

Glen Park Association
Board of Directors Meeting

August 8, 2018
2510 Diamond Street
San Francisco, CA

GPA Board Members Present:

Scott Stevenson, president
Hilary Schiraldi, membership secretary
Stephany Wilkes, vice president
Bonnee Waldstein, corresponding secretary
Sally Ross, neighborhood improvement committee
Carolyn Deacy, program chair
Dennis Mullen, treasurer
John Walmsley, neighbor improvement chair
Michael Rice, past president
Tania Treis, zoning and planning chair
Nicholas Dewar, Greenway

GPA Board Members Absent or Not-Present:

Heather World, recording secretary

Guests:

Carolyn White, Arlington cleanup organizer
Aaron Esquivel, president, Glen Park Merchants Association (GPMA)
Evelyn Rose, president, Glen Park Neighborhoods History Project (GPNHP)

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

A quorum was met

Introductions to guests

Aaron Esquivel, newly elected president of Glen Park Merchants Association, was welcomed. All expressed support for the two organizations working together to support the Glen Park community.

Action Items

1. GPA Quarterly Fall Meeting October 11, 2018

Ingleside Police Captain Jack Hart(unconfirmed)
SFMTA on Elk/Sussex intersection Bosworth/280/Arlington intersection
(unconfirmed)
Chenery Park building update (unconfirmed)
Bylaws update presentation (confirmed)
Assemblyman David Chiu (unconfirmed)
Motivate/SFMTA bikeshare program (unconfirmed)

2. Glen Park Halloween

Letter received from SFPD regarding street closure on Halloween. Letter attached.

SFPD/SFMTA planned closure Chenery St. from Diamond to Elk: permit cost has been reduced and is in line with GPA budget (\$300 needed out of \$1600 allocated). Agencies want us to distribute and communicate information in neighborhood; they will provide pamphlets for us to distribute; 10-12 volunteers needed to attend barricades; need to attend safety classes. We need to tell them we might not have enough volunteers; need to recruit outside the board; ask them for other options. Moved to support the SFPD/SFMTA plan, and asking for advice on volunteer staffing options, seconded, passed.

3. Addition of new board members

Discussion of Ad Hoc Committees, standing committees: creation, voting rights

Motion to elect Carolyn White as Neighborhood Improvement Committee chair. John Walmsley will continue as a member of the committee.
Moved, seconded, passed.

Webmaster position needs to be considered as to its position within the GPA structure.
Tabled until next board meeting.

4. Letter of support for Sutter CPMC Movie in the Park

Moved, seconded, passed. Letter attached.

5. Letter of support for Glen Park News through 2019.

Advertising revenue has fallen in the past year. GPA has enough reserves to carry publication through 2019. Board shall be responsible for fundraising and generating revenue in support of the GP News.

Moved by Stephany, seconded by Carolyn, passed. Letter attached.

6. Update from Glen Park BART Historical Study

Project duration 18-24 months.

The contract from the San Francisco Historic Preservation Fund Committee was reviewed by Dennis Mullen, treasurer. He recommends that \$2-\$3K in additional funding resources for the project be held in reserve from standing funds in case of a formal audit, as outlined in the contract. It is unclear the probability of such an audit. Also, the preparations of the required reporting for this grant need to be confirmed.

Hilary moves to allocate \$2K from historical survey fund. Michael dissents stating those funds are for historical neighborhood survey; urges to defer taking funds out of \$15K earmarked for neighborhood survey while bids are coming in for that project.

Motion is tabled.

Discussion Items

1. Glen Park Historical Preservations Project -- Glen Canyon Park History Promenade Evelyn Rose, president of Glen Park Neighborhoods History Project (GPNHP), presented proposal for Glen Canyon Park History Promenade. Proposal attached.

