The city should carry out comprehensive public consultations on the numerous reports and studies related to Lansdowne that were released in May and June 2010. The public participation and consultation process was grossly inadequate and did not conform with the city's own normally accepted consultation practices.

9. Council should not vote on the Lansdowne Partnership Plan until an integrated design is presented to the public, since there are significant differences between the designs of the mixed use and urban park portions. This integrated design should respect the preferred indoor and outdoor locations of the Ottawa Farmers Market. The greenspace in the urban park should have no 'hard surface marshalling areas' or overflow parking.

10. Any commercial development should be contingent on the Urban Park and this should be reflected in an implementation plan that begins with the Urban Park.

Motion: To accept the 10 statements as discussed. **Moved,** June Creelman, **Seconded,** Teena Hendelman **Carried**

Motion: That the CGA commit up to \$1,000 for a legal opinion (commissioned by the Friends of Lansdowne) on the proposed Lansdowne Park plan. (Note: If the Friends of Lansdowne raise \$10,000, the \$1,000 will not be needed.) **Moved,** June Creelman, **Seconded,** Vaughn Guy **Carried**

Other Business

On May 28 the following motion was circulated by email:

Motion: The GCA authorizes an expenditure of \$100 to purchase a gift to thank Janet Sutherland for her work over several years on the Great Glebe Garage Sale. **Moved,** Caroline Vanneste, **Seconded,** Martha Bowers. **Carried**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.