

**Glebe Community Association  
Minutes of the Board Meeting  
Tuesday, October 27, 2009**

**Present:**

*Board Members:* Guy Giguère (Acting Chair), Martha Bowers (Secretary), Jill Adams, Elizabeth Ballard, Joan Bard-Miller, Bob Brocklebank, Karen Campbell, Virginia Carver, Catherine Caule, June Creelman, Cindy Delage, Jim Gauvreau, Louise Green, Rochelle Handelman, Teena Hendelman, Janet Kuntz, Catherine Lindquist Carol MacLeod, Christine McAllister, Dale Miller, Barbara Wysocka

*Others:* Walter Hendelman, Suzanne Landis, Ian McKercher, Frank Oakes, Tot Potter, Marilyn Whidden

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of September 22 were adopted with minor corrections. **Moved**, Virginia Carver, **Seconded**, Catherine Caule

**3. President's Report**

In the absence of the president, Guy Giguère chaired the meeting. He mentioned a call for nominations for the Community Sports Hero Award, created by the provincial government. The deadline for nominations is November 13.

**4. Councillor's Report - Clive Doucet**

- The Councillor advised that he intends to make a notice of motion that would rise after the November 12 council meeting in order to restart the Lansdowne process. The city would maintain the stadium and arena for the time being. He also mentioned that there should be federal and provincial funding for the project.
- There were questions about the CFL letter, why its contents were withheld and whether there was a requirement for a stadium at Lansdowne.
- There have also been inquiries about whether the city manager met the mayor and some councillors before the process was stopped.
- Presenters must book a time slot for the meeting on November 12 and 13.
- There will be a ceremonial ribbon cutting for hybrid buses in two weeks in Ottawa South.

**5. GNAG – Karen Campbell**

- The new chair, Kate McCartney, was elected at the AGM.
- There are many new winter programs.
- The Halloween party held last weekend was a success.
- A contractor was hired to assess the condition of the basement floors, but funds have not yet been allocated for the repairs.

**6. BIA - Catherine Lindquist**

- The BIA is continuing its campaign to address the Lansdowne project. There should be a third party review of the differing results of the market research surveys carried out by the BIA and OSEG.

- Other BIAs support our position on the Lansdowne proposal, however the Chamber of Commerce, which represents small businesses, is supporting Lansdowne Live.

## **7. Committee Reports**

### **Membership - Cindy Delage**

- Almost all returns have been received for a total of \$7,800. There are 1,566 households, which represents one of, if not, the largest community association in the city. About 30 new members joined at the Lansdowne meeting.
- Residents are more aware of community issues, particularly Lansdowne.
- The new computer needs repairs.

**Motion:** The GCA authorizes the Membership Committee to explore the cost of hiring someone to input the data from the membership campaign. **Moved,** Teena Hendelman, **Seconded,** Elizabeth Ballard **Carried**

### **Environment - Virginia Carver**

- There are 30 registered participants for the Envirofair. There will be several speakers and workshops. Volunteers are needed.

### **Planning - Bob Brocklebank**

The GCA logo is going to be copyrighted.

### **Traffic - Guy Giguère**

- There are traffic issues in the Lansdowne proposal.
- In response to a question, Guy said that there would be more study done on the signs on Broadway restricting turns on to The Driveway.

### **Heritage - Joan Bard Miller**

The committee met with new city staff on the heritage designation for the district around Central Park East. There will be a public meeting in January.

### **Social Services - Catherine Caule**

- There was a presentation on urban design standards for high-rise buildings. However, many of the points identified are only cosmetic with not much substance.
- The Centretown Community Health Centre opposes the Lansdowne proposal.
- The name change for the committee will be discussed at the November meeting.

### **Parking - Elizabeth Ballard**

- The GCA is now represented on the Parking Stakeholders Consultation Group (PSCG) which will allow community input on policies. Comments will go to City Council.
- City staff, with input from the Councillor and the local BIA, now have sign-off on neighborhood parking rates within a range of rates.
- The Pay & Display Parking proposal will go to Council. There can be an unsolicited proposal under the Ottawa Option for tender under the MERX. Testing will be in Nov/Jan; April Phase 1; June Phase 2.
- Community Parking Studies are a priority for 2010, with a preference for communities with design plans. We recommend that the GCA initiate a community design plan.
- PSCG objects to the Lansdowne proposal to apply any of parking reserve to the LPP, on the grounds that the reserve is intended for implementation of Parking Management Strategy. There

should be a formal adjustment to the charter to ensure the Parking Reserve cannot be tapped by the City for projects outside the scope and direction of the PSCG. There were several other issues concerning the LPP.

#### **8. Lansdowne Park - June Creelman**

**Motion:** The GCA wishes to thank the volunteers and organizers of the Lansdowne meeting, in particular Anne Scotton, Karen Campbell, Christine McAllister, Bob Brocklebank, Teena Hendelman and Cindy Delage. **Moved,** Carol McLeod, **Seconded,** Virginia Carver **Carried**

- The meeting on October 20 was successful. There was consensus among the approximately 300 attendees.
- There were four general votes and comments cards were collected. The majority are opposed to the whole plan on the basis of the process.
- There will be a rally at City Hall at noon on November 13.
- Almost \$4,000 has been raised, which will be used for polling or professional advice before the November Council meeting. About \$3,000 of the \$5,000 from the GCA has been spent.
- There has been some information in the media that the NCC may be involved in some way with the LPP.

