



**Minutes of the Board Meeting  
Tuesday, September 28, 2010, Glebe Community Centre**

**Present:**

*Board Members:* Caroline Vanneste (President), Martha Bowers (Secretary), Elizabeth Ballard, Joan Bard-Miller, Lynn Barlow, Connie Boynton, Brian Carroll, June Creelman, Cindy Delage, Jim Gauvreau, Bobby Galbreath, Louise Green, Vaughn Guy, Rochelle Handleman, Teena Hendelman, Tom Krul, Catherine Lindquist, Christine McAllister, Kiavash Najafi, Dale Miller, Catherine Waters, Barbara Wysocka

*Others:* Larry Balkwill, Alyson Barlow, Claire Bennett, Paul and Darina Boldizar, Bob Brocklebank, Sandy Bryden, Ian Burney, Brian Campagnola, Lucette Carpentier, Doug Casey, Cheryl Casey, David Cherushenko, Susan Courage, Bliss Edwards, Susan Freer, Aubrey Goldstein, David Gray, Eugene Haslam, Caja Hoffmann, T. Jurado, Richard and Cecilia Lamothe, Linda Landry, Bernie Lefebvre, James Lennox, Pamela Mackenzie, Peter Mackenzie, Dianne Maclaren, Pat Marshall Bente McAlister, Shawn McGann, Isabel Metcalfe, Joanne Moran, Bernard Payeur, Jennifer Phillips, Francine Picard, Robert Plante, Marni Price, Mancie Proulx, J. Read, Domenic Santaguida, Nancy Savage, Magda Seydegart, Donna Seymour, Robert Sims, Ruth Swyers, Sylvie Tabet, Germain Vezina, Brenda Vice, Melissa Viinalass, N. Windsor

**Presentations by Ward Candidates for the Municipal Election**

Each of the Capital Ward candidates who accepted the invitation to speak at the meeting—Bob Brocklebank, David Chernushenko, Eugene Haslam, Isabel Metcalfe and Domenic Santaguida—provided brief information on their background, experience, etc.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted after agreement to extend the presentation on the NE Glebe parkette by 10 minutes. **Moved**, Barbara Wysocka, **Seconded**, Rochelle Handleman **Carried**

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of June 22 were adopted. **Moved**, June Creeman, **Seconded**, Kiavash Najafi **Carried**

**3. Presentations: Proposed upgrades to Capital Park and NE Glebe parkette feasibility study - Joanne Moran and Bliss Edwards**

City staff explained that funds from the cash-in-lieu of parkland program would be used for upgrades to Capital Park, including a new rope play structure. The splash pad is dependent on

future funding. The design will be posted on the GCA website and more info will be provided to residents at a meeting.

A lengthy discussion and question and answer format on the possibility of a feasibility study for a parkette in the NE quadrant of the Glebe (Central Park-Clemow area) followed. There was some confusion about the possible closure of Clemow Avenue and the location of a parkette, which are separate issues. City staff provided background information on the history of the closure of Clemow, dating to 1991 when the city took over the land from the NCC, but explained that the closure application is not going forward at this point. There will be public consultations with residents if there is a recommendation for permanent closure.

In June, after consulting with residents, the GCA had agreed to a feasibility study for a parkette. Due to the short timelines and various views of residents, more feedback is required. There seems to be a need for a playground in the NE quadrant, and Central Park was identified as a possible location. However, planners will continue to look for other sites and consult with the community before a decision is taken. A public meeting will be held on October 20 or 21.

#### **4. President's Report - Caroline Vanneste**

- The All Candidates Meeting (Ward councillors) will be held on October 7 at Glebe Collegiate, with the support of the Ottawa East, Ottawa South and Heron Park community associations and student volunteers.

**Motion:** The GCA agrees to commit \$100 for costs for hosting the All Candidates Meeting.

**Moved, Lynn Barlow, Seconded, Barbara Wysocka Carried**

- The fall cleanup will be held on November 6.
- The GCA will work with MPP Yasir Naqvi, and possibly other community associations, to have a session in 2011 on MicroFit, generating renewable energy and selling it back to the grid.
- A cheque for \$555 for the fires earlier this year was returned by Canada Post (recipient moved with no forwarding address). It was suggested that the money be donated to the Red Cross, who provided assistance to residents affected by the fires.
- Bank Street reconstruction is still scheduled for 2011. However the city has not yet reformed the Public Advisory Committee (PAC) as directed by Council in June.
- The Dow's Lake Residents Association (DLRA) still exists. Although there is not a full executive at this time, there is interest in continuing the organization. Street representatives will do a membership canvass this fall.

