

**ederation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa-Carleton
Draft Minutes - Board Meeting of April 2, 2007
Glebe Community Centre**

Attendees: Archie Campbell, Chair (Dalhousie CA), Dave Madeley (Woodroffe North CA), Jeanne Burgess (Carlington CA), Michael Kostiuk (Carlington CA), David Blaine (Centretown Citizens' CA), Ida Henderson (Dalhousie CA), David Jenkins (Stittsville Village Assn), Robert Stehle (Action Sandy Hill), Agnes Warda (Glens CA), Jane Brammer (Rothwell Heights Property Owners Assn), John Forsey (Manor Park CA), Don Stewart (Westboro Beach CA), John Sutton (West Wellington CA), Stephen Haines (Old Ottawa South CA), Christian Pupp (Ottawa East CA), Alayne McGregor (Civic Hospital Neighbourhood Assn), Bob Brocklebank (Glebe CA).

1 Approval of agenda

The draft agenda was adopted with the addition under new business of the following:

- Pesticide petition
- City amendment to Official Plan
- Richmond Road CDP
- Red Tape Task Force

2. Scheduling of May meeting

The May FCA Board meeting is to take place at the Champlain Park Field House.

3. Introduction to the Glebe

Slightly more than half of Glebe residents are tenants. Household income in the Glebe exceeds that of Barrhaven by less than 2%. Preservation of the local community centre and opposition to a larger centralized facility for the Glebe and surrounding communities was an important issue in the past.

4. Approval of the minutes of March 5, 2007

Moved by Stewart, seconded by Haines. CARRIED.

5. Business arising from the minutes

a) FCA planning committee report

Robert Stehle commented that the idea of the committee was to elaborate a community engagement model which is different from the current development approvals system. There seems to be a dichotomy between the policy and approvals arms of the planning department. People who had been involved in the CDP for Rideau St. feel betrayed. There was much discussion of the prevalence of spot rezoning and the limited requirements for community consultation.

b) Intensification workshops

Stehle and Brocklebank had been at the last meeting March 21. The representative from development approvals seemed to feel the developers have difficulties with the process and this impedes achievement of city goals. Brocklebank noted that intensification seems

to be cited as justification for any decision to grant permission to go beyond zoning limits on projects. He said there is no real progress in the talks in moving to a definition of intensification.

It was suggested the minutes from these meetings be posted on the FCA website.

c) Traffic issues workshop

Stephen Haines noted that plans were proceeding for the workshop at the Greenboro Community Centre on April 28. Rental fees of about \$60 for such workshops were discussed. When speakers are confirmed, details will be posted to the web.

Motion: Moved by Robert Stehle, Seconded by Michael Kostiuk – That reasonable costs for the workshop be reimbursed from the FCA budget.

CARRIED

d) Manor Park high-rise rezoning

John Forsey reported that the OMB hearing on the Karen Way project is adjourned to July 23. Meanwhile the parties are being urged to settle.

The city is defending the decision of Council but the planning department is conflicted.

The city has engaged an outside lawyer, architect and planner while John Smit of the planning department has been subpoenaed by the developer.

e) Property tax reform and the provincial election

Don Stewart reported he is trying to arrange a meeting to initiate the study. The provincial government has made announcements about assessment but the FCA group should look at the issue from the basics.

f) FCA website

Brocklebank sought comments on the trial FCA site now up on the web. There was discussion about whether links should be only to members associations. The conclusion was that there should be a distinct list of members (some of whom have sites and could be linked) and a list of links.

Stephen Haines suggested that the working committee on the website be revived.

g) Membership campaign

Archie Campbell reported that approaches had been made to existing members to renew but that initiatives needed to be taken to draw in new and additional members.

h) Carp landfill issues

David Jenkins reported that the community groups had asked for time to comment on the extension sought by Waste Management, had sought that the certificates under which operations are permitted be made public and had called for an independent review team. This was approved by Council.

Meanwhile Waste Management has spoken to Council and to the public about the possibility of introducing new technologies to process waste.

There was discussion about bans on plastic bags and green box projects. John Forsey said

part of Manor Park and Lindenlea have had green box pilot projects.

i) Urban boundary change - Manotick

There was discussion about whether this is a legitimate growth of a village or an expansion of the urban boundary. Michael Kostiuk noted the proximity of the proposed project to Barrhaven. Archie Campbell said we must consult with the association in Manotick on this.

j) NCC consultation

Archie Campbell announced that the public consultation had been suspended, presumably to await appointment of a new Chair of the NCC.

k) Contact with Mayor's office

Archie Campbell said that he had opened contact with the Mayor's office and was awaiting a reply. It was suggested that David Gibbons might be able to facilitate contact.

6. New business

a) Rural settlement strategy workshop

Agnes Warda noted that the problems of planning seem the same as in the urban areas - infrastructure, zoning issues and preservation of village character. She said that the Carleton Landowners Assn seems to be pressing for ease of severance and subdivision in the rural area. The Province has imposed limits on severance in rural areas.

There is increasing realization that the Clean Water Act will force more careful consideration of the establishment of unserviced lots in the rural area.

On country estate lots, the Landowners want to go ahead but the some participants expressed the concern that this would cause a significant drop in the water table.

Roads and communications were issues frequently mentioned.

Various working groups are to be established.

b) City planners strategic visioning

Bob Brocklebank reported that he had been called for an interview as part of a strategic visioning exercise by the Planning, Transit and Environment Dept(PTE). He had relayed many of the community association concerns about spot rezoning and the gap between planning policy and development approvals.

Comments were made that visioning exercises usually indicate a willingness to effect change. On the other hand it was noted that a significant change in PTE (incorporation of the OC Transpo operations into the Dept.) was done surreptitiously.

c) FCA by-laws

The proposed revision of the by-laws is to be discussed at the May meeting with the intention of their adoption at the June AGM.

Changes proposed include:

- amendment of by-laws at regular board meetings

- additional positions
- electronic voting and notice
- a procedure for notice of motion
- change of the financial year end

d) Federation of Urban Neighbourhoods report

The FUN AGM is May 5. The FUN executive is putting together a check list on the achievement or failings of the provincial government.

e) AGM and nominating committee

The AGM is tentatively set for June 4 but may be moved. Linda Hoad (who was absent) was mentioned as a prospective member of the nominating committee.

f) Pesticide petition

There is to be a pesticide petition workshop at City Hall on April 28

g) City amendment to Official Plan

An amendment is proposed regarding urban natural features and open spaces.

h) Richmond Road CDP

Dave Madeley reported that the public advisory committee workshop went well and the PAC is seeking that the CDP be a secondary plan under the Official Plan. Planning staff seem to be opposed to this but secondary plan status is supported by the Councillors in the area. There is hope that FCA would support secondary plan status before Council at the appropriate moment.

i) Red Tape Task Force

Brocklebank noted that this initiative by the previous Mayor is still ongoing. Further information on how citizens can file their concerns will be secured. Alayne McGregor said the library is conducting a survey at the moment.

j) Upcoming events

Brocklebank highlighted consultations on rooming house policy and design policy for special streets.

7. Adjournment