Would consist of 9 or so interpretive plaques; bronze, simple, 18" or 24" square. Would be installed from Elk Street entrance to the Rec Center, explaining Glen Canyon Park historical events, and features, such as: location of dynamite factory, geology, Islais Creek, Franciscan chert. Application for this was submitted last year in Participatory Budget process, but application was lost. Now most of funds would come from add back program if Sup. Mandelman agrees in Q1 of 2019. GPNHP is asking GPA for \$5K to support project and support would be noted on plaques. Project would take about 2 years.

Other proposals for historical projects will be evaluated by the board before making any decisions.

2. Greenway updates

Cleaning and clearing undergrowth taking place this weekend. Next week shrubs and small trees will be planted and irrigation piping will be installed. There will ultimately be 80 shrubs and 2 demonstration beds. Six more volunteers are needed for weekly watering. Will try to recruit some on 8/18 planting day. After planting, two projects remaining are attached to irrigation and water supply, and signage. Applied for extension beyond August so Community Challenge Grant (CCG) funds can still be used. Next, applying for CCG funds for trail between Brompton & Chilton. Archdiocese wants boundary survey which SFPW has to do.

3. Update and planning for Glen Park Bike Share Program

Motivate requested 40 minutes for discussion at next GPA meeting. Discussion whether GPA meeting is appropriate forum for likely contentious topic. There might be other options and sponsorship for separate meeting. Community wants to hear from SFMTA; they may/may not be present; should that be condition for having meeting?

Scott and Hilary will take lead with transportation team. Will reach out to Motivate.

4. Updates on GPA Bylaws updates and revisions

Bylaws team has a draft with revisions. Will be emailed to board next week. Bylaws team wants board to know the process and progress.

Team reread current bylaws; divided up into sections for individual review and suggested changes on shared document. Resources used: Robert's Rules, two neighborhood association bylaws, generic template for bylaws; Nolo Press excerpt on how to form nonprofit organization. Team met and discussed revisions and placed on shared document as suggested revisions or items needing further review by the board. Shared with treasurer and past president for additional insights.

Timeline:

Bylaws team distributes draft to board next week.

Board thinks additional meeting needed to discuss and agree on changes at end of September; not enough time to be on agenda of regular meeting.

Approved changes presented at quarterly membership meeting Oct. 11.

Vote by membership at quarterly membership meeting in January 2019.

Logistics needing to be worked out:

How to distribute to full membership. Must be clear what changes are being proposed; ability to compare original with proposed changes.

Format for presentation to membership that is present at Oct. 11 meeting.

Vote at Jan. meeting: Bylaws have no provision for feedback, just up or down vote and multiple amendments are being proposed.

5. Discussion of fire safety in Glen Park Canyon and updating fire safety meeting on 9/8 hosted by Sup. Mandelman.

Committee reports

None presented.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Attachments

1. Email from Ingleside Police:

From: **Hauscarriague, Tom (POL)** <Tom.L.Hauscarriague@sfgov.org>

Date: Fri, Jul 27, 2018 at 1:36 PM

Subject: Halloween

I'd want to take this opportunity, to thank all of you for your efforts to make this the safest Halloween event that Chenery Street has ever hosted.

I've included Scott from the Glen Park Association and Sister Shirley from St. Johns School on this email chain.

First of all great news, Everyone!!! Nick Chapman from SFMTA and Katy Birnbaum from livable cities have reduced the fees to \$99.00 for the entire closure of all streets off of Chenery Street from Diamond Street to Elk Street. (Please see attached map) Finances will need to be directed to barricades which are approximately \$200 for 4 lighted barricades (through DPW). SFPD has large metal barricades that I can provide at the

major intersections ie. Elk at Chenery street, Diamond at Chenery Street, Lippard at Bosworth Street and Brompton Street at Bosworth Street.

Scott, I would request you to fill out an application for a Street Closure (Block Party NOT a special event application). Nick is on this email chain and he advised that you (Scott) work with his assistance to handle this portion of the event. Maybe Sister Shirley can contribute funds as well for the Iscott street closure. Nick can assist/direct with the purchase barricades and the placement of the barricades.

Sister Shirley and Scott, two more items will need to be addressed by your organizations.

