

Glen Park Association
Board of Directors Meeting

April 10, 2019
208 Chenery Street

GPA Board Members Present:

Scott Stevenson, president (by phone)
Bonnee Waldstein, communications secretary
Heather World, recording secretary
Carolyn Deacy, program chair
Mary Szczepanik, webmaster
Hilary Schiraldi, safety committee
Sally Ross, neighborhood improvement
Nicholas Dewar, Greenway (late arrival)

GPA Board Members Absent:

Dennis Mullen, treasurer
Stephany Wilkes, vice president
Adrienne Lacau, membership secretary
Tania Treis, zoning and planning
Michael Rice, historian
Carolyn White, chair, neighborhood improvement

Meeting called to order at 7:13 p.m.
No quorum

Action Items

1. GPA Spring Quarterly Meeting Thursday, April 25

Speakers & agenda:

Captain Hart. He might mention Halloween. We need volunteers
Greenway Update. Illustrated by slideshow. Nicholas Dewar will talk about
accomplishments, work party and new entity: Friends of the Greenway
Recology (Noelle Duang)
FUF Tree Nursery in the Arlington open space (Doug Wildman)

2. Signing of Amended Bylaws

Bonnee Waldstein will bring bylaws with her to next few meetings and get all officers to sign.

3. Glen Park Festival Sunday, April 28

Carolyn to drop banners and materials at Bonnee's house.

People committed to help: Hilary, Bonnee, Carolyn White, Adrienne White, Sally Ross, Scott

Cost of festival and Halloween is \$800

Showcase GPA accomplishments, but we need about 80 members to "break even."

Scavenger hunt: Mary

Poster with Halloween pictures: Mary

Candy and jack-o-lantern pot: Mary & Bonnee

New member spinner: Bonnee

Nicholas: banners or posters for Greenway

Salesman: Scott

Dry ice: Scott

Stacks of Glen Park News: Bonnee

Tablecloth: Bonnee

Forms for membership: Adrienne

Square: Hilary

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

January board

Jan quarterly meeting

Feb board

March board

No quorum, so minutes could not be approved

5. Fund Transfer from GPA Greenway to GPA account

Signatories are Carolyn Deacy, Michael Rice, Nicholas Dewar. Nicholas will write a check to the GPA from the Greenway account and then close it.

Discussions

1. Update from Kern Alley

Hayes family had a memorandum of agreement from Public Works to incorporate PW land adjacent to their parcel into their parking lot. Memorandum dated from the time when

Hayes family's stated intent was to create a paid parking lot for the public. Subsequently Hayes family declined to make lot open to the public, saying landscaping requirements made the lot untenable as a commercial enterprise. Tenants in adjacent Hayes family-owned buildings have reported they are being offered paid parking spots inside the newly fenced lot.

Scott spoke to Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru at the Greenway sign unveiling. Scott also spoke with Nuru's aide. Both indicated they did not know the Hayes family Trust was no longer making the parking lot available to the public. Next steps unknown.

2. Greenway Updates

The Greenway needs a regular annual budget to pay for things like work party refreshments, small tools, replacement plants. They decided to change the name of the project to "Friends of the Greenway," to make it a continuous fundraising campaign.

Nicholas reports that program consultants and PUC representatives from the Green Infrastructure Grant Program visited parcel one (Chilton to Burnside, behind St. John's School), said it looked promising and promised to send a site analysis in May. As discussed in March, 2019, board minutes, the approximately \$1 million grant would be used to install a GI facility (e.g. "rain gardens") that would provide stormwater management for run-off from the school.

Community Challenge Grant new deadline will be summer 2019. Friends of the Greenway will apply for funding for a trail from Brompton to Chilton. If granted, money would come around December.

Next work party will be Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m. to noon. Focus will be on weeding. Summer work party will be July 27.

The March 23 sign unveiling was successful. About two dozen volunteers, director of Public Works, CEO of Parks Alliance and other luminaries attended.

Regarding petitioning Supervisor Mandelman's office for add-back money, Scott will get more guidance on the expectations for requesting the money.

3. Arlington Open Space Project Update

Scott says succulent planting was a success. Rains have come. Fix-It Team seems committed to the space. We'll keep working on cleanup dates.

Critical next step is to find out plans for the tree nursery for the open space between Natick and Roanoke. Public Works Director Nuru has allocated \$100,000 to improve that triangle so Friends of the Urban Forest can install a tree nursery. Money needs to be spent by end of 2nd quarter. No community outreach done so far. The city has installed new backflow prevention device for water backflow prevention. Scott has offered that the GPA can publicize FUF/PW's plans with flyers, blog post and social media posts.

[post-mtg update from Carolyn White]

Regarding the next Arlington work party, I emailed Sandra [Zuniga, of the city's Fix-It Team] about May, and just got a response from her a couple of days ago. She thought May might work, but seemed to prefer June. We need to talk about the focus of the next event, which I think should be the 300 block, cleaning up behind the fence. I asked if the tie off training was completed, but haven't heard back yet. We might also want to do some maintenance work on the original area at the end of Arlington. It's starting to get overgrown, and there are branches to clear from the storms. I might notify 311 if I can remember to get a photo.

Committee reports

1. Treasurer

Nicholas called Bank of America regarding the remaining Greenway Funds. Nicholas will empty the Greenway account by writing a check to GPA for the balance and giving it to Nora for deposit in the GPA general account. He will then close the account.

2. Transportation

Committee met and discussed Ford GoBike's new model of saturating neighborhoods with bike docks rather than providing docks at quarter-mile intervals.

3. Zoning and Planning

4. Neighborhood Improvement

5. Membership

Meeting was adjourned 8:56 p.m.