

**Glebe Neighbourhood Activities Group (GNAG)**  
**Board Meeting November 19, 2014**  
**7 pm GCC**

**Present:** Mary Tsai, Nicole Allen, Suzanne Joyale, Geoff Kellow, Brad Sigouin, John Richardson, Clare Pearson, Cathy McCallion, Ian Nicol, Christy Oliver, Heather Irwin, Michel Ouellette

**Regrets:** Kate McCartney, Joanne Lennon

**1. Welcome. Quorum established.**

**2. Review/adopt agenda:**

Nicole Allen, Joanne Lennon

**3. Review/adopt minutes from meeting of October 15, 2014:**

Cathy McCallion, Brad Sigouin

**4. Operational Overview**

*4.1 Chairperson's Report (Kate McCartney/Suzanne Joyal)*

- SLA Update
  - Not a ton of movement on the centre's service level agreement with the City since last GNAG meeting; a few meetings have occurred re some proposed changes to the agreement that were well received and we are now waiting on the City
- Website and online registration update (Suzanne)
  - Requirements document written
  - MERX not a go yet; looking into submission process for a not-for-profit org
  - Communication on-going with Media Force and requirements are also going out to another vendor
  - Won't be up for summer camp 2015 registration; deployment of new app likely August with content and test cases developed in the near future
- Standing Committee sign-up (Suzanne)
  - Board participation welcome anytime; participation not mandatory

*4.2 Executive Director's Report (Mary Tsai)*

- Lansdowne Winter Programming
  - Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) received from Lansdowne
  - Lower rate obtained (for non-profit status)
  - Winter GNAG activities guide outlines all program offerings available this winter at Lansdowne; community level and accessible programming (balancing where accessibility cost and activities meet)
  - No summer commitment yet (re camps)
- Winter Program Update
  - Reminder that GNAG board members are eligible for a free course
  - Guide is out and available in the most recent Glebe Report
  - Where Lansdowne is the activity location, walkover is offered
  - New this winter: fencing, tennis, hockey
  - Registration begins December 4th
- Snowflake Special
  - December 14th 1 – 4 pm
  - Looking for GNAG board representation
  - Glebe Collegiate "Offbeat" is performing
- Youth Services Bureau Sleep-out
  - Third year for GNAG to participate in this great and important event

- CAT squad leaders participating in Youth Services Bureau sleep-out; so far have raised 5K in donation. Other members from GNAG include John, Mary, Tim, many Glebe Collegiate students

#### 4.3 Treasurer's Report (Brad Sigouin)

Brad presented the numbers with the following highlights:

- Fewer kids means lower preschool registration (programs to be maintained)
- Specialty camp numbers were through the roof!
- Child care numbers are good
- Youth numbers are better than anticipated – huge growth
- Dance studio is begin rejigged; we are offering a different service than the new dance school in the neighbourhood where our service is based on recreational programming as per our mandate
- Margins slightly tight for pottery studio but still good; same comment for adult general interest courses
- Health and wellness – Mary's new idea! Ticketing has changed. Tickets are still available but memberships are now also available and are more cost effective for regular attendees; memberships are seasonal; excellent growth in numbers; many types of classes available through the membership (flexible)
- Lobster: while the numbers may not be high, it's a great community event!

#### 4.4 Community Partners Report (Geoff Kellow)

- GCA quiet at the moment – couple of quick updates:
  - GCA passed a motion to ask the city to fund a turtle underpass @ Brown's Inlet
  - GCA may work on a community development plan
  - Re lack of park land in the neighbourhood: applying to make a stretch of land near Fifth Ave fire station a piece of park land
- Second Avenue parking garage no longer held up due to a neighbourhood complaint (complaint withdrawn); construction begins in the spring
- David Chernushenko is working with Yasir Naqvi with respect to pushing up the date of the Fifth Avenue bridge (over canal)

#### 4.5 Standing Committee Reports

- Taste update
  - Premiere tickets have sold out
  - Regular tickets remain
- Building walk-about/lifecycle (John)
  - A standard annual walk about to look around the centre and point out issues
  - Will be attended by John, Mary, Janet, Tim (of building maintenance), area manager Don Mason
  - Accessibility of Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) updates: first two phases done and the third phase, which was to be completely disruptive to programming and would have resulted in a temporary closure of the centre, may not be necessary; overall approach to AODA is to work on sections and not to complete a total retrofit; the elevator outages - which are tracked - fall within acceptable downtime thresholds and the elevator is not being replaced; a stair riser reconfiguration is not necessary (as once thought); handrails in stairs to be addressed one at a time; main hall carpet is a "maybe"

## 5. Adjournment:

Michel Ouellette, Nicole Allen