Glen Park Association

DRAFT Board of Directors’ Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2014

400 Sussex Street

In Attendance:
Michael Rice, President
Nicholas Dewar, Vice President
Sally Ross, Membership Secretary
Mic Ames, Communications Secretary
Janice Levy, Recording Secretary
Ashley Hathaway, Recreation and Park Chair
Dennis Mullen, Treasurer
Hilary Schiraldi, Public Safety Co-Chair

Lewison Lem, Transportation Chair
Carolyn Deacy, Public Safety Co-Chair & Program Chair
Heather World,
John Walmsley, Neighborhood Improvement Chair
Barry Krasner
Scott Stawicki

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

7:08 pm – Called to order

Rice called for approval of meeting minutes from December, 2014. Hearing no comments. Ross made a motion for approval of the December, 2014 minutes, Levy seconded. All in favor.

Committee Reports:

Public Safety: Public Safety Co-Chairs Hilary Schiraldi and Carolyn Deacy reported on recent criminal activity in Glen Park. Recently, packages have been stolen by someone in a blue van. Deacy will follow up at the Ingleside Captain's meeting for additional information. Several burglaries have occurred where the perpetrators entered the building through a dog door. Deacy discussed recent maintenance on neighborhood streetlights.

Neighborhood Environment: Chair John Walmsley reported that he is waiting to hear from BART regarding request to put in new live plants in the BART station.

(7:27 – Mullen Arrives)

Housing: Housing Chair, Bruce Bonacker discussed the Housing Action Coalition (HAC) and his recommendation from last board meeting that the GPA no longer continue membership at the HAC due to imbalance of perspectives at the organization. Bonacker noted that there are no similar coalition of organizations focused on housing specifically and that there are two other neighborhood organizations considering opting out of the HAC. Lewison Lem brought up other coalition groups that have a broader perspective.

Bonacker moved that the GPA withdraw from HAC as of January, 2015 and that the GPA prepare a letter to the HAC from the board outlining the basis for the decision. Dennis Mullen seconded. The Board discussed further. Rice called for a vote: 8 in favor, 1 opposed, 3 abstentions. The motion passed.
Rice will form an ad-hoc committee to explore alternative approaches for GPA to engage with Citywide housing issues, with Bonacker as Chair. The ad-hoc committee will come back to the Board in March with proposals.

Lem suggested that the GPA reach out to other neighborhood organizations for housing related issues. Bonacker will look into other opportunities and consider the creation of a special task force.

**Agenda Items:**

**January Membership Meeting:** Rice discussed the upcoming January membership meeting. Officer elections will be held and the current slate of officers will be running again. In order to hold the vote, there must be a quorum of members and only paid voters may vote. Heather World will chair the elections. Notice about the elections will be sent out on January 8, 2015.

Supervisor Wiener is confirmed for the meeting to discuss his secondary unit legislation. Captain McFadden has been invited, Deacy will confirm.

The Greenway Plan will be on the January agenda. The plan summary was posted on the GPA website and the Bulletin Board several weeks ago. Residents who live adjacent to the Greenway have been invited to the membership meeting. Lem suggested that the Board target new members with this effort through social media including Next Door and Facebook. The Greenway presentation will be focused on providing enough information on the grant funding and money from Scott Wiener’s budget.

It was noted that the board passed a resolution at the December 8, 2014 meeting to contribute $5,000 to the Greenway plan process, subject to membership confirmation. At the January quarterly membership meeting, the membership will be asked to vote on a resolution to confirm the GPA contribution of $5,000 to the Greenway plan process.

Karen Mauney-Brodek, from San Francisco Recreation and Parks will attend the meeting to discuss the Recreation Center renovation plans.

Walmsley asked that the Merchants Association be invited to the meeting. Barry Krasner suggested that the traffic improvement at Diamond and Bosworth be addressed.

**Second-Unit Legislation:** Bonacker created a list of comments to send to Supervisor Wiener in advance of the January membership meeting for potential questions on the proposed second unit legislation.

**BART Station Upgrade:** In late December 2014, Rice requested a status update from BART on the plans for the BART parking lot. Rice reported that BART has not provided any additional information on the parking lot or on the potential plaza redesign. Rice requested to BART staff that the GPA have the opportunity to comment or review plans at the earliest possible opportunity. The Board committee will consider inviting the San Francisco Bart Directors to a future membership meeting.

**Glen Park Historic Resources Study:** Bonacker provided information on the San Francisco city organization that disperses historic funds for neighborhood historic resource studies and noted that there is some funding left. Bonacker suggested that Glen Park Association initiate an application to establish a historic context statement discussing the history of the neighborhood including a survey on the existing housing in the area. Bonacker provided arguments for and against the idea. Bonacker
projected that the study may cost around $50,000 with the GPA ideally finding about 10% of the funds outside the city’s funding source.

Bonacker is looking for support at the Board level and would like a further discussion at the February Board Meeting. He noted that City Planning is doing a separate historic review concentrated in areas of high development. Bonacker will take comments via email and the Board will discuss at the next meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Dennis Mullen will have a financial statement available next week prior to the membership meeting. Mullen noted that if the Greenway planning goes forward, $5,000 will be spent from the reserve. The Board discussed the possibility of fundraising in the future to cover future grants and other dedications of funds. Lem suggested putting funding on a future Board agenda.

**2015 Meeting Dates:** The Board discussed setting a day of the week and month for the 2015 Board meeting dates. The Board will meet on the second Wednesday of each month and Rice will send out an email to the Board to confirm. The Quarterly meetings have been set on an ad hoc basis.

*8:57pm – Adjourned*