

**Glebe Community Association  
Draft Minutes of the Board Meeting  
Tuesday, May 27, 2008**

**Present:**

*Board Members:* Bob Brocklebank (President), Martha Bowers, Karen Campbell, Virginia Carver, John Crump, Leslie Fulton, Rochelle Handelman, Kathie Lauder, Carol MacLeod, Ian McKercher, Allan Rosenzweig, Janet Sutherland, Caroline Vanneste, John Vincent, Barbara Wysocka.

*Others:* Jill Adams, Scott Campbell, Perry Coodin, Ruth Coodin, Brian Eyford, Ian Gordon, David Hoyer, Linda Jordan, Liam McGahern, Clyde Sanger, George Wright

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

Items on Seniors, Governance and Posters were added to the agenda. With these additions, the agenda was adopted.

Bob Brocklebank informed the meeting that the secretary, Joyce McMahon, is ill and we wish her well.

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

Minor corrections/changes were made to the April minutes.

**MOTION:** That the minutes of the April 25, 2008 meeting be adopted. (Sutherland/Handelman)  
**Carried.**

A question was raised about the adoption of streets (for clean-up, etc.). The city has a contract to clean the streets twice a year. However, should we promote more adoptions to keep the Glebe clean?

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

- The City's Official Plan is under revision.
- Councillor Clive Doucet is absent because he is hosting a forum on intensification tonight. There will be several more meetings and workshops on this subject.
- On May 31 there will be a workshop on Rural Settlement Strategies.
- Please let Bob know if there are any Glebe events during July and August that should be included in *Where* magazine.
- Anyone who is interested in becoming involved with the property tax committee can contact John Smart.
- Citizens for Safe Cities would like GCA support for a safe cycling plan for the city.
- Bob will attend the FCA and City of Ottawa Urban Tree Conservation Project.
- There is an environmental assessment on the reconstruction of the Queensway. On February 13 there was a walkabout to evaluate the dangerous conditions for Glashan students walking along Chamberlain. The issue is going back to the Environment Ministry.
- There will be a walkabout tomorrow, May 28, to review traffic cutting through to Dow's Lake.
- On June 11 the NCC will hold a consultation on pedestrians crossing the Driveway.

#### **4. Communications Report – Leslie Fulton**

- MP Paul Dewar prepared a statement for the House of Commons congratulating the GCA for organizing the Great Glebe Garage Sale for 12 years.
- A news release will go out this week or next expressing GCA concerns about the design competition for Lansdowne Park being put on hold. **See 6. Lansdowne below.**
- The website continues to receive a lot of hits.

#### **5. Presentation – Noise Issues**

Allan Rosenzweig and a group of residents discussed the issue of noise from the air conditioners at the Lord Lansdowne Residence near Holmwood Avenue. Management from the building were not able to attend the meeting. Scott Campbell from the city bylaw office provided information, saying that when a complaint is received a bylaw officer will attend with a noise metre. It was not clear if the city can enforce the regulations if the noise level exceeds the recommended limit. It was suggested that noise issues should be part of the building code, to avoid problems after the fact. The Lord Lansdowne management have informed residents that they will construct a wall during the summer to try to suppress the noise. Mr. Campbell asked residents to document the problem over the summer months. If the problem is not mitigated, the GCA may have to put pressure on the city to deal with the noise issue.

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

##### **Seniors – Ian McKercher**

Clyde Sanger made a request in January for support for his project to compile his *Glebe Report* articles in a book. He expects to publish *Glories of the Glebe: Forty-two Conversations with Friends* in September. He is seeking support from local businesses, with any profits going to charity.

**MOTION:** That the GCA allocate \$500 toward the publication of the above book.  
(McKercher/Crump) **Carried.**

##### **Planning – John Vincent**

- Applications for variances are down significantly.
- There has been a 50% drop in building permits in the centre core. Land is becoming too expensive and there are too many restrictions.
- The development on Bronson is going ahead. There are no objections from neighbours.

##### **Environment - Virginia Carver**

- The Spring Bank Street clean-up on Saturday, May 3 was successful. The volunteers also cleaned up some graffiti.
- There is a request to ask the city to restrict the retreeing project to city trees.
- The Garden Angels have requested rain barrels for watering garden boxes.
- Following the *Glebe Report* article on graffiti, two volunteers came forward to help. A more comprehensive strategy should be developed with the BIA.
- Plans for the Buttstops at 2nd Avenue are being finalized.
- Beginning on June 2, Loeb will start to charge for plastic bags in an effort to reduce waste and encourage reusable bags.

### **Membership** – Barbara Wysocka

- The membership campaign is going well. Canvassers are needed for some blocks, including Powell, Clarey and Holmwood.
- There are no longer online registration or lifetime memberships. It is felt that the personal touch in canvassing is important in contacting neighbours.

**MOTION:** The GCA authorizes an additional \$500 for the 2008 membership campaign for supplies. (Wysocka/Sutherland) **Carried.**

### **Lansdowne** – Bob Brocklebank

- The Deputy City Manager has announced a hold on the design competition while discussions are going on with the football group. However, it is felt that these discussions need to be open and public, not behind closed doors. It was suggested that the GCA issue a news release stating our concern about the process and the delay.

**MOTION:** That the GCA issue a public statement reiterating the view that a public process must determine the future of Lansdowne Park. (Vanneste/Vincent) **Carried.**

### **Great Glebe Garage Sale** – Janet Sutherland

- There was good promotion of the event. The Hooper Home Team had brochures distributed, and there was an A-Channel interview.
- There were still some problems with vending on public property.
- We still need more awareness of the Food Bank as the designated charity. There is competition from other charities, but it is difficult to discourage this aspect.
- Leslie will prepare a thank-you letter to Paul Dewar.
- Janet thanked businesses for their support.
- We are looking at how to mark the 25th anniversary. Recognition of the founders is one idea.

### **Governance** – Caroline Vanneste

- The draft document on GCA Board Member Roles and Responsibilities was approved at the April meeting.
- The next step is to draft a manual on bylaws, etc. This is a long-term project. Janet Sutherland and Frank Oakes have offered to help. Comments can be sent to Caroline.

### **GNAG** – Karen Campbell

- The community dance was successful and another is planned for next spring. It was popular with young children.
- There will be a youth leadership event on June 2 featuring the man who ran across the Sahara desert.
- The summer camp schedule is out and the soccer season has started.
- On June 20 the grade sixes from Glebe schools will have their graduation.
- On June 23 noise panels will be installed in Scotton Hall. GNAG is paying for this improvement.
- There are flaws in some parts of the concrete floors of the community centre.
- A group has asked GNAG for support for a community garden in the park at Percy and Chamberlain.

## **7. Annual General Meeting**

- François Lapointe, Executive Director, Planning, Design and Land Use, from the NCC will be the guest speaker at the AGM in June.

- There will be elections (or acclamations) for next year's executive. If an election for any position is necessary, each candidate will have two minutes to speak. Ballots will be required.

## **8. Other Business**

Carol MacLeod said that unacceptable posters had been noticed on Bank Street. She made a complaint to the city and the councillor's office. We must all be aware of hate crimes and other unacceptable behaviours to ensure that our community is safe and secure.

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:45.