Glebe Community Association
Minutes of the Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 24th, 2017

Present:
Board Members: Josh Van Noppen, Anthony Carricato, Vaughn Guy, Sylvie Legros, Christine McAllister, Carolyn Mackenzie, Rochelle Handelman, Angela Keller-Herzog, Elizabeth Ballard (Matthew Meagher), Carol MacLeod, Nini Pal, Jennifer Humphries, Sarah Viehbeck, Bill Price, Colette Downie, Brenda Perras, Scott Blurton, Laura Smith

Others*:* David Chernushenko, Michael Reid, June Creelman, Liz MacKeen (Glebe Report), Jordan St-Jacques, Isla Paterson

Regrets: Peter Leyser, Matthew Meagher

Approval of the Agenda
The agenda was approved as is. As per normal procedure, the Councillor was invited to speak first.
(Sylvie Legros/Anthony Carricato) Carried

Approval of the Minutes
The minutes of the meeting of September 26th, 2017 were approved.
(Sylvie Legros/Carol MacLeod) Carried

PRESIDENT REPORT

1 – President Update (Anthony Carricato / Josh VanNoppen)

- Anthony and Josh met with BIA Andrew Peck to discuss the BIA plans and share information.
- Underground Sound: paid a share of $1,000 along with the BIA to paint a temporary mural on the construction wall at Fifth Avenue. This was deemed a good idea considering the Grey Cup and other events planned in the glebe and the wall is expected to be there for over a year. There was a fairly long discussion on how the remaining funds should be spent and perhaps be used on more permanent projects. Some suggested that this should be covered by the developer as it was at Lansdowne at Holmwood Street.
- Anthony and Josh plan to develop a survey to send to resident asking their opinions on various subject. Members were asked to send them suggestions for question within the next month. They want to limit the survey to perhaps 15 questions so it doesn't take more than 5 minutes to fill. The overall plan is to open communication channel with the community at large.

- Josh, who received two plaques on behalf of the GCA at the 50th Anniversary, suggested to members that these plaques ne hanged somewhere in the GCC. All agreed so Josh will investigate the feasibility.
- The executive committee is working on a plan to get a written commitment from all levels of government that there will be no more building with more than 4 stories built on Bank Street in the Glebe stretch. It is a delicate and complex task that will take a lot of thought and a good strategy to be successfully completed.

2 - GCA 50th Anniversary Post Mortem (June Creelman)

- The evening event was well attended and showed that there is a demand for these types of events with live band. The day was overall a success despite the weather and there was a lot of fun to have. Somebody suggest that we put a half page add in the Glebe Report to thank all the sponsors and those who helped for the event. The Board agreed to do it. There was a huge applause to June for a great job to put all this together.

3 – Financial Statements (Vaughn Guy / Angela Keller-Herzog, Sylvie Legros)

- A draft of the financial statements were presented with some comments and details on revenues and expenses. There was a question about the $784 of bank fees and NSF cheques. This in fact largely consists of two stale dated cheques from the City ($500 and $87) that were deposited and rejected by the Bank with a $14 fee. These cheques were recorded as 'other revenues' to ensure that all credits and debits in the bank account during the year were reported on the financial statements. The name of the account will be changed to better reflect this. Other expenses under this line mostly consist of cost of new cheques.
- 'Membership expenses' to be replaced with 'Membership Committee Expenses'
- The $5,000 received from the BIA that was reported as missing revenues at the AGM was in fact deposited on April 21st 2016. As such, that payment is recorded in the 2016 year as our financial statements are prepared on a cash basis (footnote 1).
- Members were asked to report any discrepancies to the three individuals who prepared these statements. A motion to be presented at the next meeting to adopt the financial statements as prepared.

4 – AGM 2018 (Sylvie Legros)

- The AGM is **tentatively** scheduled on June 25th to allow more time to review documents and financial statements before the AGM. This was suggested by a member as an option to resolve the problem. Another option is to change the GCA year end to March 31st.
- There was a discussion about the format of the AGM, whether to have a little reception with food and refreshment or just some coffee and bites to reduce costs. The Board decided to have the food and refreshment option as this is a once a year event and is a good venue to get people to stay and engage after the meeting.

