

**Glebe Community Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 28, 2008**

Present:

Board Members: Bob Brocklebank (President), Martha Bowers (Secretary), Jill Adams, Karen Campbell, Virginia Carver, June Creelman, John Crump, Cindy Delage, Leslie Fulton, Guy Giguere, Rochelle Handelman, Kathi Lauder, Carol MacLeod, Ian McKercher, Dale Miller, Cam Robertson, Caroline Vanneste, John Vincent, Barbara Wysocka

Others: Jill Adams, Robin Ambrose, Penny Beckland, Clive Doucet, Jim Gauvreau, Christian Pupp, Colleen Sullivan

1. Approval of the Agenda

The draft agenda was adopted but there was no discussion of items 8(d) Traffic, 8(I) Parking and 8(j) Great Glebe Garage Sale.

2. Approval of the September Minutes

- Minor changes were requested to the draft minutes report on the Environment Committee.
- Rochelle Handelman said she had been mistakenly listed as present.
- With those corrections, the minutes of the September 23 meeting were adopted. (Moved by June Creelman, Seconded by Virginia Carver)

3. President's Report - Bob Brocklebank

- There are many city-run public consultations in progress including surveys about street furniture and the concept of intensification. The latter is associated with revision of the Official Plan of the city. Of special interest to the Environment Committee are consultations about an urban tree conservation policy which could protect not only city trees but also restrict the felling of trees on private property.
- Shortly we will be faced with another round of city budget discussions.

4. Councillor's Report - Clive Doucet

- Councillor Doucet noted that the Lansdowne Live concept has stalled the design competition. He has a motion to restore the competition.

5. Animal Husbandry

- Young ladies, assisted by Penny Beckland, presented the case for amendment of the city animal control by-law, which currently forbids keeping chickens in the urban area. It was noted that various U.S. cities permit chickens. The aim is to allow residents to keep small flocks of 3 or 4 laying hens. After some discussion it was suggested that an article be submitted to the *Glebe Report* on the matter to encourage public discussion of the issue prior to any action by the Association.

6. All Candidates Meeting

- The meeting was held on October 9 in cooperation with the Glebe Collegiate Institute School Council. The meeting was described as successful with a large audience and a significant number of questions to candidates submitted.

Motion: That the GCA give a \$250 contribution to the school “curtain fund” as a token of the Association’s appreciation for the collaboration. (Moved by June Creelman, Seconded by Cindy Delage) Carried.

- Ian McKercher suggested that the covering letter be copied to the Director of Education.
- Cam Robertson questioned the procedures followed at the all candidates meeting. He felt that the collection of written questions was less satisfactory than having oral questions from the floor. In future all candidates meetings this will be a subject for further discussion.

7. **Pocket Park**

- Robin Ambrose outlined concerns regarding the use of Capital Park (at Craig between Ella and Newton Streets) by certain youths. It appears that adolescents, possibly from high school, are using drugs in the park and interfering with residents’ peaceful enjoyment of the park. Although the police have been called in, the problem continues. An informal working group will try to bring together concerned residents, school officials and the school council, plus the police as appropriate to try to come up with a plan of action.

8. **Committee Reports**

(a) **Lansdowne - June Creelman**

- The public consultation on the future of Lansdowne and the design competition have been suspended. On October 17 a press conference was held at which a proposal entitled “Lansdowne Live” was presented. The only information on that proposal comes from the press conference and subsequent media coverage. Apparently the proposal is that the consortium be granted a 30-year lease to the entire park, that the city renovate to world-class standards the stadium and Civic Centre, and that the consortium invest some \$120 million in a retail/housing/entertainment complex including a shopping mall and hotel, that an aquarium be installed in the Aberdeen Pavilion, and that an amphitheatre and athletic fields be built at city expense.
- It is said that the Public/Private Partnership and Real Estate/Property Management elements at City Hall are studying details from the Lansdowne Live proponents. Meanwhile there seems to be intense pressure on city politicians to support the proposal and media coverage in the *Citizen* seems very slanted in favour of the proposal.
- The Lansdowne Committee is considering the following possible actions: another electronic survey, articles in the *Glebe Report* and other community newspapers, issuance of a fact sheet, seeking further support from the FCA, and contact with councillors (giving priority to those favouring restoration of the competition) plus our MP and MPP.
- In discussion Virginia Carver asked if there is not a city requirement for competition in business commitments. Rochelle Handleman suggested that the link to the Rideau Canal be emphasized. John Crump endorsed the idea that a redevelopment plan needs to respond to the city’s financial situation. He suggested that GCA messaging be linked to assessment and property tax issues. Christian Pupp noted that the Ottawa East AGM is Nov. 4 and this might present an opportunity to engage neighbours across the canal. John Vincent asked if it would be possible to get an estimate of the cost of the stadium work needed.

Motion: The Glebe Community Association will provide \$500 for the online survey. (Moved, John Crump, Seconded, Guy Giguere) Carried

(b) **Planning - Caroline Vanneste**

- The city's consultation on intensification resulted in 10 recommendations. There will be a public education program to inform citizens about intensification.
- Bridgehead will be moving into the former antique shop beside Loeb on December 31. There may be an application for cash-in-lieu of parking.
- There is a proposal to build a semi-detached dwelling at 81 4th Ave. A variance is required because the west side will be on the property line. If approved, it will set a precedent. It is expected that the applicant will request an adjournment from the Committee of Adjustment to allow the owner to make changes to the application.

(c) Environment - Virginia Carver

- The Butt Stop at 3rd Ave. has been vandalized (or broken).
- The Hintonburg Community Association will host a meeting of environment committees.
- We have not yet received a response from the city on changes to our proposal for the retreeing project.
- It is hoped that the BIA will become involved with the graffiti problem.
- There will be a clean-up of Bank St. after the Santa Claus parade on November 22.

(d) Membership - Cindy Delage

- About \$6,904 in membership fees has been collected.
- The Dow's Lake Association has decided to change their membership drive to coincide with that of the Glebe.

(e) GNAG - Karen Campbell

- A new board has been elected.
- The special events will be almost the same as last year. However, there will not be a pub night or the community folk dance evening.
- Taste in the Glebe will be held on January 15.
- The basement floors will have to be repaired. The city is doing an assessment.

(f) Governance - Caroline Vanneste

- An informal meeting was held to review the draft document outlining responsibilities of GCA board members. It is hoped a draft for wide circulation to the board will be available in January.

(g) Property Assessment

- It has been suggested that a session be held with MPAC to discuss property assessments.
- Action:** John Crump volunteered to look into arranging a session, possibly with the participation of our MPP.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:40.