



**Draft Minutes of the Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 24, 2011, Glebe Community Centre**

Present:

Board Members: Guy Giguère (Vice-President, Acting Chair), Martha Bowers (Secretary), Elizabeth Ballard, Joan Bard Miller, Lynn Barlow, Bob Brocklebank, Catherine Caule, June Creelman, Cindy Delage, Bobby Galbreath, Louise Green, Rochelle Handelman, Carol MacLeod, Christine McAllister, Catherine Waters, Barbara Wysocka

Others: Sharon Chartier, David Chernushenko, Danny Handelman, David Barr

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted with Planning and Other Business added. (June Creelman, Barbara Wysocka) **Carried**

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of April 26 were adopted with the addition of the mover and seconder for the March minutes. (Barbara Wysocka, June Creelman) **Carried**

President's Report - Guy Giguère

The Acting Chair announced that the next meeting will be the AGM on June 14 and the regular meeting will be June 28.

GNAG Report - Lynn Barlow

- The GNAG Lobster Kitchen Party will be May 26.
- The Recreation City Guide is going paperless and the issue that is out now will be the last before being available only online, for estimated savings of \$80,000 per season.
- On June 23 there will be a public viewing of the 19 Community Art Project proposals, in the main hall. There will be comment sheets for people to express their opinions.
- All is well so far for the Great Glebe Garage Sale, although rain showers are predicted.
- There may be some media walking around to see how the Bank Street Reconstruction will be affecting the GGS.

- Bank Street Reconstruction has prevented the merchants from having their annual sidewalk sale, but they will have sales indoors, or beside their store if they are at a corner.

BIA Report - no report.

Heritage Report - Joan Bard Miller

- Doors Open takes place on June 4-5 and Mutchmor School is one of the sites.
- Joan provided background on the process to designate the Clemow Heritage District. The city has agreed that it is of significant heritage value. There will be a public meeting on June 16 for comment on the plan.
- No reply has been received yet on the appeal to repeal the heritage designation for the Horticulture Building.

Lansdowne Report - June Creelman

- Three individuals went ahead with the OMB appeal. A decision is expected in mid-June.
- The legal challenge will be heard June 21-23. The city still has not produced all the requested documents.
- Friends of Lansdowne will have a booth at the New Art Festival and will auction 3 artworks to raise funds.
- Other events include OSCA's Caribbean Night and the second Lansdowne Follies.
- The environment committee would like to have a public meeting in October about the contaminated soil at Lansdowne.

City Councillor Report - David Chernushenko

- The Councillor spoke about the lack of progress with the Lansdowne Design Review Panel, citing the lack of any details to review.
- Bank Street Reconstruction: The Bank Street Reconstruction Advisory Committee (BRAC) has met several times and has discussed many issues including Wilton St. and the bicycle approach from the Bank St. bridge; safety measures, particularly First Ave. school; and the detour route on O'Connor St., which is being monitored as well as bus capacity and ridership. House inspections are another concern. Originally houses within 30 metres of Banks St. would be eligible. However, there are exceptions and a public meeting may be held in June to assess the issue.

Membership - Cindy Delage

- Only \$600 has been received to date, but it is still early in the campaign.
- There may be an opportunity for student volunteers to do areas not covered by June 5.
- So far there have not been complaints about the \$10 membership fee.

Bank St. Reconstruction - Catherine Waters

- The BRAC and subcommittees have been meeting regularly. Block captains/ reps will have weekly meetings with the contractor and project manager every Friday at the Bank St. site office. However, anyone interested can attend.

- Since the hydro wires will not be buried, a decision will have to be made on the design of the poles and street lights in relation to streetscaping.

Traffic - Guy Giguère

- Traffic will be a major issue for the Lansdowne project. The McCormack Rankin (MCR) transportation plans for Lansdowne have to be developed.
- The GCA has been invited to a meeting on the transportation plans where we want to engage the city and MCR on ways to mitigate the day-to-day effects of the Lansdowne project on residential streets.
- Catherine Caule spoke about health and safety impacts related to Lansdowne that she raised at the OMB hearing and concerns about the volume of additional cars that the redevelopment will bring to our neighbourhood.
- The province has announced that Queensway widening will go ahead this summer. Since 2005 we have requested that sound barriers be constructed, but it appears that this has not been scheduled. A letter will be sent to MPP Naqvi with our concerns.