**Motion:** Brian Carroll will be the DLRA representative on the GCA. **Moved, Catherine Waters, Seconded, Kiavash Najafi Carried**

**Motion:** Connie Boynton will be the 4A area rep for the GCA. **Moved, Lynn Barlow, Seconded, Rochelle Handleman Carried**

#### **Treasurer's Report - Louise Green**

Membership fees are not all in yet.

The remainder of the funds raised for the fire victims will be given to the Red Cross.

## 5. Committee Reports

### Communications - Kiavash Najafi

- We should have better coordination to ensure that there are not too many submissions to the *Glebe Report*. The President's report usually covers all issues in general.
- To keep our website up-to-date, information should be submitted to the president or Kiavash for review before posting. The website should be the primary vehicle for communicating information to residents.

### Planning - Bobby Galbreath

- The plans to rebuild the apartment building at 114-116 Glebe Ave. that was destroyed by fire are too dense and will require minor variances. It is possible that we may oppose the application when it goes to the city Planning Committee.
- There is talk about some co-housing on two levels above a possible parking lot behind the Metro, however, nothing is definite at this point.

### Education - Christine McAllister

- On November 4 there will be a Community Education Forum with a panel discussion on the strategic development of schools and accommodation issues. Some funds may be required at a later date for communications, etc.

### Lansdowne - June Creelman

- Final approval has not yet been given for the proposal, but city council did approve the zoning application for air space, which means there can be high-rise housing and commercial buildings.
- Apparently there will be a public consultation on October 14 on the site plan.
- The Friends of Lansdowne have decided to go ahead with a legal challenge. A lawyer could be invited to speak at the GCA October meeting. Members discussed the legal action and the possibility of joining with other groups, as well as the option of appealing to the OMB on the zoning issue.

**Motion:** The GCA authorizes up to \$5,000 to file an application with the OMB to appeal the City of Ottawa's zoning approval for Lansdowne Park. **Moved,** June Creelman, **Seconded,** Barbara Wysocka **Carried**

### GNAG - Lynn Barlow

- GNAG held a strategic planning session on September 12 to review various issues including name recognition, building maintenance, programming and stakeholders.
- Revenue surpassed a milestone \$1 million this year with a net profit of \$16,800 reinvested into programming. The increase in revenue is due in part to many volunteers, and from changes such as summer specialty camps that were streamlined away from the city, a cooperative relationship with St. James Tennis Club, and a partnership with Cisco Bluesfest.
- GNAG also continued to fundraise for the Community Fund and allocated some of those monies to redevelop and green school yards, assist victims of fire in the neighbourhood, update kitchen facilities in the GCC, and run and participate in many community and special events.

### **BIA - Catherine Lindquist**

- From the cash-in-lieu of parkland funding, the BIA has leveraged a banner program. New banner poles and banners will be installed at the entrances to and highlight five Glebe parks. The BIA will also install additional banners on some utility poles.
- The city's policy review on burying hydro wires is a year behind schedule. It might therefore be necessary to delay the Bank Street reconstruction another year. The Glebe is one of the areas included in the cost-benefit study.
- The Glebe BIA was a gold sponsor of Glebe's Got Flavour and presented the outdoor movie night. The event was successful, although some residents were upset with the noise level at times. Community feedback is welcome.

### **Other Business**

The following motion was circulated by email on September 6:

**Motion:** The GCA asks the City to defer any discussion of the process for selling or leasing air rights until after the rezoning is granted and a final site plan for Lansdowne is approved, and after a public consultation on the issue. **Moved**, June Creelman, **Seconded**, Guy Giguère  
**Carried**

The following motion was circulated by email on September 7:

**Motion:** As per the request from First Avenue School, the GCA express its support for First Avenue School's new play structure in the Junior Yard with a grant provided by the City of Ottawa. **Moved**, Christine McAllister, **Seconded**, Bob Brocklebank **Carried**

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.