**Motion:** The GCA asks the NCC to end its involvement with the Lansdowne Partnership because it is not a fair or open process. **Moved,** Elizabeth Ballard, **Seconded,** Virginia Carver **Carried**

- John Martin has initiated a legal challenge/injunction to stop Council from voting on November 13. A law suit is serious and complex. Mr. Martin needs funds to pursue the action. We can spread the word that individuals can contribute, but the GCA will not take a position on this issue. The appeal may be premature.
- The following six motions were tabled, discussed and passed.

#### **Motions:**

**1.** Whereas the GCA supports the revitalization of Lansdowne Park through a fair, open and competitive process that includes the meaningful engagement of the public in all stages of the process; and

Whereas the GCA believes that Lansdowne Park is an important public asset and that public control, management and access should be maintained; and

Whereas the current Lansdowne Partnership Plan respects neither of the above principles:

Be it resolved that that the GCA

1.a) actively oppose the “Lansdowne Partnership Plan” and ask City Council to reject the unsolicited OSEG proposal and to reinstate an open and competitive process for Lansdowne Park

1.b) call on the City to follow the best practices in urban planning and public engagement in all stages of the planning of Lansdowne Park, including the articulation of a vision for the site prior to any competitive process

1.c) communicate to the City the position that Lansdowne Park must remain a public space—planned, managed and operated by the City for the benefit of the citizens of Ottawa.

**Moved,** June Creelman, **Seconded,** Teena Hendelman

**2.** Whereas Lansdowne Park is located in the Glebe and the site’s redevelopment will have significant impacts on the quality of life of residents, on the character of the community, on ecological sustainability, and on the livelihood of local merchants and businesses in the Glebe and in neighbouring communities:

Be it resolved that the GCA:

2.a) ask the City to demonstrate how the Lansdowne Partnership Plan complies with the principles of Ottawa’s 2020 plan (including the principle of building liveable communities), the city’s master

transportation plan (which calls for major urban facilities to be build near transit), the Ontario Planning Act (which requires new developments to be compatible with the character of the surrounding area) and the Strong Communities Act.

2.b) ask the city, prior to approving any plan for Lansdowne Park, to carry out comprehensive, independent community impact studies including:

- a comprehensive traffic study that is not limited to questions of access to Lansdowne Park but also to impact issues such as cut-through traffic, pedestrian safety and the maintenance of regular neighbourhood movement;
- a comprehensive parking study that shows the impact of increased on-street parking on local businesses, community institutions and on the daily life of residents;
- evaluation of the expected impacts on the vitality and character of Bank Street as a traditional main street;
- studies on the impacts on the health and well-being of nearby residents including the impacts of increased noise (from events and HVAC systems), light pollution, traffic, crowds and congestion. This study should pay specific attention to impacts on vulnerable populations, such as the residents in the seniors long-term care facility at the Glebe Centre and the Glebe Parents Daycare;
- a comprehensive environmental impact study;
- capacity of the existing educational, social, cultural and recreational infrastructure to support the new development; and
- whether there is a need for the City to keep public land at Lansdowne Park available for community facilities or services that are now lacking in the area (e.g. community gardens, sports fields, open space, green space) and need to be provided according to city plans, standards and policies.

**Moved**, June Creelman, **Seconded**, Elizabeth Ballard

**3.** Whereas Frank Clair Stadium currently occupies more than 1/4 of Lansdowne Park and the future of the site cannot be planned until the question of the future location for a City of Ottawa stadium is resolved,

Be it resolved that the GCA:

3.a) ask the city to complete a thorough study on the requirements, costing and best location for a stadium in the City of Ottawa and to designate a site for a stadium facility.

**Moved**, June Creelman, **Seconded**, Elizabeth Ballard

**4.** Whereas the discussions about the Lansdowne Partnership Plan have led to a consensus about certain desired features for any future Lansdowne Park development,

Be it resolved that the GCA:

4.a) communicate to the City that its members support

- the use of the Aberdeen Pavilion and adjacent outdoor space as the home of the Ottawa Farmers Market;
- the preservation and enhancement of Lansdowne Park's heritage buildings, and respect for the heritage character and values of the entire site and of its connections to the Rideau Canal;
- the creation of dedicated and permanent green space on at least 1/3 of the Lansdowne Park site and increased emphasis on the sustainability of the entire site;
- the use of Lansdowne Park for public and community recreation and sports; and
- the renovation of the Civic Centre and the preservation of the arena.

**Moved**, June Creelman, **Seconded**, Barbara Wysocka

**5.** Whereas the Lansdowne Partnership Plan calls for intensive retail and commercial use of public land; and

Whereas consultation with our members has shown that there is little support for this scale of development:

Be it resolved that the GCA:

5a) communicate to the City that the GCA supports mixed uses for Lansdowne Park but opposes:

- commercialization and de facto privatization of public land;
- retail and commercial developments that are out of scale with neighbouring communities and businesses; and
- housing patterns that are not compatible with the surrounding community and that do not include consideration of social needs such as affordable housing and rental housing.

**Moved,** June Creelman, **Seconded,** Teena Hendelman

**6.** Whereas the Lansdowne Partnership Plan calls for an investment of nearly \$130 million of taxpayers money: and

Whereas questions have been raised about the risks associated with this investment: and

Whereas the publicly available information on the financing is unnecessarily complex

Be it resolved that the GCA

6a) ask the City to commission an independent financial analysis of the proposed business model prior to making a decision, and

6b) ask the City to resist encumbering future tax revenues for use in designated loan repayments.

**Moved,** June Creelman, **Seconded,** Elizabeth Ballard

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.