

**Glebe Community Association  
Minutes of the Board Meeting  
November 28, 2006**

**Present:**

GCA Board Members: Bob Brocklebank, Brian Carroll, June Creelman, Cindy Delage, Doreen Drolet, Leslie Fulton, Guy Giguère, Sylvie Grenier, Rochele Handelman, Janet Kuntz, Kathi Lauder, Coleen Leighton, Carol MacLeod, Christine McAllister, Ian McKercher, Joyce McMahon, Roger Short, John Smart, George Wright

Others: Clive Doucet, Wolf Illing, Francois Kunstmann, Jon Legg, Neil Pearson, Jennifer Richens, Cam Robertson

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

Additions under Other Business include:

- Underground Sound - Leslie Fulton
- Issues in Area 5B – John Smart
- Missing Glebe Historic Plaque – Rochelle Handelman

With these additions, the agenda as circulated was adopted.

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

**MOTION:** (Carroll/MacLeod) that the Minutes of the October 24, 2006, be adopted. **Carried**

**3. City Centre Coalition**

George Wright introduced the City Centre Coalition guests: Cam Robertson, Chair, and Jon Legg.

The CCC represents 8 community associations (Hintenberg, Dalhousie, Centretown, Sandy Hill, Action Sandy Hill, Old Ottawa East, GCA, Dows Lake Residents' Association, Old Ottawa South) and 2 non-community association groups (Carleton University Students and Citizens for Safe Cycling). They are a political action group making presentations to City Hall and provincial groups on transportation issues. They do not just oppose projects, but try to give solutions. For example, they opposed new ramps to the Airport Parkway from Hunt Club with a proposal for a pilot light rail project instead.

An invitation was extended to strengthen the relationship between the GCA and CCC by having a GCA representative (meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month). Bob thanked the CCC for their presentation and advised that the GCA would look for a representative; likely someone from the GCA's Traffic Committee.

*Action: 1) Appoint GCA representative to CCC.  
2) At a future meeting, the GCA will look at developing a position to present to the City about the LRT project.*

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

The CCC presentation leads into the council position. Things are not looking good for approval of the LRT. Clive is hoping to get the message to the Mayor that the Mayor has more than one issue to deal with. In his campaign, he promised a zero percent tax increase, not to get rid of the LRT project. The vote will be very tight.

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

All Candidates Meeting: Thanks to Christine McAllister and all the volunteers.

*Action: A future discussion item for the Board is whether or not to purchase a sound system for use at such events, rather than renting.*

Ward Council Meeting: Bob, June and Brian will be attending.

NCC: No formal GCA presentation, but Bob and Carol MacLeod did put in a personal submission attempting to cover some of the issues raised by the GCA. Bob has a copy of submission if anyone is interested.

Library Consultations: Very high level discussions, with very few people. It is not a debate on closing branches.

Urban Planning Workshop: Bob and Janet attended. There were interesting topics for discussion, but not really focused on Ottawa guidelines. There was talk of redeveloping Rockliffe airbase.

Pedestrian Plan: See Bob if you are interested in attending the open house to raise your concerns as a pedestrian. All are welcome at City Hall meeting.

Glebe Business Group: Talking about a more formal organization. Perhaps this is to escalate their activities in preparation for Bank St. reconstruction.

*Action: The GCA Board welcomes the strengthening of this group and will send a letter to this effect.*

Bank Street: Council needs to approve the budget before any work can be planned. The City has promised public consultations this winter to assist in developing a policy on burying hydro poles.

Graffiti: A meeting is being planned for December 13, location to be determined. If interested, see Virginia or Colleen. This will be a smaller planning-style meeting, to prepare for a larger, more public, meeting in January.

City Committees: When council changes, calls are made for ordinary citizens to fill some positions: Library Board, Committee of Adjustment, Police Services Board. All opportunities are posted on the main page of the City's web site.

*Action: Future agenda item to consider a GCA policy on GCA membership in organizations in which the GCA might usefully be involved, i.e. Friends of the Farm, Coalition for a Healthy Ottawa.*

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

##### **6.1 Traffic Committee**

The right-turn prohibition onto QED from Torrington during peak morning rush hours came into force this Monday. Guy spoke with the new City rep on traffic calming measures who said he has received some complaints from residents to the south. They monitor complains, but they also monitor calls in favour.

