

GLABAR PARK COMMUNITY ALLIANCE INC.
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday October 15, 2012 7:00 PM
D. Roy Kennedy School Library

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting commenced at 7:06 PM. Bob Sladden introduced our guests, Councillor Mark Taylor and Jodi Jennings from his office and Lauren Essiambre representing our MPP Bob Chiarelli.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Added discussion on two announcements by Bob Stevenson.

Added discussion on Neighbourhood Watch by Dorothy Young.

Motion to adopt by Dave Morrow, 2nd Hank Hofmann – motion carried.

3. Approval of previous AGM Minutes (distributed)

Motion to adopt Ron Junk, 2nd Stephen Vriend -motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report

The report for the year ending August 31, 2012 discussed and approved by our auditor, Kim Glover.

Motion to approve – Bill Meyer, 2nd Dave Morrow – motion carried.

5. Committee Reports:

See document “*GPCA Committee reports 2011-2012.doc*”.

Bob Sladden reported generally on the Board's activities for the previous year noting the Board had established a yearly schedule of events: Winter Fun day – second Saturday in Feb.; Garage Sale – first Saturday in June; Fools in the Park – July; Summer Fun day – second Saturday in Aug.; AGM – Tuesday one week after Thanksgiving in October.

Lynda Richardson reported on the success of the past year's Winter and Summer Fun days. She and Bob urged the AGM attendees to volunteer for the various Board activities (circulated a volunteer sign up form).

Michael Heenan briefly highlighted the year's Zoning and Traffic activities. George Neville noted that Fairlawn Plaza had just erected 'Fire Route' signage.

6. Election Results

Councillor Mark Taylor presided over the election.

President – Bob Sladden

Vice President- Vacant

Secretary – Michael Heenan

Treasurer – Bill Meyer

Directors:

Lynda Richardson, David Naylor, Guy Neyens, Trent Gray-Donald, Ben Leikin

7. Auditor Appointment

Kim Glover was re-appointed as GPCA auditor.

8. Report from Elected Officials

Lauren Essiambre assistant for MPP Bob Chiarelli spoke briefly noting their Constituency Office is at Carling and Woodroffe, 201-2249 Carling Avenue.

Councillor Mark Taylor's report:

He reported on the Bay Ward Council meetings over the past year and talked about the principal Glabar Park priorities set at last year's AGM - Infill and Traffic.

He reported on the 936 Woodroffe rezoning application. Discussion re Community Development Plan (CDP) versus Neighbourhood Planning Initiatives (NPI). The CDP is a complicated process designed for planning development whereas the NPI is geared for established communities. He noted the first NPI had started with Woodpark and Woodroffe N and a joint NPI for Glabar and Whitehaven would follow.

He noted that Policing incidents are down 27% in Bay Ward.

He spoke briefly about the 2013 City Budget 2.5% rate increase and consultations.

He reported that a number of Fairlawn residents had expressed concern about parking and pedestrian safety on Fairlawn Ave south of Lenester after the sidewalk was installed. The City requires a petition result of 66% of the residents in favour to make a change to limit parking to one side of the street.

Mark mentioned he was not in favour of LRT on the Parkway – all options are still open – the Parkway, Byron and Carling.

He reported the City had agreed to a 40Km/hr speed limit on Lenester; conducted a speed calming exercise on Lenester in June (more to come later for Aaron and Iroquois) and had replaced the Canada flag in Kingsmere Park.

He reported the City was undergoing an audit of all its equipment in Bay Ward. The play equipment was removed from Kingsmere because it was old and no longer safe.

He reported that nothing in the City had been named for former Mayor Jackie Holzman. The renaming of Kingsmere Park was requested by her grandchildren and goes back a number of years. A number of the family has settled in the neighbourhood. The City has no record of an historical significance to the Kingsmere Park name and EMS has no problem with its renaming.

Mark noted the City had no plan for Ash trees (less than 25%) in Glabar Park. He noted Andrew Haydon Park had over 1000 Ash trees. If the City is removing a tree they should place a marker on the tree and a note in the property owner's mailbox. The City is not responsible for trees on private property. He suggested contacting the City's Web page. Sara Lytle reported that she called the City and had a number of trees injected.

The Ron Kolbus centre is over 50 years old and requires major renovations. It has been identified as a potential site for additional Recreational facilities within Bay Ward and Mark has organized a number of public meetings to solicit input.

Mark talked about the City's infrastructure problem – a sink hole is not sexy. There are over 100 water main breaks per day. The City has done an audit. The City currently budgets \$80 million per year while it has been estimated that \$160 million is required to keep updating the infrastructure. Starting in 2014 the City plans to ramp up funding improvement.

Question about the process for replacing water, sewer and gas pipes when houses are rebuilt – concern about the timing when gas installers come after water/sewer – road/sod have been laid and then it is torn up again. Mark replied that the private contractor is responsible not the City.

