

**Glebe Community Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 25, 2008**

Present:

Board Members: Bob Brocklebank (President), Martha Bowers (Secretary), Elizabeth Ballard, Brian Carroll, Virginia Carver, Vince Catalli, June Creelman, John Crump, Rochelle Handelman, Carol MacLeod, Ian McKercher, Frank Oakes, Roger Short, Pat Steenberg, Caroline Vanneste, John Vincent, Barbara Wysocka

Others: George Wright

1. Approval of the Agenda

The President advised that Councillor Doucet was unable to attend the meeting so his report was removed, the Planning Committee report was moved to the end, and animal husbandry and transit were added. With these items, the agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the October 28 meeting were adopted with small corrections. (**Moved**, Carol MacLeod, **Seconded**, June Creelman)

3. President's Report - Bob Brocklebank

- At the last City Council meeting, Councillor Doucet withdrew a motion on Lansdowne, questioning the legality of halting the competition process.
- At the November 26 Urban Forum, three other models of a stadium design will be presented.
- Revisions to the city's Official Plan have been introduced. Of interest to our community is the issue of intensification targets as they relate to a traditional Main Street. In our case, Bank St. would fall into this category and could be open to proposals for more dwellings, etc. There is also a proposal for a pedestrian plan, since walking is considered a priority means of transportation.
- Public meetings on the City budget are starting. A question was asked if there are funds in the budget for Lansdowne Live. The GCA has a 5-minute slot on Dec. 3 for a presentation.
- Catherine Lindquist is the executive director of the BIA. **Action:** We need to find out if the GCA will have a non-voting representative and who will attend the AGM on December 9.
- There will be a consultation on cash-in-lieu of parking on Dec. 1 and an NCC public meeting on Dec. 3.
- Development charges are a source of income for the city. It would be interesting to know the proportion of residential vs commercial. B. Brocklebank is on a consultative committee on development charges.

4. Councillor's Report - Clive Doucet was unable to attend

- Councillor Doucet issued a news release advising that the CFL Commissioner misspoke about the March deadline for a franchise decision.

5. a) Lansdowne - June Creelman

- About 2,500 responses to the survey have been received, with about one quarter from the Glebe. Some comments say that the survey is biased, with leading questions. There is no consensus, but the majority think that a competitive process is necessary.
- There has been misunderstanding about the process. The city launched the competition, but city staff administer the process and were responsible for stopping the competition so the city could look at a private proposal.
- Our strategy should be three-pronged so that there is a fair and visionary competition:
 - 1) raise awareness about the cost of the private proposal, informing the public that the developers are paying only for certain elements; funds must be in this year's city budget if there will be a CFL team in 2010;
 - 2) determine the legality of the process; and
 - 3) ensure that Council knows there are other positive options.
- There was an animated discussion about the GCA co-hosting a public forum with the Ottawa Regional Society of Architects on the theme of the use of public space. In order to present a professional event, publicize it, etc., funding will be required. However, this would qualify as an appropriate use of GCA funds. It was also suggested that we seek sponsors to share the costs.

Motion: The GCA authorizes the Lansdowne Committee to spend up to \$5,000 to explore a Lansdowne possibilities forum for early in the new year. (**Moved**, June Creelman, **Seconded**, Ian McKercher) Carried

b) Environment - Virginia Carver

- The revised proposal for the retreeing survey was approved by the city.
- The Bank St. clean-up was held last weekend.
- We are pursuing the issue of litter boxes with the city.
- We will approach the BIA for help on the graffiti file.
- The joint meeting of community environment committees has been postponed to late January.

c) Social Planning - Pat Steenberg

- A meeting was held with the principal and vice-principal of Glebe Collegiate, and GNAG representatives concerning the use of Capital Park. The GNAG speaker event held last spring was well received. The GCA is supportive of another speaker event on substance abuse.

d) Membership - Barbara Wysocka

- We are still waiting for returns from the Dow's Lake area.

e) Governance - Caroline Vanneste

There will be a draft document for the Board to review at the January meeting.

f) Property Assessment - John Crump

- A session is planned for January 8 at 7 pm at the community centre. It will consist of two parts, an education section and a solutions section. MPAC representatives will attend.
- Posters will publicize the event and a notice will be in the *Glebe Report*.
- Carol MacLeod offered to help.

g) Transit - George Wright

- Councillor Doucet made an excellent presentation on using the Carling Avenue route for the transit plan, which would come within budget and timelines. However, there is still disagreement about the issue.

h) Planning - John Vincent

- Neighbours have significant concerns about the proposal for 81 Fourth Avenue. The Committee of Adjustment accepted the adjournment to January 14 because the owner's proposal was not complete.
- A small group of neighbours and the GCA planning committee will meet with the owner with his revised plan on November 27.
- The situation is very sensitive. When there is a final plan, all neighbours will have to be informed.

6. Other Business

Animal husbandry: The proponents for allowing residents to keep chickens in the urban area wrote an article in the *Glebe Report* to gage public support for amending the city animal control by-law. The GCA will wait for response to the idea before offering support to the group.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:35.