

Glen Park Association Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2015
201 Joost Street

In Attendance:

Michael Rice, President	Lewis Lem, Transportation Co-Chair
Nicholas Dewar, Vice President	Carolyn Deacy, Public Safety & Program Chair
Janice Levy, Recording Secretary	Heather World, Communications Co-Chair
Sally Ross, Membership Secretary	Scott Stawicki, Transportation Co-Chair
Mic Ames, Corresponding Secretary	Stephany Wilkes, Health & Environment Chair
Hilary Schiraldi, Public Safety Co-Chair	

Quorum of Officers – Rice, Dewar, Levy, Ross

7:07 pm – Called to order

Committee Reports

Public Safety: Hilary Schiraldi and Carolyn Deacy reported that the most recent Ingleside Station Captain's meeting was about the recent shootings at Crocker Amazon. Recent crime in Glen Park has been mostly property crimes including an increased number of car break-ins.

Recreation and Parks: As discussed at the last Glen Park Association Quarterly Membership Meeting, Ashley Hathaway noted that the work planned at Glen Canyon on the Sussex Street steps will be advertised under a separate contract from other ongoing work. SFRPD expects the work to start in September and take approximately 6 weeks. Construction on the Recreation Center will begin in June and the Glen Canyon trail work is ongoing. The trails have been named and the signage has been installed. Michael Rice noted that we should ask the trails project manager for the completion date on the trails contract.

(7:15 – Mic Ames Arrives)

Board Minutes: Janice Levy distributed the March and April minutes. No comments were received via email. Sally Ross made a motion to approve the March and April meeting minutes, Deacy seconded, all in favor.

Membership: Sally Ross reported that membership is currently at 99 households with 110 voting members. The GPA received many sign ups at the Glen Park Festival, which was very successful. 17 members paid in advance for 2016.

Discussion and Action Items:

Zoning and Planning: Mic Ames reported that the Zoning and Planning Committee met recently and has drafted recommendations regarding the recently introduced in-law unit legislation. Rice noted that the legislation was submitted but under review by the Board of Supervisors. The Board could take a formal

position on the Committee's recommendations at the next Board meeting. Rice asked the Committee to get a legislative schedule for the legislation from Supervisor Weiner's office.

Transportation:

Diamond and Bosworth – Stawicki reported on a recent meeting between Board Members, the Merchant's Association, and MTA about the construction at the Diamond and Bosworth intersection. The MTA engineers were not in attendance as promised. At the meeting the Board members discussed the traffic improvements in relation to the Glen Park Community Plan. In response, MTA made the following representations:

- There are no hardware impediments for left turn signals. Left turn signals may still be installed as the wiring and conduits have been installed.
- Engineering data will be provided to the Board in the next month.
- MTA will provide information and data regarding the feasibility of scramble.
- MTA will provide information on making Kern one way in the east bound direction.

Lem noted that there have been a lot of MTA specific projects with significant communication and outreach problems.

Rice provided history regarding the Diamond/Bosworth planning. In 2012, MTA planned on removing three parking spots on the southbound side of Diamond Street. In April 2013, the Board considered and made comments on the improvement plan in relation to the Glen Park Community Plan. In a comment letter, the GPA acknowledged that the parking spaces would be removed to create a left turn lane, but asked if it was possible to keep the parking spaces and institute no parking during certain hours to allow for the left turn lane. At the MTA Board of Directors hearing when the project was approved, the parking spots were no longer in the improvement plan. It's unclear how MTA was communicating about the parking spaces. The Committee will discuss with MTA at the next meeting and obtain additional information. The Board expressed an interest in receiving the SFMTA data before taking a position on the three parking spots.

(John Walsmley arrives 7:44)

Walsmley asked about the Glen Park entry way sign design; Rice noted that there is a designed version on the project board at the intersection.

San Jose Avenue – Stawicki reported on recent social media attention regarding changes to traffic and bike lanes on San Jose Avenue. Supervisor Weiner is scheduling a public meeting; Stawicki will email the Supervisor's office for a schedule. Hilary Schiraldi noted that there is a lot of wrong information in the online forums and the GPA could take a role of providing accurate information. There's a lack of information from SFMTA again and we should encourage additional dialogue.

Rice noted that we should ask the SFMTA to attend the July Quarterly Meeting.

Greenway Plan Team: Rice reported on recent meeting of the Greenway Executive Team. The first public planning meeting will be on May 28 with Surface Design, SFPUC, and DPW in attendance. Sally will blast the announcement to the membership via email. The Greenway Executive Team will reach out

to the houses near the Greenway by Saturday morning and will post and distribute the flier version of the announcement.

Rice noted that the Executive Team will need help for set up, note taking, and tables. Dewar noted that the focus of the workshop will be to get the community to design the Greenway with the help of the landscape architect. Rice asked for volunteers to staff the meeting and noted that the Committee will continue to work with Surface Design, SFPUC and DPW regarding presentation and timing.

Rice reported on a recent SFPUC meeting and discussion about the flooding at Cayuga Avenue in the December storm. Interest and focus on the Islais Creek runoff has increased since the storm and the SFPUC is looking at major storm water management infrastructure which may involve the Greenway. The SFPUC outlined several potential projects, including digging up the athletic field in Glen Canyon to create retention basins, or building storm drain on Paradise Street adjacent to the existing sewer and eventually running storm water into an open swale through the Greenway. At the planning meeting, the SFPUC will present short narrative about some of the possibilities.

Grants Committee: Dewar provided an update on the 2015 grant cycle. Dewar asked the Board for clarification that the \$4,000 identified by the grant guidelines was intended to be separate from the \$5,000 dedication to the Greenway planning. The Board confirmed that the two dedications are separate.

Dewar explained the available funds for the current grant cycle. There is a \$4,000 limit per year with two grant cycles per year. Last grant cycle, the Board granted \$2,200 so this cycle there is \$1,800 available. The Board discussed the possibility of increasing the amount once the Committee reviews the applications on their own merits.

Dewar provided an overview of the five submitted applications. The applications were Bird and Beckett, Glenridge Nursery School, Friends of Poppy Lane, St. John's School, and Sunnyside Elementary School. Bird and Beckett's proposal was similar to its previous proposal. Glenridge applied for funding for its roof rehabilitation process. Friends of Poppy Lane applied for funding for the path between Surrey and Sussex Streets. St. John's School applied for funding to purchase new playground equipment. Sunnyside Elementary applied for funding for its student journal of art project.

Mic Ames stated that some of the applications lacked sufficient information so he reached out to those applicants but had not heard back. The Board discussed the process for reaching out to applicants when the applications are not complete. If the applications are incomplete, the committee could respond formally and request the applicant resubmit in the next grant cycle.

Given the number of applicants, the Board discussed desired criteria for evaluating the applicants. The Grants Committee will review the applications and report back to the Board.

New business: Lewison Lem discussed Friends of the Urban Forest and the potential for a larger group discussion on street trees and greening of the neighborhood.

Adjourned – 9:12