

**Glebe Community Association
Draft Minutes of the Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 23, 2008**

Present:

Board Members: Bob Brocklebank (President), Martha Bowers, Elizabeth Ballard, Karen Campbell, Virginia Carver, Vince Catalli, June Creelman, John Crump, Cindy Delage, Rochelle Handelman, Carol MacLeod, Ian McKercher, John Smart, Pat Steenberg, Janet Sutherland, Caroline Vanneste

Others: Anthony Bansfield, Clive Doucet, Jim Gauvreau, Diane McIntyre

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted with items added on Leadership Ottawa, and reports on GNAG, the Sunnyside Library, parking and the arms event, and the traffic report removed.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the June 24 meeting were adopted with small corrections. (**Moved**, June Creelman, **Seconded**, Ian McKercher)

3. President's Report - Bob Brocklebank

- Queensway Bump-up: The provincial Ministry of the Environment refused the GCA's request to have another look at the plans (regarding safety on Chamberlain St.). However, the local MPP will monitor the project and the city will be involved.
- Parking changes on 5th Ave. have raised some safety issues.
- Draft guidelines are being developed on high-profile buildings in the city.
- The BIA has not yet identified an executive director.
- Changes to the development approvals process are being reviewed and may be implemented later this year.
- Further meetings are being held on rural settlement strategies, bridges across the Ottawa River and transportation/transit issues.
- Clyde Sanger's book on the Glebe will be launched on October 2.

8. Councillor's Report - Clive Doucet

- The Planning and Environment Committee has agreed to a heritage designation for the Mayfair Theatre, one of the last atmospheric theatres in Canada.
- The city has an urban tree project to help preserve trees on city property. This will probably dovetail with the GCA retreeing project.
- There are still discussions about the public transportation project and light rail plan. Changes/modifications may be made over time.
- Marlin McHale is retiring. The community would like to do something to honour his long-time contributions. A public water fountain on the corner of Bank St. and 5th Ave. was suggested. Other ideas are welcome.

5. a) All Candidates' Meeting, October 9 - June Creelman

- The meeting will be held on October 9 at Glebe Collegiate in partnership with Ottawa South and Ottawa East as well as the school, in particular the Grade 10 Civics students who are helping to organize and advertise the event.

MOTION: The GCA will provide \$200 to cover the cost of posters and other incidentals for the October 9 All Candidates' Meeting. (**Moved**, Cindy Delage, **Seconded**, Carol MacLeod) **Carried**

5. b) Leadership Ottawa - Anthony Bansfield

Anthony provided an update on the initiative and distributed nomination forms to identify connectors in the Glebe (community activists) who would be good representatives for communicating issues and bringing different neighbourhoods together.

7. Dancing in the Streets - June Creelman

This year's event was successful, featuring more dancing programming, including the participation of GNAG. Glebe businesses like it to be held in August. The Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation would like the BIA to take it over, but this will have to be discussed. There were only a few parking/towing problems.

8. Committee Reports**Planning - Caroline Vanneste**

- There have been no variance applications over the summer.
- There is an issue about development in the Green Belt. It seems to be biased toward developers. This issue is too important to be decided in a survey and it is too early to make large, definitive statements.
- In the Official Plan there should be an item about the need for developer to consult with the community involved.
- We should examine how to apply the Parkland Dedication to Lansdowne Park. We should be advocating for our views not just questioning.

Environment - Virginia Carver

- The donation from the *Glebe Report* could be used for labeling planters or posting signs for the Butt Stops.
- Butt Stops have been installed at 2nd and 3rd Avenues.
- Phase 1 of the retreeing project will probably involve updating the city's inventory using the city's variables.
- The BIA and local schools could work together to come up with a more comprehensive plan for dealing with graffiti.
- The city did not fill the rain barrels for watering garden boxes during the summer. The idea of installing stand pipes when Bank St. is reconstructed could be considered.
- There is some interest in holding another Enviro Fair. To be discussed.

Membership - Cindy Delage

- About 80-90% of returns have been received. There is a problem with Dow's Lake, because the timing of their board elections is different from that of the Glebe, which impacts on the spring campaign period.
- About 1,400 households have joined the GCA and \$6,689 in membership fees collected.
- Barbara Wysocka may do the data inputting.

Property Assessment

John Smart cannot always attend meetings on Tuesday. Diane McIntyre volunteered to join this subcommittee.

Lansdowne - June Creelman

- While the design competition is still on hold, the legitimate process is not going forward.
- The soccer proposal may raise more awareness about the issue of the stadium.

Great Glebe Garage Sale - Janet Sutherland

- So far \$8,019.67, which includes the BIA contribution, has been raised for the Food Bank, which is less than last year.
- Diane McIntyre volunteered to help Janet review plans for next year.

GNAG - Karen Campbell

- Online registration has begun.
- The Pantry has opened outside on the north side of the community centre, however there is no entrance there since the steps are not useable yet.
- The AGM will be held on September 24.

Sunnyside Library - Caroline Vanneste

- The Ottawa Public Library Board has approved approximately \$500,000 for renovations, which will include a public meeting room and staff facilities, for the basement of the Sunnyside Branch for 2009.
- Caroline would like to present the following motion at the meeting of the Friends of the Sunnyside Library on October 27:

MOTION: The Glebe Community Association agrees to donate \$1,000 to the Friends of the Sunnyside Library to be used for upgrades and artwork when the Sunnyside Library is renovated.
(Moved, Caroline Vanneste, Seconded, John Crump) Carried

Parking - Elizabeth Ballard

- Public consultations will be held on October 2 on new rates for parking metres.
- Some ideas include extending the time limits, designating parking zones, taxing lots in the suburbs, etc.
- It is important to receive input from Glebe merchants.
- Articles and op eds could be sent to *The Glebe Report*.

5. Other Business

Arms event: This event, to have been held at Lansdowne Park, has been cancelled.

- The city passed a motion 20 years ago stating that it would not rent city facilities for arms/weapons events.
- Members discussed the issue to ensure that the intention continues to be upheld.

MOTION: The Glebe Community Association asks the City of Ottawa to ensure that the existing bylaw prohibiting military arms trade shows be applied to Lansdowne Park as it is to all city facilities. (**Moved**, June Creelman, **Seconded**, Elizabeth Ballard) **Carried**

Email addresses: Cindy Delage asked that a list of email addresses for members of the Executive be provided. **Action:** Martha Bowers will compile a list and circulate it to members.

GCA website: Ian McKercher and John Crump will set up a section on the history of the GCA for the website.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:40.