*Action: Guy will circulate the e-mail (address)l, and ask the Board and residents to please comment.*

## **6.2 Environment/Anti Litter Committee**

November 18 clean up: Thanks to all volunteers.

Newspaper Boxes: Even more seem to be appearing. Please advise the Committee if you notice a new box.

Garbage: Receptacles were inadvertently collected, but a request to the City asking for their return has been made.

Designated Tree Program: Discussions about an inventory or trees in our community is beginning. The Glebe Report has agreed to dedicate a number of upcoming articles to environmental issues.

Spring Enviro-Fest: The Committee would like to start planning this event to educate people on environmental issues, especially on the use of pesticides. An approach will be made to the City in the spring for support. Currently they are gathering information.

## **6.3 Membership Committee**

Some kits are still outstanding and Doreen does not want to start data entry until all are in. There are a couple of glitches with the software (Access).

**MOTION:** (Creelman/Drolet) that the money earmarked for membership be used to get the software problem solved, and that a further \$400 be authorized for data entry. **Carried.**

There was some discussion over why we collect the data. It can be useful in presentations as we can say that we represent “X” number of people. These numbers have been used to support past issues such as school closures.

## **6. 4 Planning Committee**

Zoning By-law: Janet advised that the Committee needs an approval tonight if comments are to get to the City by December 1 to be incorporated into their analysis. Comments will result in a 2<sup>nd</sup> draft document by the City.

It has been a tremendous effort to get this far. The Committee has yet to look at all the zone impacts on the Glebe. They would like to set a case for a community design plan for the community, not just Bank Street. However, for now they focused on definitions. The CGA is very fortunate to have a couple of planners on the Committee to help with this important task. The GCA Board extended their thanks and appreciation to the Committee for this tremendous work.

Clive noted that his office devotes considerable resources to planning issues and is swamped. Developers will engage lawyers and former City planners to make their case, with generally positive results for them. We need City staff to come forward with a different, and clear, version of what infill means in the centre of the City.

Other neighbourhoods have similar concerns and the Board wondered if the FCA would be interested in addressing this challenge?

**MOTION:** (Creelman/Delage) that the document be accepted with minor modification and submitted with a covering letter to the City. **Carried**

Minor amendments on page 2, section 1.5.

Issue: “Although bars are not...”

Recommendation 1 should read “Introduce a definition for pubs and define sub zones that would allow their use.”

The head of the City’s planning department will be happy to meet with the GCA Planning Committee and will do so once the new Council is in place and up and running.

615 Bank Street: Have not heard yet on the request by the developer for requested cash-in-lieu for 22 spaces.

680 Bank Street: Plans for a restaurant are not going forward.

Kentucky Fried Chicken Property: was sold last spring. The change of title required soil sample and subsequent removal of contaminated soil.

Janet closed the Committee report by commenting that there are lots of things happening now in the planning area. More volunteers would be welcomed.

## **7. Rideau Waterways Symposium**

On behalf of Frank Oakes, Bob commented that the key discussions were on the upcoming 175th anniversary of canal and its potential recognition as a UNESCO Heritage Site.

## **8. GCA Presence on the Web**

The Glebe-on-Line no longer exists. Bob bought a domain name for the next 2 years “GlebeCA.ca” for \$100 per year. The GCA needs to have a web presence.

**MOTION:** (Brocklebank/Creelman) it was moved that the GCA approve the expenditure of \$100 per year to purchase the domain name GlebeCA.ca and to set up a GCA website. **Carried**

## **9. Other Business**

**9.1 Underground Sound:** Leslie advised that the Danny Michel concert will be

tomorrow. Ticket sales are going well and there has been lots of press. This concert will likely see a younger crowd.

**9.2 Issues in Area 5B:** John Smart reported on an apparent increase in robberies from homes and cars and wondered if it was his area, or the entire neighbourhood. Police will track such crimes, but the crimes have to be reported.

**9.3 Missing Glebe Historic Plaque:** Rochelle Handelman noted that the plaque at Bank and 2<sup>nd</sup> is gone.

*Action: June will investigate what happened to the plaque.*

**9.4 GNAG:** The winter brochure is out; on-line registration starts December 13.

## **10. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** (Creelman/Carroll) moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10 p.m.

**Carried**

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