Bob Sladden asked a question about the Lansdowne Park development. Mark noted that no level Court had agreed to stop the project. He stated that the City cannot afford these large projects and they need private business partners.

9. New Business - Questions From The Floor

Kingsmere Rink Volunteers

Bob Sladden reported to the AGM that the David Morrow will be the Kingsmere Rink Coordinator and the GPCA was looking for volunteers to assist. Lynda suggested someone might like to run a tuck shop or organize a Valentine's Day skate to music.

City proposal to re-name Kingsmere Park

Mark Taylor reported that the City has been requested to consider renaming Kingsmere Park to Jackie Holzman in honour of the former Ottawa mayor and resident of Glabar Park. He noted that his office passed this request on to the GPCA Board; the request still has to go through the City process – newspaper ads, community consultation and Committee approval. Bob Sladden reported that the Board wanted to know if there was any historical significance in the Kingsmere Park name. Mark Taylor reported the City's records showed it was just named after the street. Dave Morrow expressed concern that the renaming proposal may have been initiated by the Holzman family and not the community. He also expressed some concern re the City process. Sara Lytle suggested that 'Kingsmere' name was neutral; George Neville agreed and suggested some of the trees could have plaques with Jackie Holzman's name. Sara Lytle suggested the field house could have plaques with Jackie Holzman's name. Mark Taylor expressed no preferences at this time; he wanted to take the temperature here first.

Discussion about the Kiwanis flag erected in Kingsmere Park. Sara Lytle asked about the missing plaque. Discussion initiated by Dorothy Young and Ron Junk over the renaming of Moody to Lorrie Greenberg Park. Dave Morrow noted the plaque was erected by the Mooney family.

George Neville made a motion to table the renaming of Kingsmere Park for the Board to design a more formal process for consultation with the Glabar Park community, seconded by Hank Hofmann. Motion carried with one opposed.

Neighbourhood Watch

Dorothy Young reported that the program will encompass Lenester, Benjamin and Killarney; 100 residents have signed up and six Watch captains are established and a meeting will be set up shortly. She reminded the AGM. It was noted that a number of car mirrors were broken on Benjamin, Hare and Killarney on the Thanksgiving weekend. Sara Lytle reported the Glabarhood Facebook page was a good source for news. Mark Taylor's noted the City could provide plastic signs to be displayed in the car's dash stating no valuables were stored in the vehicle. Julie Vaillancourt reminded the AGM of the danger of leaving their garage door opener remote in the car.

Transition Towns Movement

Bob Stevenson made a brief presentation on Sustainable Living Ottawa West, a network of communities working to build resilience in response to peak oil, climate change, and economic instability. He reported the group has 325 members and noted one of the activities promoting backyard gardens. He made reference to a local web site, www.slowest.ca; a number of books and an upcoming meeting on Tues. Oct 23.

Parking only on west side of Fairlawn south of Lenester

Sara Lytle and Laurie Tennian volunteered to organize and distribute the City petition to the affected residents.

Rezoning of Woodroffe Ave

Michael Heenan and Sara Lytle reported that City Council had approved the rezoning over Mark Taylor and the Planning Committee's objections. It was suggested the City should state that it wants to rezone all of Woodroffe and schedule hearings to that effect.

In response to a question from Julie Vaillancourt, Mark Taylor reported that Glabar Park and Whitehaven should be scheduled to start a joint NPI in mid-2013.

Ash Borer

Topic was covered during Mark Taylor's presentation.

Michael Heenan reminded the attendees of the new Municipal Property Assessments and the City's Garbage collection changes starting the end of October. Bill Meyer thanked all the attendees that signed up to volunteer. Bob Sladden thanked our guests for their attendance and participation.

The AGM concluded at 8:55 PM.

GPCA Attendees:

- 1 Ben & Rebecca Leikin
- 2 Bill Meyer
- 3 Bob Stevenson
- 4 Brent Vandermeer
- 5 David Morrow
- 6 David Naylor
- 7 Dianne Keeffe
- 8 Dorothy Young
- 9 George Neville
- 10 Guy Neyens
- 11 Hank Hofmann
- 12 Julie Vaillancourt
- 13 Laurie Tennian
- 14 Lynda Richardson
- 15 Michael Heenan
- 16 Michael Nadon
- 17 Natali Caron & Adam Norman
- 18 Ray & Linda Spooner
- 19 Robert Ross
- 20 Robert Sladden
- 21 Ron Junk
- 22 Sajjad Giby
- 23 Sandy Herbert
- 24 Sara Lytle
- 25 Stephen Vriend
- 26 Tania Dorley
- 27 Trent Gray-Donald

Guests:

Mark Taylor, Councillor Bay Ward
Jodi Jennings, Mark Taylor's staff

Lauren Essiambre, MPP Bob Chiarelli's staff

Minutes taken by Michael Heenan, Secretary