

Glabar Park Community Alliance Inc

Committee Reports Fiscal 2011

The following Committees were constituted by the Board at its meeting in November 2010.

Communication

We distributed 3 Glabar Gazettes; updates on the Website, and sign boards used as our current communication tools. The committee worked to enhance the Website as to becoming the primary means of communication to the community. We created goals for the year that can be continued year by year to maintain a standard.

Fundraising

No major fund raising initiatives were planned. We were able to fund this past year's activities from our bank account, as well as some advertising monies and a donation box. More will have to be done in this coming year to raise our total funds needed and to operate our planned activities.

Recreation

We had another very successful year in Glabar Park.

- We started off the year with the Kingsmere Park skating rink that was operational by the end of December. With a new rink operator taking control of the rink, we had great ice from the end of December to about mid March. She had activities that were planned for the kids, a Valentine evening and evenings to skate with music. Unfortunately she is not returning this year and we are in the process of looking for another operator to take on the challenge.
- Winter Fund day was enjoyed by all, with activities again for the kids (Tug of War, BBQ, Games Marshmallow bonfire and prizes). The day was beautiful and the turnout was so great, that we had to go back to the store and buy more hot dogs and drinks.
- The Glabar Park Garage sale was held the beginning of June with good participation and again a very successful day. With all the local newspapers being notified of our activity, we had a good turn out.
- The Summer Fun Day held in August, was also a beautiful day with a great turn out. This year we went overboard along with our usual BBQ, Games and Bike Parade, we had Bouncy castles and concession stands, with snow cones and candy floss. We had participation from our local fire department and police services.

Thanks to all who participated.

Zoning & Traffic

The Committee met three times over the year.

- 830 Hare Ave Committee of Adjustment (COA) appeal to the OMB

At last October's AGM, the residents voted to appeal the application to the OMB (hearing date set for Feb. 8, 2011). The new Board set a budget of \$1000 for the appeal and hired a Consultant at \$300 per diem. In late January it was discovered that our consultant had a conflict of interest and could no longer represent the GPCA at the OMB. Councillor Taylor arranged a meeting with the GPCA and the lawyer for 830 Hare. Subsequently, the GPCA Board agreed to withdraw the OMB appeal.

- 835 Riddell Ave - the GPCA did not oppose the Severance & Variance applications at COA
- 1995 Lenester – the GPCA 2 times successfully opposed the Severance & Variance applications at COA
- Created a database of GPCA property lot sizes, building detail; existing Severances & Variances
- Initiated discussions with Councillor Taylor re Neighbourhood Planning Initiatives (NPI) for GPCA
- Awaiting response from City of Ottawa on designation of our two Dog Parks (Glabar & Lorrie Greenberg)
- Awaiting response from City of Ottawa re petition to lower speed limit on Riddell to 40Km/h
- Awaiting response from Carlingwood Community Assoc. re petition to lower speed limit on Iroquois to 40Km
- Initiated discussions with Councillor Taylor and Carlingwood Mall re snow removal hours
- Councillor Mark Taylor provided 3 City of Ottawa large maps of GPCA with Property lots and Zoning grid
- Notified Fairlawn Plaza to replace missing Stop sign at Aaron

Ward Council

Mark Taylor our newly elected Bay Ward Councillor decided to replace the monthly Ward Council meetings with quarterly Community Assoc. and major stakeholder meetings as well as several all resident Town Hall meetings. To date one Town Hall and four Executive meetings have been held at different locations in the Ward. The topics discussed include: Policing and Traffic calming; Ward priorities; OC Transpo route changes; Bayshore Mall plans.

Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa-Carleton (FCA)

Glabar Park is a member of the FCA a forum for community associations and similar non-profit volunteer groups in Ottawa. Member associations share information about issues facing their communities and, when appropriate, take joint action. Membership is \$35.00 per year; meetings are held monthly; an AGM in June.