

**Glen Park Association
Board of Directors Meeting**

September 12, 2018
208 Chenery Street
San Francisco, CA

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m.

GPA Board Members Present:

Scott Stevenson, president
Hilary Schiraldi, membership secretary
Heather World, recording secretary
Bonnee Waldstein, corresponding secretary
Michael Rice, historian
Carolyn White, neighborhood improvement
Tania Treis, zoning and planning (late arrival)
Dennis Mullen, treasurer (late arrival)

GPA Board Members Absent or Not-Present:

Stephany Wilkes, vice president
Nicholas Dewar, Greenway
Carolyn Deacy, program chair
Mary Szczepanik, webmaster
Sally Ross, neighborhood improvement
John Walmsley, neighborhood improvement

Quorum established

Action Items

1. GPA Quarterly Meeting October 18, 2018

Agenda:

1. Motivate/SFMTA – Bike share program in Glen Park (60 minutes). GPA Transportation Committee met with Motivate to make sure their presentation addresses residents' concerns.

2. Captain Hart – Halloween street closure

3. Assemblyman David Chiu

4. Glen Park Association – Amendments and changes to bylaws

- Michael suggests we present a summary outlining the major changes.

- Scott will tell people where they can find copies. (Online and at the meeting)

2. Glen Park Halloween (item continued from 8/18/18 board meeting)

- GPA will pay \$99 for permit and \$200 for barricades. This comes out of the allocated \$1,636 budget.
- GPA must communicate the street closures to neighbors
- GPA needs 10-12 volunteers to escort traffic through closed street. Scott will speak by phone Katy Birnbaum from Livable Cities on Sept. 14, 2018 for details.
- Budget to buy pumpkins, a cauldron, some toys and some candy. Scott/Heather to look into stickers and business cards for price.

3. Financial Update from Glen Park BART Historical Study

- Contract completed and signed for GP BART Historical Study. Confirmed budget of \$11,500 for the consultant portion
- Michael and Tanya secured grants:
SF Heritage Grant - \$5750
Historical Preservation Fund Committee Grant - \$ 11,320
- Other funding: GPA has committed \$2,000.
- Community commitment of \$2,000 no longer necessary.

Treasurer has advised us to reserve \$2,000 for three years for potential audit.

Hilary moves that we allocate our \$2,000 as per the Treasurer's guidance as a reserve for the project in case of an audit

Bonnee seconds

No further discussion

5 in favor, 1 opposed, no absentions

MSP passes

4. GPA Bylaws: Review of changes and amendments

Final review of changes and amendments

I move we approve the draft of the bylaws

Michael seconds

No further discussion

6 in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

MSP passes

Proposed rollout:

- Prior to October general meeting: post current and proposed bylaws on website
- Email current membership the link to the bylaws
- Announce changes at October meeting
- Provide hard copies at October meeting
- Comment period extends to December 31, 2018
- Membership to vote on changes as a whole at the January 2019 meeting.

5. Approval of Minutes

I move the board approve its June 2018 meeting minutes

Scott seconds

No discussion

6 in favor, no opposed, 1 abstention.

MSP approved

I move the board approve its August 2018 meeting minutes

Scott seconds

No discussion

6 in favor, no opposed, 1 abstention

MSP approved

6. Honorary Membership of Supervisor Mandelman

Bonnee moves we make Supervisor Mandelman an honorary member of the Glen Park Association

Carolyn White seconds

No discussion

7 in favor, no opposed, no abstentions

MSP approved

Discussions

1. Greenway Update

- Work party November 10
- Committee decided to postpone Community Challenge Grant application. Given time and volunteer constraints, committee decided instead to apply for the grant next spring to fund the trail.
- San Francisco Parks Alliance (SFPA), the project's fiscal sponsor, now requires a maximum of three Authorized Representatives to be identified as representatives of the Greenway project to be responsible for various tasks such as approval of payment requests submitted to SFPA. The Greenway project is now, from a legal perspective, a project of SFPA and is

distinct from GPA. The Authorized Representatives will be Nicholas Dewar, Michael Rice and Killian Murphy

2. Next Dates/Steps for Arlington/SJA Open Space

- Date will be early November, Carolyn to work out with Fix-It Team.
- 200 to 400 block of pathway. Biggest problems are trash, biological waste, weeding. Mostly clean-up on path itself. Prior to clean up, she'd like to see the city cut the fennel and clean the trash behind the fence. Fence is in poor repair. GPA will do a walkthrough hopefully two weeks before the cleanup.
- Put 20 to 25 percent of energy to refresh previously cleaned
- Kris will reach out to the neighbors along those blocks.
- Flyers underneath doormats and flyers on telephone poles.

3. DHCA Fire Safety Meeting Review

Scott and Nicholas attended

- Betsy Eddy talked about perceived dangers of fire
- Panel including Capt. Hart, Associate Commander from Fire Station, rep from Dept from Emergency Management, Deputy Superintendent from Recreation and Park Department
- Consensus among four city agencies present is that there is not a danger here.
- Message from Fire Department is consistent with message at last winter's GPA meeting: FD has a plan and practices it every year.
- RecPark confirmed that the only persons allowed to use fire pits at Silver Tree are Silver Tree employees. There are no fires permitted in the canyon beyond that.
- Resilient Diamond Heights and GPA support better signage and fire-pit covers when pits are not in use.

4. How to use the \$15,000 donated for historical purposes in GP

- At the last board meeting, neighborhood historian Evelyn Rose gave a presentation on an historical promenade that ran through Glen Canyon. Requires some funding.
- Neighborhood historic survey

Received three proposals for neighborhood survey, two came in way over budget. Third proposal was closer to budget.

Planning staff has to review the proposal

City is changing how it's doing historical studies

5. Comments and ideas on how to move forward with Zoning and Planning Committee

Zoning moves quickly, and Planning tends to move slowly

Michael and Tania focused on historical elements

Scott has identified a few potential volunteers to add to the committee

Committee reports

1. Treasurer

Our Bank of America cash balance is \$36,516.03

The Greenway Project cash balance is \$23,971.38

Letter from the Board committing to fund the Glen Park News through 2019 was sent.

GPN received advertising revenue for Q3.

2. Transportation

Met with Motivate as mentioned above.

Also met on site at Elk and Sussex with Municipal Transportation Agency

Committee hosted a meeting regarding the re-grading of Miguel Street. MTA and Public Works went over a new proposal with substantial engineering changes informed by feedback from first meeting: They're going to fill rather than excavate. Scope of work is smaller.

3. Membership

This is Hilary's third year as membership secretary. She would like a break, especially from having to deposit the check in person.

Other Business

Janet Tarlov updated the Board on Wilder Street Garden Project.

A committee has been formed: Janet and Richard Tarlov, an employee named Rachel who is in charge of community outreach, Jeff L. who lives in Glen Park.

Garden with raised beds is the easiest idea because it's been done before and is most likely outcome. She's reached out to Parks Alliance as potential fiscal sponsor. Application due in November. New partnerships announced in early January.

Hopeful for support from GPA: volunteer help for committee, providing support in community for project, guidance on reaching out to adjacent neighbors

Someone uprooted the plants on the BART side. Scott picked up the plants and is trying to regrow them. Sent a picture to Sandra Zuniga to let her know he's trying to regrow them.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 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 months 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.

