Glen Park Association Board meeting, Dec. 2, 2009

Glen Park News
Paper is solvent, possibly even ahead. 20 pages this issue, which features holiday shopping in GP. New photographer. Blog has had 8,700 people visit since launching in August. Give it another three months and see if people want to put ads on it. Perhaps the mission statement should include something about $10 membership?

Safety
Safety flyers going out Thursday, Dec. 4. Working with PUC to increase lighting in GP. Four ways to increase lighting: increased wattage, additional lights, porch lights and tree trimming. There is an effort to rally block safety captains again.

Discussion around cameras, their cost and effectiveness.

Discussion around safety in the park: posting signs about park hours, but doesn’t this mean shutting off the lights, which was tried before with no success. Police have been hiding in the park trying to catch people who made the racist graffiti.

Transportation
Discussion about the Transportation Authority shuttle study, which is deemed sort on data and recommendations. Summary of study: shuttles are good because they take traffic off freeways and longer trips; however, cruising through neighborhoods, idling at curb, blocking traffic, interfering with MUNI vehicles is bad.

Lewison will look at it in detail, then suggest in an email some things the board would want to highlight or underline.

Beautification
Discussion about Lantos money, what it can be used for (beautification projects in GP? A traffic-related portal?) and whether or not the city can still match the funds. MTA (Kim Walton) is the recipient and planner for the spending of the Lantos money.

Discussion about greening the space by Bernie Kelly’s building. Kelly appears to have no interest in spiffing it up or having the city do that.

Friends of the Urban Forest meeting in GP in October focused on organizing neighbors to be planting ambassadors.

January meeting
Officer elections and Supervisor Bevan Dufty. Discussion around finding new people for the board. Michael Rice is happy to president for one more year, but he will put a note on the Bulletin Board and blog: here’s how the assoc works, here are the officer
positions that are open, it requires only an evening a quarter in board meetings, taking on tasks. Elected officers are: president, vp, treasurer, membership sec, recording secretary, correspondence secretary. Plus committees. Next spring or summer this notice should be put it on the front page of the GPN.

Mic Ames or Michael Rice will ask Ric Lopez of the GPMA to have a regular slot at the general meetings.

Rec and Park
Sunnyside Conservatory.
Discussion around whether or not GPA should be the fiscal agent for the Friends of SC, as the latter requested. Some feel the GPA is too small to handle this and that places like the Neighborhood Parks Council are better.

Mic Ames makes a motion to donate $250 to the Friends of Sunnyside Conservancy. John seconds. All aye except one nay: Dennis Mullen.

Michael Rice will email them to let them know a check is on its way.

Zoning and Planning
The city presented the transportation options around BART station and intersections in October. In January, MTA and planning will come back to discuss more options. Discussion about ensuring that GPA provides as many forums as possible for planners, BART, whomever and GP residents to come together.

Richard Craib makes a motion to adjourn. Heather World seconds. All say aye.