

**Glebe Community Association  
Draft Minutes of the Board Meeting  
January 23, 2007**

**Present:**

GCA Board Members: Bob Brocklebank, Chair, Virginia Carver, June Creelman, Rochelle Handelman, Inez Kettles, Janet Kuntz, Kathi Lauder, Carol MacLeod, Liam McGahern, Ian McKercher, Joyce McMahon, Roger Short, John Smart, Janet Sutherland, Caroline Vanneste,

Others: Paul Dewar, Jim Gauvreau, Colleen Leighton, Shane Parrish, John Vincent,

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

Additions include

- 8.1 Info Item: Tree Trimming, John Smart
- 8.2 Great Glebe Garage Sale, Janet Sutherland
- 5.3 GNAG

With these additions, the agenda as circulated was adopted.

Note: During the meeting Paul, Dewar, MP for Ottawa-Centre, was invited to speak to the meeting.

**4. Approval of the Minutes**

**MOTION:** (Smart/Handleman) that the Minutes of the November 28, 2006, meeting be adopted. **Carried**

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

Meeting with Mayoral Staff: Bob received a call from David Gibbons, Community Liaison Officer, working in the Mayor's office. Bob, June Creelman and Caroline Vanneste went to meet him and were impressed by his interest in GCA activities; and the GCA group was impressed that the Mayor had appointed a Community Liaison Officer. Discussions focused on Bank Street redevelopment and burying the wires (there is still hope that a policy will be developed to allow for the burying of the hydro wires on Bank Street); and with keeping the Farmers' Market at Lansdowne Park. Mr. Gibbons, who is also a member of the Exhibition Board, has taken an interest in this.

Ward Council group met four times over the last seven weeks. Ward Council felt it was important, especially with a new mayor in office, that it be more proactive. Generally, Caroline goes with Bob, or perhaps June, but the GCA is always represented.

Presentation to the City on its budget process: Bob attended on behalf of the GCA.

FCA and CCC Meetings: Unfortunately we had no representative available for CCC, but considering that the Mayor announced his transportation task force, it would be good if we could get a GCA representative to attend the January meeting. Also, GCA needs a representative to attend the FCA which is on February 8.

*Action: See Bob if you are available to attend either meeting.*

**MOTION:** (Creelman/Vanneste) that the GCA authorizes a \$30 payment to renew its membership in the Federation of Citizens' Association. **Carried**

Ottawa South Community Association: At last week's meeting, there was a very preliminary proposal to build a new Old Ottawa South community centre, housing the Sunnyside Library, at the corner of Bank and Sunnyside. The developer would get the current library property to develop in exchange. The GCA is linked to the library through the Friends of the Sunnyside Library - Caroline Vanneste is the GCA rep.

Events Calendar: Clive would like to put out an events calendar.

*Action: Get event dates to Bob and he'll get the info to Councillor Doucet.*

Web Site: Still looking for a volunteer webmaster, but it is up and running at [www.glebeca.ca](http://www.glebeca.ca)

Friends of the Farmers Market Meeting: The first meeting of this group is set.

*Meeting Info: January 31, 7 p.m. at the GCC.*

Underground Sound: Next concert on February 7.

Glebe Report Initiatives: Bob was approached by a journalist asking what makes the Glebe a coherent and cohesive community. The journalist would like to explore some of the events and activities that connect residents in a series of articles. Initial ideas include book clubs, coffee clubs, School Council, poker players, musicians.

*Action: If anyone has ideas, send them in to the general GCA web address and they will be passed along to the journalist.*

## **6. Councillor**

Regrets from Councillor Doucet who was ill.

## **7. Committee Reports**

### **7.1 a) Environment/Anti Litter – Virginia Carver**

Enviro-Fair: March 24 is the date for the event which will be jointly sponsored by the GCA and Glebe Business Group (GBG). They are looking beyond the issue of chemical free lawn care to an environmentally friendly lifestyle. The location is Ecclesiastical Church, 2 Monk Street at Fifth. Tables are being sold in an effort to cover costs.

Glebe businesses involved in environmental friendly business and NGO's are being invited to buy a table (there will be information tables and presentations). It is still early, but there are already some commitments. It is difficult to reach home-based businesses so please pass any relevant names along.

The Green Party has asked for a table. The GCA thought that all parties should be invited to participate. The committee will do its best to contact all the parties that ran in the last election and to make sure they understand it is not a political event, but an environment event.

