

**Glebe Community Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 24, 2009**

Present:

Board Members: Caroline Vanneste (President), Martha Bowers (Secretary), Elizabeth Ballard, Joan Bard-Miller, Bob Brocklebank, Karen Campbell, Virginia Carver, June Creelman, Cindy Delage, Jim Gauvreau, Guy Giguère, Louise Green, Vaughn Guy, Rochelle Handelman, Carol MacLeod, Christine McAllister, John Vincent, Barbara Wysocka

Others: Clive Doucet, Steve Harris, Frank Oakes, Jill O'Reilly, Michelle Walrond, Nadia Willard

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of October 27 were adopted with minor corrections. **Moved**, Rochelle Handelman, **Seconded**, Carol MacLeod

3. President's Report - Caroline Vanneste

- Caroline thanked everyone who worked on the Lansdowne issue.
- There is an update on the BUGS garden in Memorial Park in the *Glebe Report*, but no negative feedback has been received so far.
- The Sprott School of Business at Carleton University has asked if some MBA students could work pro bono with organizations on change, etc. We expect this to happen in January.
- Bob Brocklebank will attend the FCA meeting tomorrow where changes to the Municipal Elections Act will be discussed.
- Caroline will attend a conference this weekend on making change in Ottawa.

Motion: The GCA authorizes the \$149 registration fee for Caroline Vanneste to attend the 3i Summit hosted by Leadership Ottawa. **Moved**, Elizabeth Ballard, **Seconded**, June Creelman **Carried**

Presentation

ACORN - Jill O'Reilly, Michelle Walrond, Nadia Willard

- The presenters provided background on the group. They are involved in various community issues that affect low- and moderate-income people including poverty reduction strategies, tenants' rights, leadership schools to help people solve problems, and income tax clinics.
- Their priority now is to advocate for a living wage for people in Ottawa, which is the fifth most expensive city in Canada, and would like the support of the GCA for bringing this forward to City Council. Ottawa could become a model for other cities.
- They would like the city to ensure that city contract employees (e.g. home care workers, parking attendants) will receive the living wage that is identified by Statistics Canada.

Motion: The GCA supports Ottawa ACORN in recommending that the City of Ottawa adopt a living wage of \$13.50 per hour. **Moved**, Karen Campbell, **Seconded**, Elizabeth Ballard **Carried**

4. Councillor's Report - Clive Doucet

- There will be an official launch of the hybrid buses in Ottawa South on Saturday. The new diesel buses are smoother and quieter.

- The Councillor said he was proud of the community for the tremendous campaign to address the Lansdowne Live proposal. We will now have to think about next steps. Council is supposed to make a final decision in June.
- The amendments have not really changed the proposal.
- The issue has been quite divisive in the city, with an urban/rural split, and the huge media support for the project made it very difficult to offer balanced information.
- The Councillor wrote to UNESCO for information on whether the project could affect the designation for the canal.

5. GNAG – Karen Campbell

- GNAG is going to take over some of the specialty summer camps from the city. This will allow for a more active role in the activities and provide greater flexibility for the programs.
- GNAG provided input to the new REcreation Master Plan, which is available for comment on the City website.

6. BIA - Catherine Lindquist was unable to attend

- The President said that the BIA made a great presentation to Council on the Lansdowne project. As major stakeholders, they will be involved in the Lansdowne/City discussions.

7. Committee Reports

Environment - Virginia Carver

- There was a good turnout for the workshops at the Envirofair. However, we may have to rethink the format in order to ensure that attendees also visit the exhibits.
- There were 30 exhibitors.
- T-shirts are for sale at Arbour in order to try to recoup some costs, since we did not break even.
- Hintonburg will host the next CAFES. There is some discussion about formalizing the organization.
- There will not be a clean-up of Bank St. this fall for various reasons, including the fact that the Santa Claus parade will not go through the Glebe this year.

Lansdowne Park - June Creelman

- Council gave conditional approval to the OSEG proposal based on several conditions:
 - a final review of financial projections;
 - transportation studies and management plans “to determine whether or not traffic and parking can be reasonable accommodated”;
 - establishment of a panel for the development of a Master Plan;
 - a third-party review of the OSEG and Glebe BIA market studies “to determine whether or not the commercial plan is viable and that retail is complementary and supportive of the existing Bank Street retail business community”;
 - issuance of a Request for Expressions of Interest for the construction and operation of a trade and consumer show facility in a different location;
 - in cooperation with the NCC and Parks Canada, initiation of a competition for the design of the “front yard,” including the Ottawa Farmers’ Market, Horticultural Building, and the Aberdeen Pavilion; and
 - assistance for the Central Canada Exhibition Association to move the Ex to Albion Road after 2010.
- These may not be completed by June and city staff may need more time.
- The campaign resulted in some progress, in that people all over the city became engaged in the issue.

- We will have to follow the budget discussions and ask questions about the financing for Lansdowne.
- The relationship between the GCA and Friends of Lansdowne Park will have to be discussed at some point.

Traffic - Guy Giguère

- The reconstruction of Bank St. between the canal and Third Ave. is included in the spring 2010 draft budget, however it may be delayed.
- The Planning and Environment Committee is doing a study on burying the wires. There is a distinction between new and existing wires. The GCA and the BIA should be involved in developing policy on this issue including the percentage of taxes that could be levied for burying wires.
- Comments on the reconstruction of Third Ave. are welcome in order to plan for work on other streets.

Other Business

The President suggested a get together for the Board. Members would prefer such a gathering perhaps in January.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.