- **COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – David Chernushenko**

- **Footbridge at Fifth.** Representatives from the community are invited to give their names to provide input on the bridge operations. A maximum of 3 to 5 people to be on the short list and get final screening from the City (background, police records, etc).
- **Grey Cup.** Coming soon. This is not just a game but a five day festival. Both team will have a venue as a home base where activities will be held. The stadium capacity is at 35,000 people with the addition of extra seats at the east end of the stadium. The structure will remain there for the hockey game held two weeks later. The councillor gave a heads up that on game day, Bank Street will be fully closed (except for transit) from Sunnyside to Fifth Avenue between 2pm and midnight with the City heavy equipment at both end for security reasons. Some side streets to be closed as well. The details are still in the work and some changes may be done. There is no noise exemption for the event.
- **Lansdowne Community Liaison Group.** The councillor asked who represents the GCA since Ken Slemko cannot currently fill the role. Nathan Bowers-Krishnan to be contacted as he is the current rep.
- **Dalhousie Park.** The plan on the park improvement is expected to be completed end of November.
- **Outdoor rink.** The issue remains complex. The Sylvia Holden Park option was viewed as not viable as the underground pipes are on NCC land and they appears not to be useable. The best option appears to be the park behind the Aberdeen Pavillon at Lansdowne. Somebody suggests to use the firefighter services to water the rink if at SHP. That was view as an idea that was worth pursuing by the Councillor. **Regarding the loss of the rink boards, the Councillor assured the Board that the City had confirmed that despite the rink boards being diverted to another community, they would definitely provide funding for Glebe rink boards once a location had been agreed to.**

COMMENTS / ISSUES FROM THE COMMUNITY

A resident (Jordan St-Jacques) introduced his idea of developing an app to allow Glebe residents to list their expensive items for sale in advance on the app. Jordan believes that this will help residents to get more money for their items and increase their chances to sell. One members asked if it would be possible to have the 10% remittance to the Food Bank to be deducted automatically on the sale which is feasible. Colette Downie will further investigate the idea. It is understood that the GCA will not incur any cost in this project if it goes.

MOTIONS

<u>Motion 1 – Vice-Presidents role (Anthony Carricato / Josh VanNoppen)</u>

Whereas, the president role continues to be vacant with no board members or community members showing interest in the position.
The two vice-presidents are willing to share the responsibilities usually assigned to the president. The original idea of having a rotating interim president position, where each committee chair would serve as interim president for one month, appears to be more work for the vice-presidents than it would relieve them. No committee chairs have expressed particular interest in serving as interim president.

Be it resolved that the interim president position will be removed, and the president position will remain vacant, unless a candidate expresses interest in taking the role full-time. The roles and responsibilities of the president will be divided between the two vice-presidents and other members of the executive.
(Josh VanNoppen / Carolyn Mackenzie) Carried

Motion 2 – Park Committee (Laura Smith)

Whereas the South East triangle of land is part of Central Park West but is not useable at this point, be it resolved that the Glebe Community Association request that the forestry department at the City clear more of this area, except for the mature trees that should remain.
(Laura Smith / Bill Price) Carried

Motion 3 – Park Committee (Laura Smith)

Whereas the city and our city councillor have, in the past, consulted with communities and community associations on the distribution of cash-in-lieu of parkland funds, be it resolved that they be encouraged to do so again going forward.
(Laura Smith / Carolyn Mackenzie) Carried

Motion 4 – Park Committee (Laura Smith)

Whereas it is our understanding that there is still approximately $120,000 in cash-in-lieu for the Glebe, be it resolved that the Glebe Community Association request that cash-in-lieu funds be used to purchase or relocate a bench for the triangle of land at the top of the hill as well as a fence or hedges to separate the park from the neighbouring property to create a useable section of the park that can be directly accessed from the road, ie accessible compared to the stairs required for Central Park West. Be it also resolved that our city councillor be informed of the other suggestions for future cash-in-lieu projects.
(Laura Smith / Elizabeth Ballard) – with amendment Carried

The motion was passed with a friendly amendment to consider to relocate a bench to lower costs as it was observed that some benches in the Lansdowne area are 'sitting there' and it was observed that these benches are never used.

