

**Glebe Community Association  
Minutes of the Board Meeting  
Tuesday, March 24, 2009**

**Present:**

Board Members: Bob Brocklebank (President), Martha Bowers (Secretary), Jill Adams, Elizabeth Ballard, Karen Campbell, Virginia Carver, Vince Catalli, Jim Gauvreau, Guy Giguère, Kathi Lauder, Carol MacLeod, Frank Oakes, Janet Sutherland, Caroline Vanneste, Barbara Wysocka  
Others: Brian Carroll, Clive Doucet, Lyne Lalonde, Catherine Lindquist, Judy Peacocke, Neil Pengelly

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted with the agreement to have the presentations before the councillor's report.

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the February 24 meeting were adopted with minor corrections. (**Moved**, Elizabeth Ballard, **Seconded**, Janet Sutherland)

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

- Councillor Doucet will hold a forum on deamalgamation on March 30.
- The FCA has some concerns about the revisions to the Official Plan (e.g. density, etc.). The next Urban Forum meeting will be held in Rockcliffe Park on April 8.
- The Glebe Centre will hold its GST auction at the community centre on April 2.
- The competition for youth bands preparing for Blues Fest will be held at the community centre on April 3.
- The two groups will present their business plans for Lansdowne Park on April 6. The public meeting will be on April 20.
- There will be a meeting on graffiti on April 30.
- Dancing in the Street will take place on August 22.

**5. Presentations**

**a) Police and the Community - P. Ty Cameron**

Inspector Ty Cameron, who has been assigned to our area, spoke about community policing and asked about any issues we had. There are 40 officers for the area and the main issues the police have identified are theft (break and enters), traffic (accidents, speeding) and graffiti. Overall, these incidents are lower than in some other parts of Ottawa. A question was asked about panhandling. Organizations recommend that it is better to give money to the organizations for their programs rather than to the street people. There was a suggestion that metres could be installed to accept donations. In response to a question on graffiti, he said it is important to get parents onside and to encourage restitution and community work.. Eradicating the graffiti (cleaning it up) discourages those from redoing it. The police are working with the schools and the BIA. It was suggested that someone from Crime Prevention Ottawa could speak to us at a future meeting.

**b) Glebe BIA - Catherine Lindquist**

Catherine Lindquist, the CEO of the Glebe BIA, introduced herself and provided information about the group. There are 300 members representing the area with an 11-member board and committees for parking and transit, Lansdowne, safety and security, etc. Meetings are held at 8 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. The office is located at 858 Bank St., tel. 613-769-4709. The BIA is an advocacy group that represents business interests ( marketing, improvements, events, promotions,

etc.) to the city. It will also support ongoing events such as Art in the Park, the GGGS, etc., as well as start new ones (e.g. Choco-lah). The BIA has already become involved with the graffiti issue.

#### **4. Councillor's Report - Clive Doucet**

- Council will review the Lansdowne and soccer proposals on April 6 and April 20. Councillors have not yet seen the staff report.
- The Councillor will hold a forum on deamalgamation on Mar 30.
- There will be a meeting in Old Ottawa South on March 28 on the community development plan.
- He will present a mid-term report on March 26 with information on infrastructure, burying the wires, etc.

#### **6. Committee Reports**

##### **a) Lansdowne - no report; see above**

##### **6. b) Planning - Caroline Vanneste**

- The Committee of Adjustment turned down the revised application for variances for 81 Fourth Ave. because it did not meet the four criteria. The owner has until April 2 to file an application with the OMB.
- A variance is requested for 15 Crescent Heights. Dow's Lake residents do not object.

**Motion:** The Glebe Community Association agrees that the Planning Committee may send a letter to the Committee of Adjustment expressing concerns that the proposal for 15 Crescent Heights should not encroach on public property. (**Moved**, Caroline Vanneste, **Seconded**, Carol MacLeod)

##### **Carried**

- There was confusion at the March 11 neighbourhood meeting to discuss the BUGS proposal for a community garden in Memorial Park. There will be another meeting on March 25. The GCA has not taken a position on this issue. There was a misunderstanding at the January meeting when it was thought the garden would be temporary. However, the garden could be permanently located in the park.

##### **c) Environment - Virginia Carver**

- The Envirofair will be held on November 7 at St. Giles church. The committee has applied to the city for \$550 for rental expenses. The rental of tables should also recover some costs.
- The city's forestry department will loan us some electronic equipment to input data for the tree survey. Training will be provided in May.
- There will be a meeting on March 30 with representatives from the city, police and schools to develop a more sustainable plan to reduce or eliminate graffiti.
- The Bank St. clean-up will be on April 28.
- Tucker House asked the GCA to co-sponsor green walks in the Glebe.
- The committee is looking into multi-recycling boxes for the Glebe.

##### **d) Social Planning - no report**

##### **e) Business - see 5.b)**

##### **f) Traffic - Guy Giguère**

- After a recommendation made five years ago, off-peak parking (5:30 p.m. to 7 a.m.) has been implemented on Bronson Ave. It would be good to extend it to Ottawa South.

##### **g) Membership - Barbara Wysocka**

- An email has been sent to area representatives to begin lining up block reps for this year's campaign.

- Data entry is to be done.

#### **h) GNAG - Karen Campbell**

- The summer schedule is out.
- Upcoming events include, a motivational presentation by Olympic athlete Kristina Groves on March 25; the band competition on April 3; a Mother's Day plant sale and jewellery show; a zydeco party on May 28; a retro-family dance on June 19; and Groovy Grapes beer, wine and scotch workshops in April and May.
- The basement floors will have to be repaired and the centre is investigating putting in showers.

#### **i) Governance - Caroline Vanneste**

- Comments on the proposed changes to the Board are welcomed.
- There were several comments on some of the committee changes. This item will be discussed at the April meeting.

#### **j) Parking - Elizabeth Ballard**

A vibrant pedestrian neighbourhood should be encouraged.

#### **k) Great Glebe Garage Sale - Janet Sutherland**

**Motion:** The GCA authorizes up to \$600 for two ads in the *Glebe Report* to promote the sale and the AGM. (**Moved**, Janet Sutherland, **Seconded**, Guy Giguère) **Carried**

- Diamond Storage has enquired on how to be involved in the GGGGS, possibly selling food. The company would have to buy space from a church or school and would have to make a donation to the Food Bank. Members thought that it would be more appropriate for the company to be involved in Dancing in the Street, possibly as a sponsor.

#### **7. Other Business - Judy Peacocke**

Judy Peacocke, a micro-biologist, has information on keeping chickens in an urban area. She will meet with Bob, Virginia and Elizabeth to discuss the issue so we better inform the community.

#### **8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.