



**Minutes of the Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 26, 2010, Glebe Community Centre**

Present:

Board Members: Caroline Vanneste (President), Martha Bowers (Secretary), Jill Adams, Elizabeth Ballard, Joan Bard-Miller, Lynn Barlow, Bob Brocklebank, Brian Carroll, Virginia Carver, June Creelman, Cindy Delage, Jim Gauvreau, Louise Green, Vaughn Guy, Rochelle Handelman, Teena Hendelman, Tom Krul, Catherine Lindquist, Christine McAllister, Kiavash Najafi, Dale Miller, Catherine Waters

Others: Claire Bennett, Rod and Sandy Bryden, Ian Burney, Lucette Carpentier, Doug Casey, Susan Courage, Fiona Gulian, Danny Handelman, Juli Houle Cezer, T. Jurado, Richard Lamothe, Pamela Mackenzie, Peter Mackenzie, Dianne Maclaren, Sylvie Tabet

David Chernushenko, the newly elected councilor for Capital Ward, addressed the meeting saying he looks forward to working with the GCA and will try to attend our monthly meetings.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted with a note that the Planning report would be added to the President's report. **Moved**, Brian Carroll, **Seconded**, Lynn Barlow **Carried**

2. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of September 28 were adopted further to clarifications for the BIA section. **Moved**, Lynn Barlow, **Seconded**, Kiavash Najafi **Carried**

3. President's Report - Caroline Vanneste

- Thanks to Lynn Barlow for an excellent job organizing the All Candidates Meeting for Capital Ward Councillor candidates held on October 7.
- Congratulations from the GCA will be sent to the mayor-, councillors- and trustees-elect.
- Elizabeth Ballard presented a cheque from the GCA for the Food Bank at the reopening of the Royal Bank branch at Bank St. and First Ave. Thanks to David Hoyer for involving the community in the event.
- The GCA received a note from the Alzheimers Society regarding money raised at the Great Glebe Garage Sale. It is another example of the need to remind participants that 10 percent of

their sales are to go to the Food Bank. It was suggested that we should make people aware that if they don't want to participate personally, they could bring items to a central location and we would ensure that all proceeds of the sale would go to the Food Bank. We are still looking for someone to chair the GGGGS Committee for the 25th anniversary year.

- The GCA logo has been trademarked. The artist, May Lou Coulter, has donated the logo to the GCA.

Motion: The GCA authorizes up to \$200 for a gift to thank the artist. **Moved,** June Creelman, **Seconded,** Cindy Delage **Carried**

- The NCC is holding a meeting this Thursday on pedestrian crossings over the canal.
- The city has scheduled a parking area study in the Glebe for the second quarter of 2011. The study should be done before the Lansdowne redevelopment but not if Bank St. will be reconstructed next year. Elizabeth will liaise with the city.
- Information on several planning issues include: we advised the architect that we cannot comment on the appropriate number of basement units at 114-116 Glebe Avenue; we are keeping an eye on the plans for the former Steff Kim Lodge; Drummond's Gas has become a 24-hour operation and residents are monitoring infractions, if any; and the city-wide Urban Design Review Panel will meet on December 2.
- Safety issues have been raised in relation to Central Park. Catherine Caule will look into the issue and possibly ask the city for a safety audit.

Action: Caroline will ask the neighbourhood police officer to occasionally attend GCA monthly meetings to keep us informed of issues, etc.

4. Committee Reports

Communications - Kiavash Najafi

- The website is a tool for us to communicate better with residents. A mass email of community info is sent out to those who have registered once a month.
- Committee reports should be sent to Kiavash to coordinate for the website and for our monthly column for the *Glebe Report*.

Action: Jim will provide occasional reports on how much traffic we are getting on the GCA website.

