

**Glebe Community Association  
Draft Minutes of the Board Meeting  
Tuesday, May 26, 2009**

**Present:**

*Board Members:* Bob Brocklebank (President), Martha Bowers (Secretary), Jill Adams, Elizabeth Ballard, Karen Campbell, Brian Carroll, Virginia Carver, June Creelman, Cindy Delage, Guy Giguère, Rochelle Handelman, Janet Kuntz, Carol MacLeod, Ian McKercher, Dale Miller, Allan Rosenzweig, John Smart, Janet Sutherland, Caroline Vanneste

*Others:* Adrian Belanger, Phil Benson, Desmond Devoy, Clive Doucet, Jim Gauvreau, Gina Grotoli, Richard Joubert, Magda Kubasiewicz, Suzanne Landis, Christine McAllister, Diane McIntyre, Sheila Petzel, Clyde Sanger

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted with an item on the Rideau Canal Festival added.

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of April 28 were adopted with minor corrections. **Moved**, Brian Carroll, **Seconded**, Elizabeth Ballard

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

The President mentioned several upcoming events including the Lobster Party at the community centre on Thursday, May 28, his participation in the Glebe Centre's Rock-a-thon on June 6, and the Old Ottawa East Main Event on June 20.

- Dancing in the Streets is set for August 22. Anyone interested in getting involved in The Planning Committee will begin discussions on the Official Plan.
- planning the event can talk to June Creelman.

**5.a) Presentation: fixmystreet.ca - Caroline Vanneste**

On behalf of Andy Myrth, Caroline provided information about the website that is available for local neighbourhood groups to use to report issues/problems, such as graffiti, lighting, etc., which would be forwarded to the city. There will be an article in the *Glebe Report* to inform people.

**b) Noise and Lord Lansdowne Neighbours - Allan Rosenzweig**

Neighbours spoke about the unacceptable noise level from the air conditioner installed at the Lord Lansdowne, which is having a profound impact on their health, privacy and quality of life. A building on Carling Ave. has a similar unit that is not as loud, so it is possible for the owner to fix this problem. The residents have made lawn signs to publicize the issue and would like GCA support so that the City is aware that the bylaws are not adequate and that changes have to be made for modern problems facing cities.

**Motion:** The GCA supports the residents' position to resolve the unacceptable noise issue at the Lord Lansdowne, including writing a letter to the owner of the Lord Lansdowne and asking the City to take action for a long-term resolution of the noise issue. **Moved**, June Creelman, **Seconded**, Diane McIntyre **Carried**

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

- Councillor Doucet said there is a provincial code addressing building noise. Owners have to fix noise problems.
- Lansdowne Park has become an ethical issue because of the sole-source approach.
- City Council will vote on changing the urban growth boundary. This could have an important effect on the city.

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

##### **a) Lansdowne Park - June Creelman, Karen Campbell, Christine McAllister**

- There will be a public meeting on June 2 in the Assembly Hall at Lansdowne. It will follow a panel format with speakers from Carleton University, the University of Ottawa and others to be decided. It is not known if there will be city or developer representatives.
- We need a city-wide campaign to engage citizens about what is at stake in this issue.
- The developers believe they have a good plan but the process has not been followed.
- Plans are being made for a rally on June 14.

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

- There will be a meeting on June 2 for residents about new playground equipment for Capital Park. There is a survey on the GCA website.
- The City has given BUGS a one-year licence for the garden at Memorial Park. The committee is developing an evaluation plan.

**Motion:** The GCA approves up to \$200 for an online survey (using Survey Monkey) on the BUGS garden at Memorial Park. **Moved**, Caroline Vanneste, **Seconded**, Brian Carroll, **Carried**

- The City's infill guidelines are being revised and there is a contradiction that should be addressed.

**Motion:** The GCA Planning Committee will send comments to the City on the infill guidelines, suggesting clarification on the application of the guidelines. **Moved**, Caroline Vanneste, **Seconded**, Rochelle Handelman **Carried**

- Questions were asked about the demolition on Second Ave. and the explosion at the convenience store on Bronson Ave. in January.

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

- The City held two training sessions for the tree inventory project.
- The Envirofair received a \$550 grant from the City.
- Schools, community centres, etc. met on April 30 and shared possible actions to address the graffiti problem.
- The Garden Angels have received plant donations for the flower boxes.
- The butt-stop boxes are being used but there is a design problem.
- There will be a meeting on sustainable living in Old Ottawa East on June 10.

##### **d) e) Social Planning, Business - no reports**

The President will ask a representative from the BIA to attend the GCA monthly meeting.

##### **f) Traffic - Guy Giguère**

- There has been some media coverage of the Central Park/Clemow proposal. Some neighbours have been canvassed and have indicated that there should be some parking allowed on Clemow.

**Motion:** The GCA supports the Traffic Committee's request to ask the City to look into a proposal to reunite the two sections of Central Park over Clemow Avenue with due consultation with residents. **Moved,** Guy Giguère, **Seconded,** Rochelle Handelman, **Carried**

- The parking signs and pavement lines on Bronson Ave. are having a calming effect on traffic.
- The Bronson Bridge repairs are being monitored by the Councillor's office.
- The suggestion for a red light camera at Bronson Ave. and Fifth Ave. is in the Traffic Plan.

**g) Membership** - Cindy Delage

The membership campaign is going well. There will be a tear-off form in the *Glebe Report* for those who were not canvassed.

**h) GNAG** - Karen Campbell

- The summer programs are out.
- The City is having consultations on recreation in the Master Plan. There is an online survey.

**i) Governance** - Caroline Vanneste

The manual will be available after the AGM.

**j) Parking** - no report

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

- It is important to cement the relationship with the BIA.
- There was good media coverage, but we still need to emphasize that the Food Bank is the main charity.
- The City has to provide more garbage containers.
- Next year will be the 25th anniversary so there should be more visibility and special recognition.

**7. Other Business**

Brian Carroll mentioned that there will be a Rideau Canal Festival on July 31 and asked if the GCA would be involved in some way.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:10.