

Glen Park Association

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2015

201 Joost Street

In Attendance:

Nicholas Dewar, Vice President

Sally Ross, Membership Secretary

Mic Ames, Communications Secretary

Janice Levy, Recording Secretary

Dennis Mullen, Treasurer

Ashley Hathaway, Recreation and Park Chair

Bruce Bonacker, Housing Chair

Hilary Schiraldi, Public Safety Co-Chair

Carolyn Deacy, Public Safety Co-Chair &
Program Chair

Heather World, Communications Committee

John Walmsley, Neighborhood Improvement
Chair

Scott Stawicki, Transportation Co-Chair

Stephany Wilkes, Health & Environment Chair

Quorum of Officers: Dewar, Ross, Ames, Levy, Mullen

7:08 pm – Called to order

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report: Dennis Mullen, Treasurer noted that the quarterly financial statements were made available at the last Quarterly Membership Meeting. Mullen also noted that the \$40,000 check in grant funding should be separate from the GPA general fund, the Board will vote on authorizing a new checking account at tonight's meeting.

Bank Account for Greenway Project: Dewar introduced a resolution to authorize a new GPA Bank of America checking account for the Greenway Project. Bonacker made a motion to approve the resolution. Mullen discussed section 4 of the resolution which identifies the Board members who will serve as authorized signatories and noted that the threshold to require two signatures for checks should be up to \$1000. Bonacker made a motion to approve the amended resolution, Levy seconded. Dewar called for a vote; all in favor.

Board Minutes: Levy introduced the meeting minutes from the January Board meeting and the Quarterly Membership meeting. The Board discussed changes to the January Board minutes and Quarterly Membership minutes. Mullen noted that the \$5,000 contribution from the GPA to the Greenway project that was voted on at the Quarterly Membership meeting came from the general fund. Ross noted that the quorum at the Quarterly meeting was a quorum of paid members.

Dewar called for approval of the minutes as amended. Ames made a motion to approve the January Board minutes, Mullen seconded. All in favor.

Nicholas reviewed the membership votes on Officer Elections and funding allocation to the Greenway Project at the Quarterly Membership meeting.

(7:15 – Mullen leaves)

Public Safety: Public Safety Co Chairs Hilary Schiraldi and Carolyn Deacy reported on recent crime in Glen Park, including recent car break ins and package thefts. Deacy has followed up with the District Attorney on the package theft and will follow up with Ingleside Station. Deacy reminded the Board to take photos of crime in progress and send them to the police.

Membership: Membership Secretary Sally Ross announced that the Glen Park Association currently has 56 voting members from 48 households. There are approximately 250 members who are expected to renew throughout the year, most at the Glen Park Fair and other Membership Meetings. Heather asked if we could send a notice on the bulletin board about renewing membership. Sally will send notice to bulletin board.

Discussion and Action Items

Planning and Zoning: Planning and Zoning Chair, Tania Treis provided an update on recent Committee activities. The Committee's highest priority item is the proposed Secondary Unit Legislation. The Committee will develop a proposed position and response to the legislation in a draft letter to share with the Board for additional input.

95 Nordhoff – Treis provided an update on the 95 Nordhoff proposed subdivision. Neighbors who are against the development have approached the GPA. The subdivision conforms to the planning code so a variance would not be required but the planning process includes an appeals process. The Board discussed what the role of Glen Park Association should be. The GPA does not generally get involved with single family homes but because this is a lot line adjustment and a subdivision. Scott noted that the GPA should be considered as an impartial source of information on these issues. The committee is developing draft guidelines that the GPA can use to analyze new projects.

300 Sussex – Treis provided an update on the unpermitted 300 Sussex construction project. Members of the board are following this individually. However, the Board discussed possible involvement in the appeals process due to the egregious nature of the permit violation. Several members of the Board were concerned that the development could be setting a precedent for future permit violations. The Board discussed the appeals process and the possibility of drafting a brief with the support of the GPA.

The Committee will work on guidelines for identifying the threshold for GPA involvement in permit violations when code enforcement fails to properly address the violation.

Dewar called for agreement whether the Zoning and Planning Committee will pursue resolution of GPA concerns regarding the failure of code enforcement with Supervisor Wiener and the Department of Building Inspection. Stephany Wilkes made motion, Ames seconded. All in favor.

Dewar called for a vote on the Committee advocating on behalf of the Glen Park community and in concert with the active neighbors for the proper resolution of this situation with the developer with relevant City agencies and the Board of Appeals. Wilkes made a motion, Deacy seconded. 6 in favor (Wilkes, Ross, Hathaway, Treis, World, Deacy Levy, Stawicki), 2 against (Ames, Schiraldi), 1 abstention (Bonacker).

Transportation: Dewar recognized Scott as the co-Chair of the Transportation Committee.

Bosworth and Diamond Construction – Stawicki introduced the current construction at Diamond and Bosworth. The Board expressed concerns regarding MTA’s response to the questions posed by the membership at the Quarterly Membership Meeting, the Committee would like to see a response from MTA. Stawicki noted that traffic and safety concerns have not been addressed. Accidents have occurred on this intersection, and there have only been extra traffic control during construction hours.

Ames discussed dangerous street crossing conditions at Bosworth from Elk to Diamond due to inadequate lighting. These conditions have been exasperated by the traffic problems due to construction. Deacy noted that a light has been added and that neighbors should call 311 with concerns.

Pedestrian Safety in Glen Park – Stawicki updated the Board regarding recent discussions with MTA about the Elk and Sussex traffic problems. The Board discussed possible Glen Park wide pedestrian safety efforts, which Stawicki noted would be a long term project. Dewar referred this to the Committee for additional review and study.

Quarterly Meeting: The next quarterly meeting will be on Wednesday April 1, 2015 at the Glen Park Recreation Center. The agenda is to be determined.

Glen Park Greenway: Dewar discussed the need for a Greenway Executive Team to manage the concept planning process between Board meetings. The team will include Wilkes, Deacy, Treis, Rice, Dewar and potentially Adam King.

Dewar discussed the idea for an Advisory Committee comprised of neighbors who are interested and would like to be involved in the Greenway planning. The Committee’s role would be to consult with the Executive team on the planning process and project outreach needs.

Dewar called for a vote to create an Advisory Committee for the Glen Park Greenway project. Bonacker made a motion to approve, Wilkes seconded. All in favor.

The Board discussed further tasks for the Executive Team including development of a timeline, continued outreach to private property owners, negotiation of a contract with the landscape architecture firm, recruitment for the Advisory Committee, and contacting the SFPUC and DPW.

8:48pm – Adjourned