Glen Park Association Board of Directors’ Meeting
Draft Minutes

July 8, 2015
400 Sussex Street

In Attendance:
Michael Rice, President
Nicholas Dewar, Vice President
Janice Levy, Recording Secretary
Sally Ross, Membership Secretary
Dennis Mullen, Treasurer
Bruce Bonacker, Planning and Zoning Co-Chair
Carolyn Deacy, Public Safety & Program Chair
Heather World, Communications Co-Chair
Scott Stawicki, Transportation Co-Chair
Tania Treis, Planning and Zoning Co-Chair
John Walmsley, Neighborhood Improvement Chair
Stephany Wilkes, Health & Environment Chair

Quorum of Officers (Rice, Dewar, Levy, Ross)

7:06 pm – Called to order

Committee Reports

June Board Minutes: Nicholas Dewar made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes, Wilkes seconded, all in favor.

President’s Report: Rice reported that Bruce Bonacker will be a co-chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee with Tania Treis. Bonacker has been chair of the ad-hoc Housing Committee. As the Glen Park Association is no longer a member of the Housing Action Coalition, Rice hereby dissolves the ad-hoc committee.

Planning and Zoning: Tania reported that the GPA sent the letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the GPA’s position on the proposed secondary unit legislation.

Bonacker reported that the Dolores Heights Improvement Committee is gathering support among other neighborhood organizations regarding changing rules on merging two or more lots into one. Rice received the inquiry and referred it to the Planning and Zoning Committee. The Planning and Zoning Committee will review the request at the next committee meeting and will refer the issue to the full Board of Directors if necessary. The Board discussed the proposal initially and identified further points of discussion for the Committee.

(7:20 – Stawicki Arrives)

Rice provided an update on the parklet application from Higher Grounds. Parklet applications are being reviewed by DPW and Planning. If the parklet is approved, there is a possibility that it may get appealed. Rice referred the matter to the Planning and Zoning and Transportation Committees for review.

Bonacker and Treis discussed other items for review by the Committee and invited the rest of the Board to the next meeting, time and location will be announced via email.
Transportation Committee: Stawicki provided an update on the project at Diamond and Bosworth. SFMTA has projected that the project will be complete by the end of July. They are waiting for equipment, specifically a pole for the left-hand turn signal.

The Board discussed the newly installed planters and benches on Bosworth. Stawicki asked where the idea for the planting came from.

San Jose Avenue – The GPA asked SFMTA to come to a Quarterly Membership Meeting or a separate meeting to discuss the recent changes to SJA as a part of the 280/San Jose Avenue Road Diet Pilot Project; the SFMTA denied the request. SFMTA also canceled an Upper Noe neighborhood meeting, but then was rescheduled. At this point, the Committee would like more data and information about the process.

Rice said that it is too late to restructure next week’s Quarterly Membership Meeting after SFMTA declined the original invitation. Rice suggested a GPA standalone meeting or reaching out to Upper Noe and College Hill and propose a wide area community meeting on the 280/SJA project.

Rice asked for consensus from the Board on 1) formulating specific questions on the 280/SJA project to transmit to SFMTA and 2) proposing a GPA neighborhood meeting with SFMTA and request the right staff are available. Wilkes, World, Bonacker. Stawicki suggested compiling several broader questions rather than a large list. The Board was in agreement.

Neighborhood Environment: Walmsley is still working with BART towards getting plants in the indoor planters at the BART station. Walmsley brought up the idea of changing the BART plaza into an open space for discussion and will follow up with BART about future plans for the plaza.

Rice announced that he recently received an invitation to meet with DPW and GPMA to talk about maintenance of the streetscape. DPW’s proposed streetscape plans include community engagement, specifically from the GPMA. Now that the planters and benches have been installed on Bosworth, DPW wanted to discuss the possibility of greater community involvement. Neither the GPMA nor the Garden Club were interested in finding volunteers from their respective memberships. DPW was supposed to send out a draft memorandum of understanding regarding neighborhood support for streetscape improvements. Glen Park does not have a community or business benefit district like over neighborhoods. The Board discussed waiting to see how the maintenance of the new planters works before discussing further action.

Discussion Items

Greenway Executive Committee: Rice reported that Surface Design is in the process of creating three concept designs for the Greenway based on input from the recent community meeting. The Committee will try to meet with Surface Design to discuss the proposals. Dewar would like to hear a time schedule from Surface Design and will contact them.

World asked if a website for the Greenway has been up. The committee confirmed that the website is available at http://www.glenparkgreenway.org/.

Rice said that the next step is to get the SFPUC to come talk to the community about their future infrastructure plans for the Greenway.
(Dennis Mullen Arrives – 8:00pm)

Board Review of Greenway Plan Expenses: Deacy stated that the Greenway Executive Committee has spent approximately $400. The grant funding has been deposited in the Greenway specific account in addition to the SF Parks Alliance funds. Rice reported that the committee received an invoice from Surface Design for $7,000 for 30% completion out of the $19,000 total contract amount. Rice will ask additional questions about Surface Design’s progress before authorizing payment.

**GPA Quarterly Meeting:** Rice and Deacy discussed the upcoming Quarterly Membership Meeting which will include a program about the Gum Tree Girls. Evelyn Rose has been invited to do a short talk on Glen Canyon and O’Shaughnessy Boulevard. The Board asked in Ric Lopez from the Glen Park Merchant’s Association was invited to the meeting, Deacy and Rice confirmed that he has been invited.

Ross will send the meeting agenda to the membership this week.

Carolyn will talk with RPD about graffiti and vandalism on the program but needs a firm confirmation for tomorrow. The SFPD Ingleside Captain will attend the meeting.

Traffic Calming Measures at Diamond Heights and Sussex: Rice reported on his efforts to apply for traffic calming at this intersection. Citywide, July 31st is the deadline to apply for traffic calming. The application calls for a small island in the street. Treis mentioned that the island on Joost gets cars stuck on top frequently. Stawicki brought up the possibility of speed bumps. Bonacker mentioned that we’ve discussed a larger effort for traffic calming.

Wilkes made a motion to approve traffic calming measures on the Sussex and Diamond Heights intersection. Bonacker seconded. All in favor.

Dewar and Stawicki will draft a short letter.

**New Business:** Walmsley asked for an update on the Lantos money. SFMTA mentioned that all the money was spent on Diamond and Bosworth. SFMTA said that they have enough money to put in if the data supported additional signals. Those costs might not be high but the study is not funded.

*8:28pm – Adjourned*