

**Glebe Community Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 23, 2010**

Present:

Board Members: Caroline Vanneste (President), Elizabeth Ballard (Acting Secretary), Louise Green, Joan Bard-Miller, Virginia Carver, Barbara Wysocka, Carol MacLeod, Rochelle Handelman, Janet Sutherland, June Creelman, Vaughn Guy, Teena Handelman

Others: Christina Marchant, Clive Doucet, Maria-Luz Alvarez-Wilson, Ian McKercher, Desmond Devoy, Julie Houle Cezer, one illegible

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted. **Moved**, Barbara Wysocka, **Seconded**, Rochelle Handelman. **Carried**.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of February 23 were amended to record Walter Handelman as a visitor and adopted. **Moved**, Tina Handelman, **Seconded**, Rochelle Handelman. **Carried**.

As a courtesy to two presenters, two agenda items were flipped forward.

3. Ottawa Neighborhood Study (ONS) Presentation - Christina Marchant

A community dialogue to discuss results of the ONS multidisciplinary study of population health for the Glebe/Dows Lake neighborhood will be held at the GCC on **Thursday, April 29, 7:15 – 9:00 p.m.** Three levels of government have confirmed their attendance. A summary of Glebe/Dows Lake results can be found at <http://137.122.133.36/neighbourhoodstudy.ca/main.php>.

Christina Marchant, of the Centretown Community Health Centre, sought advice on topics the GCA would like covered when details of the ONS are presented.

Suggestions included: learning how each level of government is currently engaged in population health; identifying implications of the Lansdowne development's new facilities, including unhealthy food outlets catering to stadium crowds; tenants' concerns about disrepair of old houses; learning the demographics of which groups make up the lower income segment; sharing of suggestions made during the ONS Forum break-outs. Creating a directed Q&A session, and providing tables that invite participants to identify how to use the ONS research were offered as process suggestions. It was confirmed that GCA's Catherine Caule will work with CCHC to organize the April 29 event.

4. Councillor's Report – Clive Doucet

Clive noted that the Planning Committee recently gave heritage designation to Westboro's entire Soeurs de la Visitation Monastery site, thereby limiting the kinds of development. Main Street's Oblate Fathers' land will be the next significant green community space to be lost to developers. The City's \$30K Lansdowne Heritage Report bestowed the report it was hired to give, incredibly advocating permanent commercial retail on a site that was retail-free for 150 years. The Lansdowne development has now cost the City \$3 million.

A single contact with the Friends of Lansdowne Park will make it easier for coordinating with his office.

5. President's Report - Caroline Vanneste

- Caroline reported that there are Board vacancies for Communication, Great Glebe Garage Sale, and representatives of 2B and 4B. Janet Kuntz (5B) was thanked for finding a replacement, Catherine Walters. Brian Carroll, Janet King and Vince Catalli have not yet confirmed.
- The Carleton students' Management Report will be available for the April meeting.
- Communications: The GCA email list now has 400 members. Adding to it should be a focus of the membership drive. The media list has been updated. The website's Committee List needs some clean up, as does the Board Manual.
- Guy Giguere has confirmed that Glendale will be reconstructed.
- Since the February meeting, two motions were circulated and passed electronically:

Motion: That the GCA provide a letter in support of the Glebe Business Improvement Area's funding application to TD Green Streets program. **Moved:** Virginia Carver, **Seconded:** Elizabeth Ballard. **Carried.**

Motion: That the GCA renew its membership with Volunteer Canada at a cost of \$100. **Moved:** Elizabeth Ballard, **Seconded:** Bob Brocklebank. **Carried.**

6. Committee Reports

Great Glebe Garage Sale – Janet Sutherland

- GGGs date is **May 29**, rain or shine. Janet circulated a new logo for use in signage and ads.
- Currently working on the special event permit, emergency routes, garbage, sale of additional space at Muchmor and the GCC, preparation of a new GGGs FAQs. There will be a *Glebe Report* article in April.
- Financial target for the 25th anniversary will be to beat the \$13,000 donation to the food bank.
- Costs of \$700 will include: \$100 to pay the designer for the ad layout, \$300 for the *Glebe Report* ad, and \$300 for balloons with GGGs and Food Bank logos. It may be that the balloons could be pre-sold.