First we will need to notify all residents that this event will occur, before October 31st. Flyers will need to be placed on vehicle windows and letters to residents informing there will be limited access to their homes during the event. Nick will make a Public Notice Announcement regarding the closure by placing signs notifying residents of this event as well. I can draft a letter or produce flyers if you cannot or need me to do so. Please advise or direct me to do so. I do feel it's more appropriate for neighborhood groups to do this outreach, but I'm happy to do so, if needed.

Second we will need to train volunteers (10-12) who can man the barricades. Katy and I will coordinate a training session where green vests, stop signs and (possibly) flashlights will be distributed to volunteers who can assure this remains safe. Of course police services will be made available HOWEVER Halloween is an extremely busy night for SFPD and Officers can and will probably be re-deployed at any instant.

Katy and Nick can also assist with making connections to SAFE, Playsafe and Vision Zero who can assist with funding and resources for this event.

There was also a possibility of involving Park and Recreation to also host/participate with the use of Glen Canyon Park and the clubhouse for this event.

The X's on the map indicate barricades. Streets that lead to dead ends will be placed further up the streets at proceeding intersections to warn drivers of the event. Single residents in vehicles can be escorted to their homes at 5 miles per hour by a volunteer. It's really refreshing for me to work with a team composed with different City agencies and community leaders to plan an such a special community event. Again thank you all for your hard work. The merchants and the community will definitely benefit from such a wonderful, safe event.

2. Letter of Support CPMC Sutter Health Movies in the Park

Dear SF Rec and Park,

This letter is to notify that the Glen Park Association Board endorses the Sutter Health Movies in the Park

Program for the year of 2018. The GPA Board has supported this event for the past years and thinks that it provides a

fun opportunity for the Glen Park community within our valued Glen Canyon park.

We hope that SF Rec and Park allow this event to continue.

Sincerely,

Scott Stawicki

Glen Park Association – President

3. Letter of Financial Support for GP News

To: Rachel Gordon – Glen Park News

Hi Rachel

I wanted to give you an update from last month's GPA Board Meeting. The Board reviewed our 2018

mid-year financial update – and included a bit of financial forecasting for year. As per our previous conversations, the GPA Board wanted to try to manage our budget, which includes the GP News.

The Board was in unanimous support of all the amazing work and the many volunteers that make the GP News happen. We are proud to be a part of supporting this local publication as we believe it has a strong positive presence in our community. We decided on the following:

1. The GPA is committed to our financial support of the GP News. We are able to continue this support

through 2019 with no changes to the current structure of our partnership.

1. The GPA Board will take on any additional responsibilities/strategies for increasing advertising revenues

for the GP News if current revenues continue to not meet printing costs. The GP News/ Nora should

continue the current process, and any additional strategies by the GPA will be communicated to your team

in advance.

The Board wanted to express our gratitude to your team, and hope the above decisions meet your expectations.

We also want to hear any ideas and comments that you/GP News team has about future needs and finances.

Much Thanks,

scott

4. Proposal: Grant Support for the Glen Canyon Park History Promenade, and
Commemoration of the El Camino Real and Other Histories in Glen Park

Submitted to: Scott Stawicki, President, Glen Park Association

Founded in 2014, the Glen Park Neighborhoods History Project (GPNHP) works to Rediscover
the

Forgotten Histories, Document the Living Histories, and Share These Histories With Others. We
cover

the districts of Glen Park, Glen Canyon Park, Sunnyside, Fairmount Heights, and Diamond
Heights

in San Francisco's Old Rancho San Miguel. We currently meet six times annually, and offer over
10

different themed history walks at least two times annually. We present talks describing our
rediscovered histories, and publish our results on our website, www.GlenParkHistory.org, our
partner website www.SunnysideHistory.org, the Glen Park News, and elsewhere (eg, Noe Valley
View, etc). For our work, we were pleased to receive the Walter G. Jebe, Sr. Neighborhood
Award

from the San Francisco History Association in 2016. The GPNHP is fiscally sponsored by
Independent Arts & Media, a California non-profit corporation.