Motion 5 – Park Committee (Laura Smith)

Whereas the stairways to Glebe parks Central Park East and West and Patterson Creek were blocked last season for 6 months (November - April), much earlier and later than the time during which there was snow and restricting access to limited urban greenspace, or resulting in people climbing over the barrier, and,
Whereas the Bank Street entrances to Central Park East and West (CPE, CPW) are the only entrances to those parks from Bank St.,

Be it resolved that the Glebe Community Association request that the City only block the stairs for the season when there is actually snow forecast and remove the barrier promptly in spring.

And that the City consider a pilot for 2017 to keep the CPW and CPE stairs opened and maintained during the winter, with appropriate signage.

(Laura Smith / Elizabeth Ballard) **Carried**

Motion 6 – Area 6B representative (Elizabeth Ballard)

Whereas, despite the 40 kph limit on residential streets in the Glebe, traffic speeds continue to be a significant concern throughout the neighbourhood, creating safety hazards for pedestrians, cyclists, and other drivers;
And whereas the GCA supports traffic calming measures including enhanced signage, painted "40 KPH", and better markings for pedestrian crossings on all residential streets in the Glebe in support of the objective of ensuring that the Glebe remains a pedestrian and cyclist-friendly area;
And whereas chronic speeding of cars above the permitted 40 KPH limit occurs at both ends of Patterson Avenue, including at the eastern end where drivers illegally turn onto Patterson from The Driveway; therefore

Be it Resolved that the City be directed to continue to paint and/or post "40 KPH" notices on all Glebe residential streets, and in particular, to immediately add such notices to the length of Patterson Avenue, including the Bank St, O'Connor, and Driveway intersections with Patterson to protect local residents — and especially our children — from speeding traffic.
(Elizabeth Ballard / Christine McAllister) **Carried**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

We were overtime so there was only a few seconds allowed for Committees reports.

Health and Social Services Committee (Sarah Viehbeck)

Sarah provided an updated on the Glebe Collegiate incident where a gun was found. One of the students has been charged but there is no information on where the youth got the gun from. The youth has been charged with 6 firearms offences. The Gangs and Guns Unit has taken over the investigation.

Environment Committee (Jennifer Humphries)

Jennifer reported on the trees on Bank Street that are dying and mentioned that they are looking at solutions including looking at what others cities are doing. Also talked about additional trees that will be taken down due to infills including a maple tree by the Beer Stores which may be saved by relocating it. The report is attached for details.

OTHER BUSINESS

Carolyn Mackenzie informed the Board that the Settlement Agreement between residents impacted by the 890/900 Bank Street development and the developer has just been signed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.
(Sylvie Legros/Anthony Carricato) **Carried**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1- **PARKS COMMITTEE –Report and Motions**

Brown's Inlet – two memorial benches are being put in this park. They, as well as the accessible pathways, are being paid for by those who are donating the benches.

Central Park East lighting – Twelve new lights should be installed this fall, coming out of the cash-in-lieu of parkland funds.

Crocus garden – The Stroke Survivors Association of Ottawa are interested in planting a crocus garden in the neighbourhood. The city and community concern for this type of garden is the ongoing maintenance.

667 Bank Street – The Parks Committee is concerned about the health and survival of the heritage elm in the Exploration Garden and has provided comments in the GCA letters to the city.

Central Park West trees – Ten trees will be planted in Central Park West this fall. In addition, some clearing has been done at the top of the hill on the south-east corner of Central Park more useable, some clearing has been done on this area.