Motion: That the GGGs be allocated \$700 to cover costs for the design, ad and balloons. **Moved:** Janet Sutherland, **Seconded:** Rochelle Handelman. **Carried.**

Heritage – Joan Bard Miller

- Joan reported that a presentation on the proposed Clemow Estates East Heritage Conservation District, an area surrounding Central Park, will be held Wednesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m.
- The Heritage Committee believes Lansdowne Park meets the criteria and proposes to nominate Lansdowne Park as one of Heritage Canada's Endangered Places.

Motion: That the GCA apply for Heritage Canada's Endangered Places status for Lansdowne Park. **Moved,** Joan Bard Miller, **Seconded,** Elizabeth Ballard. **Carried.**

Lansdowne - June Creelman

- June reported that the GCA invited all five design teams to submit proposals for the entire site, not just the 'back yard,' with a priceless honorarium to be awarded: concierge privileges and reserved parking for the Great Glebe Garage Sale!
- A separate campaign to protect Sylvia Holden Park (SHP) has emerged, raising issues of child safety during major events, the Ritz parking lot, and the importance of commemorative naming rules. A public meeting on SHP is planned for **Thursday, April 15, 7:30 p.m. at the GCC.** City staff have not yet replied to GCA requests to attend the meeting or to supply information about their plans for the park.

- Walter Hendelman reported that at a recent meeting of the city's Forests and Green Spaces Advisory Committee he corrected City Planner John Smit's claim that the GCA had been adequately consulted about the front lawn design competition.
- After a break, Friends of Lansdowne Park are now meeting as a coalition of groups that will address city-wide issues.

Motion: That a grant of \$1,000 be allocated to the Lansdowne Committee for printing costs.

Moved, June Creelman, **Seconded,** Barbara Wysocka. **Carried.**

Membership – Barbara Wysocka

- Barbara requested funds for this year's membership campaign.

Motion: That \$500 be allocated to the Membership Committee for printing and expenses for a wine and cheese for Area Reps. **Moved,** Barbara Wysocka, **Seconded,** Janet Sutherland. **Carried.**

- This year the wine and cheese will be held for Area Reps and an alternative way will be found to thank Block Reps.
- The committee supports the postponement of the reconstruction of Bank St. until the Lansdowne proposal and burying the wires have been decided.

Environment - Virginia Carver

- Spring clean up will be held **April 17, 9:30 a.m. at Bank and Fifth.**
- The tree inventory will begin if the City's electronic recorders arrive.
- The BIA has expressed interest in looking after the Bank St. planters to create coordinated plantings. Virginia noted that this would have the advantage of resolving access to water, and she will be coordinating this with the Garden Angels.
- Graffiti on the Rogers boxes is never cleaned, so frequent calling will be tried to push the City to send by-law officers.
- The need for signs for a duck crossing was raised again with Clive's office; nearby residents would need to sign a petition. A ramp and removal of 1.5 car lengths of parking along Woodlawn/ Ralph/Broadway Streets are recommended.

Motion: That the GCA support an application to the City to remove permit parking along 9 metres of Ralph St., and improve the area for duck crossing. **Moved:** Virginia Carver, **Seconded,** Rochelle Handelman. **Carried.**

- Virginia relayed Catherine Lindquist's appreciation from the BIA for supporting the BIA's Green Streets program application. The application is moving forward, with TD Bank support.
- The BIA will meet with the City on street furniture, seeking garbage cans near the benches.

7. Other Business

Parking – Elizabeth Ballard

- Elizabeth noted that the Pay and Display units will be installed this year, in advance of the Bank Street reconstruction. Efforts will be made to provide bicycle parking through converting some old meters into 'loops' or establishing bicycle parking at corners.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.