



**Minutes of the Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 23, 2010, Glebe Community Centre**

Present:

Board Members: Caroline Vanneste (President), Martha Bowers (Secretary), Elizabeth Ballard, Joan Bard-Miller, Lynn Barlow, Connie Boynton, Bob Brocklebank, Brian Carroll, Virginia Carver, Catherine Caule, June Creelman, Cindy Delage, Bobby Galbreath, Jim Gauvreau, Louise Green, Rochelle Handelman, Teena Hendelman, Catherine Lindquist, Carol MacLeod, Dale Miller, Kiavash Najafi, Luz-Maria Wilson

Others: David Chernushenko

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted. **Moved** June Creelman, **Seconded** Brian Carroll **Carried**

2. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of October 26 were adopted with minor corrections. **Moved** Bobby Galbreath, **Seconded**, Bob Brocklebank **Carried**

3. President's Report - Caroline Vanneste

- The meeting started following the gathering to thank outgoing Councillor Doucet. In the interest of time, the President did not give a report.

4. Committee Reports

Communications - Kiavash Najafi

- The monthly email is going well.
- Committee report updates for the website should be sent to Kiavash for posting for December 1.

Education - Caroline Vanneste for Christine McAllister

The Education Forum held on November 4 was well-attended and there was positive feedback. Christine will send a summary for information.

Environment - Virginia Carver

- A successful clean-up of Bank St. was held on Saturday, November 6, as part of Ottawa's Fall Cleaning of the Capital.
- Planning for the January 15, 2011, Microfit information program is proceeding. A projected budget was distributed.
- The committee is addressing ongoing issues on Glebe parks. There will be a community consultation on December 7 on the latest city proposals for Capital Park; there are ongoing discussions on the tarp at Brown's Inlet; and the Northeast Quadrant ad hoc Committee is continuing to meet regarding a pre-school play structure in Central Park.

Motion: The GCA will ask the City to reform the Public Advisory Committee and to be informed about changes regarding Bank Street reconstruction. In particular, due to a design change to the belvedere at Central Park East, since removal of the ramp from the belvedere constitutes a major change from the agreed-upon design, the NEGP subcommittee is asked to engage with the City on this part of the reconstruction. **Moved** Elizabeth Ballard, **Seconded** June Creelman **Carried**

- We have not received a response from the city on questions about safety in Central Park, etc. Queries should be sent to the GCA website, where more info will be available.
- Carol MacLeod is trying to gather information from the city on the status of Glebe parks, but with little success.

Motion: The GCA requests that city staff provide the GCA with documentation on when each of the following parks was created, legally created, and dedicated or named: Brown's Inlet Park (65 Craig St.), Capital Park (10 Ella St.), Central Park (no address), Patterson's Creek Park (19 Clemow), Chamberlain Park (80 Chamberlain), Glebe Community Centre and St. James Tennis (690 Lyon), Glebe Memorial Park (75 Glendale), Lionel Britton Park (19 Fifth Ave.), Senator Eugene Forsey Park (964 Bronson), Lansdowne Community Park (10 Fifth Ave.), and Sylvia Holden Park (945 Bank). **Moved** Virginia Carver, **Seconded** Kiavash Najafi **Carried**

- Parks will likely continue to be an important issue, given the new funding of cash-in-lieu of parkland.

Motion: The GCA will request a meeting with our ward councillor and representatives from other community associations in the ward to look at options for allocating cash-in-lieu of parks money in a collaborative way. **Moved** Virginia Carver, **Seconded** Elizabeth Ballard **Carried**

Lansdowne - June Creelman

- The Lansdowne project has to be tied to Bank St. reconstruction, particularly the issue on burying the hydro wires, which would be a budget item. The Bank St. committee should be reconstituted to bring everyone together – the BIA, environment, traffic, etc. – in order to be aware of developments and provide input.

Motion: The GCA will contact the incoming Councillor and the Glebe BIA about writing a letter to the City to again ask that the Bank Street Public Advisory Committee be reformed, and a decision made on the hydro wire burial issue. **Moved** June Creelman, **Seconded** Kiavash Najafi **Carried**

- Some 35 delegations made presentations at the November 19 city council meeting. However, councillors approved the site plan.
- A legal challenge against the city is being launched based on the process and that the city “acted in bad faith.”
- So far there are 14 zoning appeals (including from 5 associations) to the OMB.
- Apparently the city has not yet applied to the Ontario Heritage Trust concerning moving the Horticulture Building.

Motion: The GCA supports the Federation of Citizens’ Associations of Ottawa-Carleton being named as a party in the legal action of the Friends of Lansdowne against the proposed Lansdowne redevelopment. **Moved** Caroline, **Seconded** Carol MacLeod **Carried**

- Soil contamination issues have also come up on the Lansdowne site, which will have to be dealt with at some point and may involve the NCC, given the UNESCO designation of the nearby Rideau Canal.
- The lawyer representing Friends of Lansdowne will speak at an event at the Mayfair Theatre on November 28, to explain the legal challenge.

BIA - Catherine Lindquist

- The Harvest and Halloween events were successful.
- The banners are going up on some poles. Others will be installed in January.
- There will be several holiday events including the Walk Through Bethlehem, carolers (The Bytown Voices) and a Santa contest. Businesses will put up lights and other decorations.
- A 70-page appeal against Lansdowne has been prepared. The city may be concerned about the legal challenge.
- The BIA AGM will be held on November 30 at MVP.

GNAG - Lynn Barlow

- There are many upcoming events at the community centre including the Snowflake Special on December 11, Taste of the Glebe on January 20, featuring 10 restaurants, and a party for volunteers the second week of April.
- In January Sharon Johnson from Irene’s Pub will hold a fundraiser for young artists with the Community Theatre kids helping to write the script.
- The Coffee House has been postponed until December 17, due to security issues with storing music equipment in the tennis clubhouse.
- An artist may be commissioned for a community group art project to be installed in the GCC.
- Phil Nicholson has suggested a pumpkin parade for next year in Central Park, similar to an event done in Toronto.
- GNAG has mitts and T-shirts to sell with the GNAG logo.
- The main hall wood floors will be worked on during the week of December 20.
- Projected costs of \$60,000 a year ago for the Glebe Community Centre building have now risen to \$300,000. David Chernushenko was given a tour of the centre.

Other Business

Bob Brocklebank will attend the FCA meeting on Monday, November 29 and invites others to also attend.

The following motion was circulated by email on November 7:

Motion: The GCA is authorized to spend \$200 to \$300 for refreshments and a gift to thank Councillor Clive Doucet for his service to Capital Ward. **Moved** Caroline Vanneste **Seconded** Bobby Galbreath **Carried**

The following motion was circulated by email on November 15:

Motion: That the GCA make a presentation to City Council at the special committee of the whole on November 19, addressing the following points regarding Lansdowne:

- 1) lame duck provisions of Ontario law,
- 2) approving the site plan before the OMB rules on the zoning by-law,
- 3) missing environmental assessment information,
- 4) the relocation of the horticulture building,
- 5) the lack of information on the relocation of the Ottawa Art Gallery to Lansdowne,
- 6) the recommendation that Lansdowne be exempted from the City's signage by-laws,
- 7) proposed delegation of the design reviews to the design panel,
- 8) the stage 2 site plan and subsequent approvals delegation to staff, and
- 9) the importance to residents of the Glebe of burying the wires on Bank Street.

Moved June Creelman **Seconded** Rochelle Handelman **Carried**

Thanks were extended to the BIA and GNAG for co-hosting the party for Clive Doucet.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.