BIA - Catherine Lindquist

- The BIA also participated in the reopening of the RBC and gave gift bags to the employees.
- The A Channel shoot helped to showcase Glebe businesses, with a harvest theme, and coincided with the Pumpkin Patch event.
- The pay-and-display parking machines have been installed. More technical refinements will be coming. Some of the old meters will be converted to a ring and post style rack for locking bicycles. Elizabeth Ballard can provide the phone number for complaints.
- An MOU has been submitted for installing banners on poles.
- The BIA and 5 individual businesses have submitted appeals to the OMB on the Stage 1 Site Plan for Lansdowne Park. The ramps to underground parking at Lansdowne from Bank Street have been removed from the plans but it is not clear where new access points will be.

- The working committee on Bank St. reconstruction is being revived. There are many unresolved issues, including the one-time opportunity for burying the hydro wires, before going ahead with construction.

GNAG - Lynn Barlow

- Many events are planned for the fall including a youth coffee house, volunteer appreciation, the Halloween Pumpkin Patch and the craft sale.
- GNAG offers a 10 percent discount to encourage seniors to register for activities.

Lansdowne - June Creelman

- The October 14 site plan meeting resulted in few positive comments. It was not a legitimate form of public consultation. Basically it showed more roads and retail, but it was not easy for participants to comment. Concerns were expressed about the height scale, massing of buildings, access and egress, and moving the Horticulture Building. The drawings were difficult to understand and the website for comments was not easy to find. It was suggested that a letter be written to the city expressing our concerns but not providing specific details since there will be an appeal to the OMB over zoning.

Motion: On behalf of the CGA, June Creelman will write a letter to the city with our concerns about the Stage 1 Site Plan for Lansdowne Park. **Moved** June Creelman, **Seconded** Elizabeth Ballard **Carried**

- According to Ontario law, a lame-duck council cannot make decisions on projects over \$50,000, so that votes on such issues before the new council is sworn in on December 1 would not be legitimate. Major decisions should be discussed by the new council.
- It was suggested that we should not make a presentation at the November 19 city council meeting but representatives should attend and simply state that we cannot comment further since an appeal to the OMB is going forward.
- There was a discussion on whether or not to issue a news release to bring the legal issue to public attention. It is important that we start off with a good relationship with the new council.

Motion: The GCA will approach the FCA to request that they write to the City on behalf of Ottawa community associations expressing concerns about the current Council making major decisions, including those relating to Lansdowne Park. **Moved**, June Creelman, **Seconded**, Christine McAllister **Carried**

Motion: The GCA will file an appeal with the Ontario Municipal Board regarding the rezoning of Lansdowne Park. **Moved:** June Creelman, **Seconded**, Christine McAllister **Carried**

Environment - Virginia Carver

- The fall clean-up of Bank St. will be on Saturday, November 6.
- The pay-and-display parking meters will be monitored for any problems with bicycle parking.
- There was a discussion on the Microfit session scheduled for January. Some members were concerned that it is a provincial initiative and we should not align ourselves with a political

event. However, Virginia explained that we would only provide volunteers and that, as a partner organization, we would have an opportunity participate in the various presentations. It was decided that the committee could participate without further input from the Board. It was also mentioned that the GCA should be advised before commitments are made for such events.

- Since some changes have been made to the plan for Capital Park, there will be another meeting with residents.
- There was a meeting of residents on October 24 on the possibility of a parkette in the northeast quadrant of the Glebe. Various perspectives were presented and some creative solutions were proposed. Issues raised will be addressed in the feasibility study. Although there was no consensus, there was agreement on some next steps, including continuing to search for another location for a pre-school play structure. It is also important to improve security in Central Park. The Environment Committee will establish an ad hoc parks committee to work with city staff to deal with issues raised at the October 24 meeting.

Education - Christine McAllister

- The Community Education Forum will be held on November 4 at the Glebe Community Centre.

Motion: The GCA will allocate up to \$150 less donations for child care at the Community Education Forum. **Moved:** Christine McAllister **Seconded:** June Creelman **Carried**

Other Business

The following motion was circulated by email on October 1:

Motion: That the GCA make a donation of \$250 to the Food Bank before Thanksgiving 2010 and that the cheque be delivered via the RBC at the Grand Reopening of our neighbourhood branch on October 7, 2010. **Moved:** Elizabeth Ballard, **Seconded:** Bobby Galbreath **Carried**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.