



**GCA Minutes of the Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 27, 2011**

Present:

Board Members: Caroline Vanneste (President), Martha Bowers (Secretary), Jill Adams, Elizabeth Ballard, Joan Bard-Miller, Lynn Barlow, Sharon Chartier, Cindy Delage, Jim Gauvreau, Bobby Galbreath, Guy Giguère, Rochelle Handelman, Louise Green, Vaughn Guy, Cindy Kirk, Jonathan Loschmann, Carol MacLeod, Dale Miller, Daphne Towers, Barbara Wysocka

Others: David Chernushenko, Danny Handelman, Julie Houle Cezer, Annaline Lubber, Peter MacKenzie, Eddie Nwema

The President welcomed attendees and the meeting started with a roll call of members present.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of June 28 were adopted with minor corrections to the Treasurer Report and the Lansdowne Report. **Moved** Barbara Wysocka **Seconded** Rochelle Handelman **Carried**

Councillor's Report - David Chernushenko

The final BRAC (Bank St. Reconstruction Advisory Committee) for this year will be held tomorrow. Overall, it has been a good consultative process and some issues will be resolved over the next eight months. The project is on schedule and will wind up for this year around November 15.

More input was received at the streetscape open house held last week.

The Mayor's online preconsultation on the Budget has not yet been launched and dates for the public consultations have not been announced. Since the Glebe is in the middle of a large infrastructure project, projects for other parts of the ward will have priority.

President's Report - Caroline Vanneste

Louise Green and Janet Sutherland will help to update the Board manual.

In reply to a question about GCA involvement in transit changes, it was suggested that we need a volunteer to take this one.

Bobby Galbreath and Catherine Waters offered to respond to interviews from Carleton University students.

Treasurer's Report - Louise Green

At the June meeting the Board agreed that a group of volunteers would make recommendations for the handling of GCA finances. The GCA already has good expenditure controls: all expenditures are supported by invoices and all cheques require two signatures. The group made three recommendations: that the Treasurer present a financial report at every meeting of the Board; that the Executive of the Board deliberate and decide on financial issues in lieu of a finance committee; and that proposed expenditures be presented to the Executive prior to their presentation to the full Board.

Louise related information that she had obtained about the financial operations of the Ottawa South and Ottawa East community associations that indicated that GCA controls are similar to those of other CAs, and appropriate for the GCA's level of expenditure.

The Treasurer provided a financial report, indicating that the GCA has a bank balance of approximately \$9,000 of uncommitted funds.

Motion: The GCA approves the final payment of \$3,500 to McMillan for legal fees related to the OMB appeal. **Moved** Louise Green **Seconded** Guy Giguère **Carried**

Communications Report - Janet Sutherland

After the monthly meeting, Janet will send out an e-bulletin to the GCA list highlighting issues of interest.

To avoid duplication, a schedule of regular contributors to the *Glebe Report* will be drawn up. Committees will be responsible for sending the report to Janet prior to submitting to the *Glebe Report*.

Committees are responsible for updating their web page.

Liaison Reports

GNAG - There is no representative. The relationship between the GCA and GNAG will be discussed.

BIA - Caroline will follow up with Christine Leadman about participating in GCA meetings.

Committee Reports

Bank St. - Catherine Waters

The BRAC meetings are ending for this year. There are outstanding streetscaping issues including the number of trees and their maintenance; location and number of bike racks; street furniture (benches, etc.); and consolidated newspaper boxes. Comments from the design open house have been sent to the City and the councillor. The final BRAC report will need to include the numbers of street furniture, etc., required.

Most comments on the sidewalk pavers have been positive.

There was a request for an explanation on the rationale for where bus stops will be located. This request will be included in the list of comments to be sent to the City.

Environment - Carol MacLeod

There will be a meeting on October 27 on the remediation of contaminated soil at Lansdowne Park. A meeting on the footbridge over the Canal is planned. Date and place to be decided.

Yellow pond weed has reappeared on Brown's Inlet. The committee will meet with the City to discuss.

The Garden Angels will document any damage to the planters during the Bank St. reconstruction. The City agreed to replace them.

