



**Minutes of the Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 28, 2011, Glebe Community Centre**

Present:

Board Members: Caroline Vanneste (President), Martha Bowers (Secretary), Jill Adams, Elizabeth Ballard, Joan Bard Miller, Lynn Barlow, Bob Brocklebank, June Creelman, Cindy Delage, Bobby Galbreath, Jim Gauvreau, Guy Giguère, Louise Green, Vaughn Guy, Tina Hendelman, Jonathan Loschmann, Carol MacLeod, Dale Miller, Janet Sutherland, Daphne Towers, Barbara Wysocka

Others: Sandy Bryden, Danny Handelman, Walter Hendelman, Catherine Henry, Julie Houle Cezer, Claudia Loschmann, Peter Mackenzie, Dianne Maclaren, Philip Mason

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

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted. (Vaughn Guy, Barbara Wysocka)

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of May 24 were approved. (Cindy Delage, Elizabeth Ballard)

President's Report - Caroline Vanneste

- The President announced that the Glebe Art in Our Gardens and Studio Tour will take place on July 9 and 10.
- Some changes have been made to the Board Manual including replacing the Tenants Committee with Parks. There is also information about expenses and email votes.
- **Action:** Jim Gauvreau (Webmaster) will post a calendar on the GCA website with the dates of the regular monthly meetings.
- We would like another community association to host an all-candidates meeting for the October 2011 provincial election.
- For planning purposes, committees are asked to provide a heads-up for upcoming meetings. There will be an Environment Committee meeting on Lansdowne on October 27.

Treasurer's Report - Louise Green

- The Treasurer provided background information on GCA expenditures. With incoming membership fees, the contribution from OSCA and allowing for a few financial commitments (Garden Angels, tree survey), we should have enough funds to pay the legal bill to MacMillan.
- It is not necessary for committees to have a budget, but they should advise about upcoming expenses related to certain activities (eg. Envirofair).
- As a non-profit organization, we have no employees, we don't run a business, our funds are limited and we do not have to fill in tax forms.
- In the past we kept surplus funds in GICs, which became our reserve fund for this year's unexpected expenditures.
- **Action:** The Bank St. Committee will prepare an invoice for the City for a reimbursement for the public meeting on Bank St. reconstruction that the GCA organized in April.
- **Action:** A finance meeting will be held to discuss how finances should be handled in future. Anyone interested in attending should contact Caroline.

BIA - no report

The President will follow up on having a GCA representative on the Bank St. BIA.

Heritage - Joan Bard Miller

- Doors Open at Mutchmor School was successful, with over 200 visitors.
- Controversy among residents continued on the proposed heritage designation for the Clemow Estates East. The following **Motion** was circulated by email on June 20: Whereas the GCA first recommended a heritage conservation study of the Central Park east area; and whereas the area has been established as significant by City heritage planning staff; and whereas there is community concern for protecting the area; and whereas the property owners have indicated concerns with the boundaries, be it resolved that the GCA request further consideration for reduced boundaries based on consistent, heritage-based criteria. (Joan Bard Miller, Elizabeth Ballard) **Carried**
- The issue was discussed by the city's Planning Committee today (June 28) and passed with a compromise amendment to the boundaries presented by Councillor Chernushenko. It will go to City Council on July 13.
- There was a discussion on how to protect other streetscapes to avoid tear-downs, mega-developments, etc.; how to encourage good infill; how design committees can influence buildings that are appropriate; and concerns about property values, etc. Because this also is a concern in other areas of the city, a Heritage Forum is planned for this fall. It will be hosted by Heritage Ottawa and NECA.
- The OMB ruling against the appellants for the Lansdowne zoning appeal may have been related to the fact that we do not have a community design plan, which we had asked for long ago.

Lansdowne Report - June Creelman

- The city cancelled a meeting on Lansdowne for next week. Councillors may be starting to realize the seriousness of the plan.
- The judge presiding over the Friends of Lansdowne legal challenge suggested that the City go back to Council to clarify the financials.
- The media seems to be providing more balanced coverage for the first time in three years.

Parks - Elizabeth Ballard

- Elizabeth had circulated a draft paper on Central Park. After discussions and consultation, the Northeast Glebe Parks (NEGP) group believes that a clear account of the value of this park as a quiet, natural part of the Glebe's heritage will help everyone understand the importance of protecting this community park. The group would like to seek designation of the park as a "passive park," (similar to Patterson Creek and Sylvia Holden). Maintenance and lighting improvements should be made, particularly to celebrate the centenary of Central Park next year. The group would like the GCA to endorse the paper in order to present it to our Councillor for support for the passive park designation.

Discussion: Among others, one of the issues behind the designation proposal is the possibility of the city installing a power kiosk in Central Park, which could bring unwanted commercialization to the park. Comments included the need for a definition of "passive park," expanding the document to include the west side of Bank St. and consulting with the wider community. It was suggested that an executive summary be prepared for circulation to the Councillor and the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Motion: The GCA paper presented should be shortened and rewritten as a discussion paper for broad circulation. (June Creelman, Elizabeth Ballard) **Carried**

Other Business

Bob Brocklebank is the Vice-President of the Federation of Community Associations and would like another member of the GCA to participate in meetings. The City Centre Coalition would also welcome a member of the GCA.

The proposal for a pedestrian bridge over the canal is on the city's website for comments.

Bank St. reconstruction is going ahead quickly and decisions on streetscaping will have to be made soon.

The following motion was circulated by email on June 5:

Motion: That the GCA approve an additional allocation of up to \$9,500 toward costs of fighting the City's rezoning of Lansdowne Park at the OMB. (Elizabeth Ballard, Louise Green) **Carried**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.