GCA Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, March 27th, 7:00 p.m. at the Glebe Community Centre
Chair: Josh VanNoppen
Secretary and Timekeeper: Sylvie Legros

Administrative	**Speaker / Lead**	**Time**	
Approval of the agenda and February meeting minutes	Sylvie Legros	5 minutes	7:00-7:05
Vice-Presidents' Report • Update on various items • Guest speaker (Jail expansion in Ottawa)	 Josh VanNoppen Dina Zand Vakili / Sarah Fiander	 15 minutes 10 minutes	 7:05-7:20 7:20 – 7:30
Councillor's Update	David Chernushenko	20 minutes	7:30-7:50
Comments/Issues from the Community		10 minutes	7:50-8:00
Committees with motions/seeking approval	2 motions	20 minutes	8:00-8:20

Motion 1- Tenants' Committee (Dan Chook Reid)

Background

Whereas the Glebe contains a large number of rentals and is an attractive neighbourhood for students and young professionals,

Whereas the mandate of the tenants' committee includes advocating for tenants and affordable housing options,

Whereas the city is reviewing current definitions for rooming houses and multi-unit dwellings,

Whereas there are continually units being developed in the inner urban area containing dwelling units with unusually large numbers of bedrooms,

Whereas the need for affordable housing and student housing is an ever present and increasing need in the Glebe and Ottawa,

Motion

The GCA Tenants' committee move it to be resolved that the GCA support the clarification of R4 zoning and to specifically consider:

1. Limiting the number of bedrooms in a dwelling unit so that the occupancy aligns with the zoning.
2. Permit "oversize dwelling units" up to 8 bedrooms in detached dwellings
3. Introduce minimum standards to enable garbage management in large buildings.
4. Updated policies should be reviewed and monitored in 2 to 5 years.

Introduce a definition of "common living area" to "residential unit" to ensure what proportion of a dwelling unit can be bedrooms before it is considered a rooming house.

Motion 2 – Membership Committee (Carol Macleod)

Motion
The Membership Committee moves that it be given permission to spend up to $500 to cover the costs of the 2018 membership campaign.

Committee notices, issues and Q&A • GGGS - $ goal for food bank this year • Parks Committee – spending of Committee allocation	Colette Downie? Sam Harris	10 minutes	8:20-8:30
Other business		10 minutes	8:30 – 8:40
Adjournment	All		8:40

ANNEX A
Reports

Tenant's Committee Report

The tenants' committee has continued to meet, has recruited one or two new members and is gaining momentum as we begin to dive into the affordable housing landscape.

Inclusionary Zoning

The committee sent a letter, in partnership with the Social Services and Health committee to the province advocating for inclusionary zoning but asking for: a consistent definition of affordability, inclusion of rental units, for the cost not to fall to municipalities and asked that the implementation of inclusionary zoning should be with

equity and dignity principles in mind to ensure equal treatment and access to housing-related services by those individuals and families benefiting from the policy. We are eagerly waiting for the province's response and expect updated regulations sometime this Spring.

Rooming Houses

The city is reviewing their rooming house definitions and by-laws. This action is needed as the legislation is currently unclear. The tenants' committee is currently researching best practices and meeting with different organizations in hopes of responding to the new proposals. The need for affordable housing is continually increasing and rooming houses currently in the city are often sub-par or are operating illegally. The committee seeks to find ways to advocate for policies that promote equity, cleanliness, affordability and safety for those that need affordability most.

Leadership

Dan is moving! Where and when is not yet set but notice has been given to their landlord and he and his wife are actively looking for new properties. This change could directly impact the committee and we are looking for new members and leadership.