The committee will review its mandate in view of the establishment of the Parks Committee.

Lansdowne - Guy Giguère

An article will appear in the *Glebe Report* on traffic issues related to the redevelopment of Lansdowne. The City has indicated that no further consultation is necessary, but there has not been a study on the impacts of day-to-day traffic and parking.

It is suggested that a public meeting be held before the issue goes to City Council and the Transportation Committee. Since we do not have a site plan for Lansdowne, we cannot assess traffic impacts. It will be important to have a transportation planner in attendance.

Motion: Whereas the GCA and OSCA signed minutes of settlement as a result of mediation on their appeals to the Ontario Municipal Board regarding the rezoning of Lansdowne Park in April 2011 ; and

Whereas the Minutes of Settlement call for the City to consult with the community on the development of various traffic, parking, transit and transportation plans, including day-to-day traffic and parking impacts; and

Whereas there has been no community consultation organized by the City on these issues;

Be it resolved that:

* the GCA write to the City to express its dissatisfaction with the lack of action on the terms of settlement;

* the GCA and OSCA jointly organize a public community consultation meeting on traffic as soon as possible;

* this consultation focus specifically on the day-to-day traffic and parking impacts of the Lansdowne development on neighbouring communities including the routing of trucks during the construction stage and service and deliveries;

*the City be requested to provide a revised site plan showing the current plans as modified by the terms of settlement and clearly explain traffic, parking and circulation routes including all access and egress from the site;

* the City be requested to provide knowledgeable experts to answer questions; and

* the GCA and OSCA use some of the \$30K funding received from the terms of settlement to prepare and promote this meeting, including space rental. **Moved** Guy Giguère **Seconded** Carol MacLeod **Carried**

Other Business

Planning - Bobby Galbreath

There is a proposal to develop the vacant lot between 20 and 24 Clemow Ave., requiring minor variances. The City Planner asked for a deferral but the developer's lawyer argued against it. Although the variances are not major, the design may be contentious. The urgency of the project may be to avoid restrictions that may accompany the Heritage District Designation. The heritage designation was passed on July 13 but will have to be repassed September 28 due to the requirement for bylaw changes.

There is a proposal for a four-storey condominium at 174 Glebe Ave. Neighbours are opposed because it seems too massive and dense for the site.

Education - Sharon Chartier

The Working Group on Accommodation has been meeting to come up with options to address accommodation issues at local schools. The School Board has also presented an option. Both options build on the staff recommendation for a six-classroom addition to Mutchmor. Early French Immersion (EFI) could be added to Mutchmor, redirecting 200+ students from First Ave. Glebe area 7s and 8s English and EFI could all be directed to Glashan.

An alternate scenario would switch programs, with Mutchmor becoming an EFI school and First Ave becoming an English, Gifted English and Middle French Immersion school.

Discussion: Members indicated that the GCA cannot take a position on this issue. The Education Committee member's vote on the Accommodation Committee must meet our guiding principles.

Parks - Elizabeth Ballard

Volunteers cleared the tot lot area in Central Park of overgrown brush, etc., in the interests of safety. A preliminary design is required for pricing of equipment for the tot lot. There will be lighting in the back area for safety.

Email Motions

The following motion was circulated by email on August 16:

Motion: The GCA agrees that Bob Brocklebank attend the City's Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Development August 18th meeting to present the GCA views on the issues to be discussed: (a) an update on the Lansdowne Partnership plan, authorization for a new cost sharing agreement, expenditure of additional funds prior to finalization of the partnership, (b) approval of a process to sell or lease air rights for development at Lansdowne; and (c) confirmation that the Horticulture Building is to be moved contrary to the recommendation of the Ontario Conservation Review Board. **Moved** Bob Brocklebank **Seconded** Vaughn Guy **Carried**

The following motion was circulated by email on September 5:

Motion: The GCA agrees that Bobby Galbreath attend the Committee of Adjustment hearing regarding 214 Pretoria on September 7 to confirm the GCA's preference for maintaining the existing character of our neighbourhood. **Moved** Bobby Galbreath **Seconded** Rochelle Handelman **Carried**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.