Motion 1: Whereas the South East triangle of land is part of Central Park West but is not useable at this point, be it resolved that the Glebe Community Association request that the forestry department at the City clear more of this area, except for the mature trees that should remain.

Cash-in-lieu of parkland funds– The funds available to the Glebe are currently earmarked for the Central Park East lighting upgrade and renewal ($100, 000), the Firehall Park ($100, 000), and adding new equipment and upgrading Dalhousie South Park ($180,000).The parks committee was not consulted on the allocation to Dalhousie South, while the parks committee recognizes and supports upgrading Dalhouise South Park we would like to remind the councillor that we appreciate being a part of the allocation discussion.

Motion 2: Whereas the city and our city councillor have, in the past, consulted with communities and community associations on the distribution of cash-in-lieu of parkland funds, be it resolved that they be encouraged to do so again going forward.

There is approximately $120,000 in cash-in-lieu funds currently remaining for the Glebe, this figure will increase based on developments in the ward. The Parks Committee has identified fixing up the triangle of land at the south east corner of Central Park West in 2018, expanding the splash pad at Memorial Park (once the funds grown to a level that would be feasible), and constructing bathrooms in either Chamberlain or Memorial Parks (once the funds grown to a level that would be feasible).

Motion 3: Whereas it is our understanding that there is still approximately $120,000 in cash-in-lieu for the Glebe, be it resolved that the Glebe Community Association request that cash-in-lieu funds be used

to purchase a bench for the triangle of land at the top of the hill as well as a fence or hedges to separate the park from the neighbouring property to create a useable section of the park that can be directly accessed from the road, ie accessible compared to the stairs required for Central Park West. Be it also resolved that our city councillor be informed of the other suggestions for future cash-in-lieu projects.

Access to Central Park East, West and Patterson Creek November-April

Background: The CGA passed a similar motion November 2016, see below, this was discussed with the city who indicated there was too much liability to keep the stairs open. The Parks Committee would like to have the period that the barriers are up shortened as well as have the city consider a pilot with stairs remaining open and city maintenance with signage indicating people are using the stairs at their own risk and that it is not recommended people use the stairs if there is snow or ice present. The Parks Committee has been in contact with the Old Ottawa East Community Association who are also working on this issue as it will relate to the Clegg/Fifth Avenue footbridge.

Previously passed November 2016

Maintenance of entrances to Central Park East (CPE) and Central Park West (CPW) during winter (Parks Committee)

Whereas people use our urban greenspaces throughout the year including November- April, and,

Whereas CPE and CPW are 2 of the larger parks in the Glebe and are used by many people, and,

Whereas the city of Ottawa has already chained off the entrances to CPE and CPW,

Therefore be it resolved that GCA write a letter to the city requesting that CPE and CPW and Patterson Creek Park entrances not be closed to pedestrians during the winter and that the city maintain (snow removal, sanding etc) the entrance stairs.

Motion 4:

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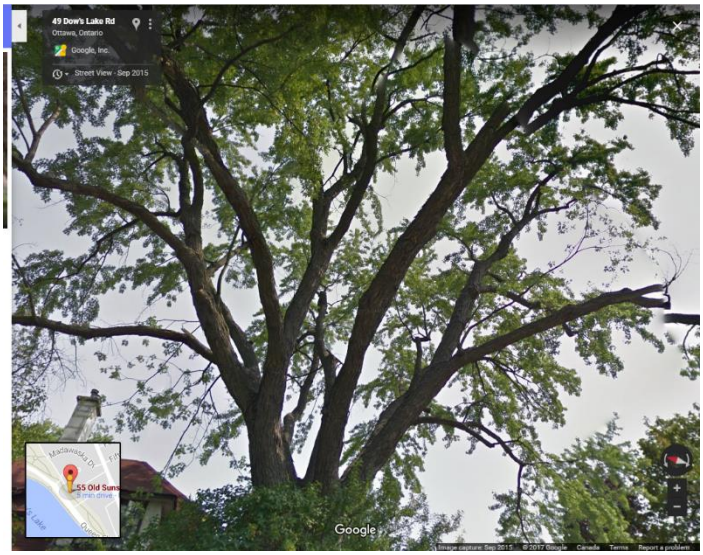
2- GCA Environment Committee – Report 2017 October 23