Glen Canyon Park History Promenade

A number of significant historic events have occurred in the Glen Canyon Park Recreation Area,
so

many that it is remarkable we still have 70 acres of open space to enjoy today. To help bring
attention and context to these events, we propose the development of the Glen Canyon Park

History Promenade.

In April 2017, in collaboration and with financial support from the Native Sons of the Golden West,

and in-kind support from San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, the GPNHP was able to

place the plaque for California Historical Landmark No. 1002 at the Elk Street entrance to Glen Canyon Park to commemorate the site of the first dynamite factory in the United States that was personally licensed by Alfred Nobel. This is only one of the many historic events that have occurred in Glen Canyon Park.

This project would provide additional interpretation of the events in natural and cultural history that have occurred within the canyon. Bronze plaques would be installed along the edge of the walkway from the Elk Street entrance to the Recreation Center as a chronological timeline, in order to depict the following histories:

- The geologic history of Glen Canyon and Islais Creek
- Hunting and foraging by native Muwekma Ohlones (presumed)
- Cattle grazing and milch ranching from approximately 1776 to the 1940s
- Additional context for the first dynamite factory in the United States, personally licensed by inventor Alfred Nobel (designated as California Historical Landmark No. 1002)

- A 120-year history of recreation that began with the Glen Park and Mission Zoo (1898 through 1900) that attracted over 8,000 people weekly

- A ballooning aeronaut who would later make aviation history as the first man to fly a fixed-wind craft at high altitude in 1905

- Suffragist activities that would work to enable the return to the people of public access to the park
- Water history as the site of the largest creek in San Francisco, and the near-flooding of the canyon as a reservoir at least twice
- A recreation center designed by a protégé of Arts and Crafts master artist Bernard Maybeck
- The grassroots activism of four Glen Park housewives who would stop a viaduct freeway from running directly through the canyon (1958 to 1970)

By its prominence as a history promenade, the following goals for park visitors can be met:

- 1) Present these facts in succinct, engaging language to introduce and increase awareness of the significant historic events that have occurred in Glen Canyon
- 2) Enable a deeper appreciation for Glen Canyon so that visitors may become more energized to help protect it for future generations
- 3) Evaluate the impact of these past historic events and how they might help inform and improve understanding of current and future events

The GPNHP's preferred foundry for the plaques is the California Bell Company, a legacy company

based in Saratoga, California. Established in 1906 by Mrs. A.S.C. Forbes to place California Mission

Bells along the historic El Camino Real, this is the same foundry used to cast the plaque for California Historical Landmark No. 1002 in Glen Canyon Park.

Estimated costs provided by the California Bell Company for plaques for the promenade (as of December 2017; future costs may vary) are:

- Bronze square plaques in 18" by 18" with simple imagery: \$717.2 each. Nine plaques \$6454.80

plus \$580.93 tax and \$315 shipping totals \$7350.73, or

- Bronze square plaques in 24" by 24" with simple imagery: \$1,116.8 each. Nine plaques \$10,051.12 plus \$904.60 tax, \$405.00 shipping totals \$11,360.72

The GPNHP submitted this proposal for consideration under former Supervisor Jeff Sheehy's District 8 Participatory Budget in December 2017. Unfortunately, our application was lost and the

proposal never considered or offered for public vote. Once this was brought to the attention of Supervisor Sheehy, he promptly agreed to advocate the proposal to the Board of Supervisors under the 2019 Ad Back program of the Participatory Budget. Now that Rafael Mandelman has become District 8 supervisor, we have described the project to him. In the two weeks before he became supervisor, Mr. Mandelman voiced verbal agreement to advocate for the project under the

2019 Ad Back program, and we are still working to confirm his advocacy now that he is supervisor.

As with our co-partnership with the Native Sons of the Golden West and San Francisco Recreation

and Parks Department, the GPNHP would be pleased to co-partner with both the City of San Francisco and the Glen Park Association to bring this project to fruition.