**MOTION:** (McKercher/Sutherland) that the GCA empower the GCA Environment Committee to proceed with planning the event, on the understanding that expenses could be as high as \$1000. **Carried**

Clean-up Days: Spring clean-up is set for Saturday, April 28. Clean up after garage sale may be on the Sunday this year, rather than the Saturday.

#### **5.1 b) Graffiti – Colleen Leighton**

A small group has gathered to address this issue. In an effort to learn from other groups and successful campaigns, there will be a meeting on February 8. Participants include the police sergeant who was involved in a successful campaign in Orleans, a representative from the City, representatives from Councillor Doucet and Councillor Holmes' offices, a representative from the Mayor's office, and the Vice-Principal of Glebe High School. From this meeting they hope to develop an action plan to deal with graffiti in the Glebe.

**7.2 Membership** – There was no membership report.

#### **7.3 Planning – Janet Kuntz**

The next draft of the zoning by-law will be ready in March. There will be many changes with little time to respond. Through Bob, Planning Committee would like to speak to the FCA to see if there are similar concerns in other communities creating. If yes, they would try to create an opportunity to work together. The next meeting of the Committee will be February 13.

For personal reasons, Janet Kuntz will be stepping down as Chair of the Planning Committee.

**MOTION:** (Kuntz/Smart) that Neil Pearson be appointed to the GCA Board, as Chair of the Planning Committee. **Carried**

#### **7.4 GNAG - Inez Kettles**

Inez reported that the Taste of the Glebe was a success, Pub & Comedy Night is coming February 23, and rehearsals for *Oliver* are underway. GNAG has received a \$7500 self-help grant for landscaping and will review earlier landscaping plans to see what can be done. Planning for the youth centre is ongoing.

#### **6. Report from Ottawa-Centre MP - Paul Dewar**

Paul Dewar spoke about Bill C-30, The Clean Air Act. He has been invited to sit on the committee to address this act. It will be interesting having all parties working together, but he thinks it can work. The government is acknowledging that climate change requires some action.

He is also looking forward to some NCC reform and better stewardship of our green spaces. He will be putting forward a private member's bill seeking more NCC transparency and a separation of the NCC chair from the day-to-day management of operations.

Mr. Dewar invited residents to pick up the phone and call him if they have any ideas, comments, or concerns.

#### **7. Bank Street Update – June Creelman**

There will be no work this year, largely due to the FIFA World soccer event. Detailed design phase is beginning and we are waiting to hear back from the consultants. These are the same consultants as the last time so they know the project and the GCA knows them. June is hopeful it will be a positive experience. The members of the Bank Street group will form a lively and well-stocked committee. The project will be over two years: Rideau Canal to Third Avenue, then Third Avenue to the Queensway. There is some concern that this would disrupt the main business section of the Glebe for both years. Liam McGahern advised that the Glebe Business Group (GBG) does have a construction committee. June advised that as soon as work has started and there is something to show, it will be brought to the Board.

#### **8. GCA 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – June Creelman**

June reported that when meeting with David Gibbons from the Mayor's Office, they were just trying to establish the GCA's credibility and mentioned it was our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Mr. Gibbons replied that the mayor would be happy to come and present a certificate. There had been no event planned, but something could be pulled together as a separate event or connected with an existing event such as Underground Sound, Garage Sale, guest speaker at AGM, link to membership drive.

*Action: June will pull together a meeting of volunteers (Caroline, Janet, John and Colleen) to discuss this further and report back to the Board.*

## **9. Other Business**

Tree Trimming: At the November meeting John Smart reported on 2 full tree trimming exercises (Hydro Ottawa). Today, the City of Ottawa tree trimming crew came and spent another 3 hours. It has been drawn to Councillor Doucet's attention.

Historic Plaque: Roger Smart will look back in the records to see if he can find the bill and related information.

Great Glebe Garage Sale: The date will be Saturday, May 26. Janet Sutherland served notice that she would be bringing a motion forward at the February meeting. She will be using the web site to put out call for volunteers. She has good feedback from last year to follow up on.

## **10. Adjournment**

**MOTION**: (Short/Handleman) that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m. **Carried**

### **GCA Board Meeting Schedule**

\*\* All Meeting Start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated \*\*

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

Tuesday, May 22, 2007

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