

Glen Park Association Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2015
400 Sussex St

In Attendance:

Michael Rice, President
Mic Ames, Communications Secretary
Janice Levy, Recording Secretary
Sally Ross, Membership Secretary
Bruce Bonacker, Planning and Zoning Co-Chair
Carolyn Deacy, Public Safety & Program Chair

Heather World, Communications Co-Chair
Scott Stawicki, Transportation Chair
Tania Treis, Planning and Zoning Co-Chair
Lewison Lem, Transportation Committee
Hilary Schiraldi, Public Safety Co-Chair
Stephany Wilkes, Health & Environment Chair

7:05 pm – Called to order (No Quorum)

Quorum of Officers (7:15pm: Rice, Ames, Levy, Ross)

Committee Reports

Transportation Committee: Stawicki provided an update on the Diamond and Bosworth construction. SFMTA acknowledged that there is a problem with the bus turning radius; the electrical won't be touched until new engineering plans are completed. Construction has halted. Rice discussed the history of the planning process, including questions from the membership regarding the bus turning issue. The engineers continued to say that the plans were in progress. Mid-2013, we drafted a letter to SFMTA addressing concerns.

SFMTA will shave the curb in question and replace the median.

7:14 – Ames arrives (Quorum – Rice, Ross, Levy, Ames)

SFMTA San Jose Avenue Pilot

Stawicki discussed the GPA meeting with SFMTA regarding the San Jose Avenue Pilot project, the meeting was productive. MTA held a second public meeting recently. SFMTA may have additional changes that they will communicate to GPA.

Elk Street

A GPA member suggested that GPA and Diamond Heights hold a combined meeting on traffic safety at this intersection. GPA would like to join in an effort and the committee will reach out

Bruce will follow up on Kern Alley proposal.

7:22 – Lem arrives

San Jose Avenue Proposal

Hilary discussed a proposal to ask the SFMTA to follow up on a community plan goal of redesigning San Jose Avenue. The Transportation Committee has discussed this and recommends that the GPA reaches

out in favor of this type of study. Rice mentioned that the Community Plan is from the Planning Department so initially a message like this from the Board would go to the Planning Department with a cc to SFMTA (among others). Rice suggested that we look at this in depth then revisit at the next Board meeting. The Board discussed and the general consensus was that there's no problem with asking the Planning Department implement a study.

Rice asked the Board if we are ready to send out a letter to start the process. Bonacker suggests Rice draft a letter and send it for Board approval via email vote.

Bonacker moved to direct the President to draft a letter on this subject, Wilkes seconds. All in favor. Schiraldi abstained.

Lem announced he will be leaving the Transportation Committee.

Approval of July and August Minutes: Rice called for discussion, no comments. Deacy made a motion to approve the July and August Minutes, Wilkes second. All in favor.

Planning and Zoning:

95 Nordhoff

The developer has appealed the denial of the DPW denial of the tree removal permit. Bonacker noted that there was no discussion among the committee that we should remove the tree. The GPA has not decided to be in favor of the tree or be indifferent. Treis gave an overview of the code in relation to the tree and noted that the Committee was generally in favor of following code.

Rice said that the GPA has received a request from the opponents to the project who support the DPW permit denial. Rice suggested that the decision of maintaining the tree is part of the development, so it needs to be considered within the outcome of the project and planning review.

Bonacker moved to support the DPW permit denial as the tree is part of a larger development and its removal should be considered as such. Second by Deacy. In favor: 10 Board Members, Opposed: Schiraldi and Lem.

The Board discussed looking into a remedy should the board be split in votes in the future.

Parklet Application

The hearing is set for September 30. Bonacker received notice from the Planning Department and will go to the office tomorrow to get additional information.

Rice opened the floor for discussion to see if there's a consensus of the Board. The Board discussed the details of the application, the original parklet policy and purpose of the policy, and the process. The sense of the Board is that the GPA Board won't take a position on this application.

Other – Bonacker announced that he received information from the Planning department about Accessory Dwelling Units. Next on the Committee agenda will review property development guidelines.

Discussion Items

Recording Secretary Position: Janice announced that she will be moving out of Glen Park in the next month but will continue to serve as Recording Secretary without voting rights.

Rice asked for a resolution of thanks for Levy's work as Recording Secretary. Motion made and approved by acclamation.

Greenway Project: Rice reported that Surfacedesign has put together some ideas with simple designs. Alternatives will show a new path behind the school between Paradise and Bosworth. This would require significant construction.

The next workshop will be September 24. Right before, there will be a guided walk through of the Greenway.

Heather will start a list of public information processes and outlets for the GPA for this project and future projects.

October 22 Membership Meeting: Location still TBA. The program will include:

- Mark Farrell's school yards being open for park purposes
- Election Forum. Only interesting for the neighborhood is the Prop F – Short-Term Rental controls
 - o Discuss other housing issues on ballot
 - o The sense of the Board is to put that on the program
- Update on Greenway project
- Scott Weiner
- Update on the Rec center

GPA Holiday Event: The Board discussed hosting the annual gathering at the Sunnyside Conservatory this year. Potential dates are the Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th. Sally will check Saturdays and Sundays in December.

Review Board Schedule – Rice asked if there was any interest in shifting date to second Tuesdays. This still works, unless there is a need to reschedule

Wrap up and meeting evaluation: The Board discussed being more active in finding new Board members and discussed officer elections for next year.

Adjourned 8:46pm