A. Trees & Greenspace

1 - We are continuing to lose canopy in the Glebe to development, renewal and infill. Trees that have have come to our attention in last while include:

-- 183 Glebe. New owner has City permission to take down tree of distinction, 53 cm girth. Magnificent beech tree is in extreme corner of lot, presumably the intended development will maximize the possible footprint, leaving no space for trees, even on the property edge.

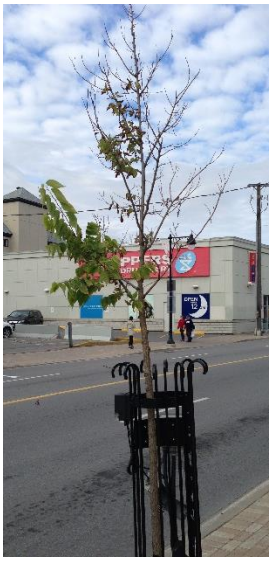
- 53/55 Old Sunset Blvd/Dows Lake. New owner wanted straight access to garage so City agreed to clear giant old maple from city land.



--- Maple tree at the Beer store. Question: is it possible to move this tree? Is the developer willing to help? Is there a new “home” ready for it? If this is feasible, it could be a model practice for future development/infill for mature trees of moderate size.

2 - We have followed up with City staff regarding the External Stakeholder Working Group for the Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) and have stated we would like to participate. The group has not yet been formed. We will continue to liaise with City staff regarding UFMP implementation and reiterate our interest in participating in the Working Group. We have communicated with the other Urban Core associations to notify them that we are following up.

3 – Bank St Tree Monitoring. Many of the Bank Street trees are dying, and many have had to be replaced SEVERAL TIMES since Bank Street reconstruction in 2011. To state the obvious, the way these trees are planted is not conducive to their survival. We are looking at hardscape tree planting protocols used elsewhere, with a view to proposing changes to City staff in the context of the Urban Forest Management Plan.



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4 - Garden Angels. After many years as the Glebe Garden Angels' Coordinator, Judith Slater has retired from the position, having moved to new pastures in Centretown. She has passed the trowel to Linda Bruce, who has been an Angel for the last nine years. In planning for next year, Linda is compiling a list of the garden sites (beds, planters) and volunteers. She is also working with the BIA to extend their watering program for the beds along Bank Street.

B. Energy & Climate Change

1. The 2017 Sept 30-Oct 1 Green Energy Doors Open (GEDO) event was a success again. The tradefair portion of the event was held at Lansdowne and there were demo sites to visit throughout the region.
2. The Enviro Quiz at the GCA 50th anniversary party was a good success. Most popular prizes were jars of Glebe honey. Donated by local bee-keeper and Enviro Cttee member Bill McLeish.
3. We have followed up on the September 2017 GCA motion recommending $1.5M for the City of Ottawa Renewable Energy Strategy (RES) (a.k.a. 'Energy Evolution') in the 2018 City budget through:
(i) Angela K-H, representing GCA, speaking in favour of such an allocation at the October 12 City pre-budget consultation meeting. The meeting was also attended by the Mayor and he responded that he anticipated funding for the Renewable Energy Strategy although he was unable to say how much.
(ii) several members of the GCA Environment Cttee attending the October 17 Urban Councillors' "Budget-Speak" meeting.
(iii) Angela KH, representing GCA, put forward a motion at the October 18 General monthly meeting of FCA which was passed unanimously. FCA Executive will follow up with a letter and request to meet with Sr. staff (Steve Willis).

The next meeting of the Environment Cttee is scheduled for Tue Nov 21 2017 (Venue TBC). Main agenda item will be to begin planning for the 21 April 2018 Old Home Earth Day Event.