Lansdowne - OMB Appeal - Bob Brocklebank, Louise Green

- A special Board meeting was held on April 4 to discuss the possibility of mediation on the OMB appeal. The board decided to agree to settle rather than continue with the OMB appeal and passed the following **motion**: That the executive of the GCA board be granted the authority to decide on next steps for the OMB appeal. (Guy Giguère, June Creelman)
Carried.
- On April 11 the President of the GCA and the Director of OSCA signed the settlement with the City of Ottawa and OSEG and the terms were made public on April 13. The concessions from the City include reductions in the height of four key buildings, limits on the number of residential units, and a guarantee that a small public space will remain in the area of Bank and Holmwood. The associations also negotiated an expanded involvement for themselves in future talks on traffic, transit and park planning and remediation, as well as stronger protection for the development area known to planners as the urban park.
- The minutes of the settlement were filed with the OMB on May 9, 2011. The hearing concluded on May 16 with a request that the Board implement the mediated settlement and approve the revised by-law. The Chair indicated that the decision for the other appellants would be available in a few weeks.
- On May 23 we received the legal bill for the month of April. The costs were higher than expected. A serious discussion was held about the moneys already voted for the appeal, the contribution from OSCA and any further costs. Members asked the executive to put together a report on the background, options, etc., in order to make a decision on how to pay the outstanding costs.

Education - Christine McAllister

- Christine announced she is stepping down and introduced Sharon Chartier as chair of the Education Committee.

- The GCA-EC hosted the Community Education Forum last November, which included 120+ participants from area schools, trustees and others. Topics included access to the programs students need within their community; schools should not be overcrowded to the point where student learning is compromised; the English program should be maintained in all communities; if changes to schools are required to resolve accommodation issues, the least disruptive option should be considered first.
- Several meetings were held with the OCDSB, schools and community associations to discuss the accommodation issue with a clear need for short- and long-term solutions.
- A working committee was established to develop recommendations to the Board for the above issues.
- Since schools have differing preferred options, the GCA-EC is remaining neutral to specific school options, presenting community-wide concerns to minimize the risk of being caught in the middle of the views of two community schools.
- The GCA-EC would like direction from the GCA on going forward.
 1. How should GCA-EC participate in the working committee? As a neutral observer bringing forward community issues (e.g. safety) or as an active facilitator engaging other community associations to try to find solutions?
 2. What issues/guiding principles should GCA-EC bring forward?
 3. Should there be a community-preferred option and if so, how would it be developed?
 4. More diverse membership is needed on GCA-EC. Today, schools are well represented but in the current process it is difficult to add value since school views are presented by school delegations. How can we attract new members to GCA-EC?

Anyone is welcome to meet with Sharon to share ideas, etc. June Creelman expressed interest.

Environment Report - Carol MacLeod

- There will be a meeting on June 2 at St. Paul's about the footbridge over the Canal and possible locations.
- We will contact the city about equipment to be installed in Capital Park.

Planning - Bobby Galbreath

- The Planning Committee continues to be vigilant and responds to the ongoing requests for minor variances to the city zoning by-laws on behalf of concerned Glebe residents. At present, there are two projects with outstanding concerns which will require further community input: 16 Thornton and 174 Glebe (the latter has had two previous proposals rejected by the city).
- At the moment there are 6 active members, and one on sabbatical. I am pleased to welcome two new members: Crystal Chow and Bruce Haydon.
- Planning at the city level continues to determine the expanded parking requirements at 170 Second Avenue (behind the Metro).
- The city is working on developing an Urban Infill Policy and has been seeking community input. GCA Planning will be represented by Crystal Chow.
- The Planning Committee intends to expand its presence on the GCA website providing Glebe residents with easier access to planning information that they might need.

Other Business

The following motion was circulated by email on April 15:

Motion: Whereas the GCA is hosting the Lansdowne Blues, a fundraiser to ensure a better plan for Lansdowne Park; whereas the GCA's settlement with the City on zoning issues means that it will not face the major legal and planning costs associated with an OMB hearing; and whereas the GCA remains deeply concerned about the impact of the Lansdowne development on our community, be it resolved that that the GCA donate profits* from the Lansdowne Blues concert to the Friends of Lansdowne. (Profits would be defined as funds raised from the concert that are available after the concert costs are paid for and after any costs that the GCA has in relation to the OMB that are above the \$25K already voted by the board are covered). (June Creelman, Lynn Barlow) **Carried**

The following motion was circulated by email on May 1:

Motion: That the Planning Committee be empowered to present a letter of objection to the Committee of Adjustment of the City of Ottawa on May 4 regarding the outstanding application for a change to the zoning for the property known as 16 Thornton on the grounds that the requested change is not minor. (Bobby Galbreath, Virginia Carver) **Carried**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.