Glen Park Association Board of Directors Meeting September 11, 2019 208 Chenery Street

### **GPA Board Members Present:**

Scott Stawicki, president
Mary Szczepanik, webmaster
Bonnee Waldstein, communication secretary
Carolyn Deacy, program chair
Heather World, recording secretary
Hilary Schiraldi, safety committee
Nicholas Dewar, Greenway
Dennis Mullen, treasurer [late arrival]

### **GPA Board Members Not Present:**

Stephany Wilkes, vice president
Adrienne Lacau, membership
Sally Ross, neighborhood improvement
Carolyn White, neighborhood improvement
Tania Treis, zoning and planning

### Guests

Janet Tarlov, Canyon Market, secretary of the Glen Park Merchants Association Jessica Bogo, neighbor interested in recreation and park committee

Call to order at 7:15 p.m. No quorum established until late arrival of Mullen

#### **Action Items**

1. GPA Autumn quarterly meeting to be held Thursday October 17, 2019, Glen Park Recreation Center

# Possible Agenda:

• Nathan Tinclair, deputy director of partnerships, Recreation and Parks Department, confirmed to talk about the proposed Fairmount Park (confirmed)

- Ingleside Captain Jack Hart to talk about Halloween on Chenery Street: street closure, safety (expected but not confirmed)
- State Senator Scott Wiener. Scott has submitted an online request for Senator Wiener to appear (unconfirmed)
- State Assemblymember David Chiu. Volunteer has been in touch with Scott (unconfirmed)
- Janet Tarlov to talk about potential garden on BART parcel on Wilder (confirmed)

#### 2. Halloween in Glen Park

Scott has submitted an application to the San Francisco Metropolitan Transportation Agency for a street closure permit. Insurance still needed for any permit holder. Insurance for a crowd the size that showed up last year would cost about \$1,300. Captain Hart has said cannot deploy resources unless there is a permit.

Erin Mundy from District 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman's office said the office is still looking for partners for resources to provide insurance. The Mayor's Office of Workforce Economic Development might be an option. Livable Cities can only provide barricades and flashlights and safety vests, but not insurance money.

GPA goal for Halloween: build community and membership. Cost of permit versus annual revenue, which is about \$2,000 and must fund the newspaper. Can we further our goals if there is no official street closure? Probably, although the street closure from last year was a good magnet for support at the Glen Park Festival last April so best would be to contribute some money to the insurance permit and help round up volunteers.

#### 3. Updates on Glen Park Association Board Insurance

Scott obtained application and soft quote for \$600 per year to cover liability for the Board. This does not cover special events like Halloween, unfortunately. We may need to alter the 2019 budget to include this expense.

4. Minutes (voted on after Dennis Mullen arrived and quorum was established)

Bonnee Waldstein moves the board approve its May 21 and August 14, 2019, board minutes Dennis Mullen seconds

No discussion

Two abstentions, four yay MSP as written

### **Discussions**

# 1. Updates on GP burglaries and eScooters

Bonnee Waldstein updates on the four burglaries of Glen Park businesses: Destination and Higher Grounds on July 22 and Glen Park Hardware and Gialina's Pizzeria on July 26, 2019.

Police arrested a suspect based on a tip from another police station, a 21-year-old man who confessed to the crimes.

The Glen Park Merchants hosted a September 5, 2019, meeting that was well attended by merchant members and city representatives including Captain Hart, Erin Mundy and Jessica Closson from Supervisor Rafael Mandelman's office, Sandra Zuniga from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, Jorge Rivas from the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development, and SFPD beat officer Marie-France Conçeição.

Hart and city representatives emphasized the value of surveillance cameras and how helpful these are to solve crimes. Hart offered an example of package thieves in Diamond Heights who were busted thanks to neighbors who had cameras fixed on their porches.

One solution was to apply for a grant from the city to get cameras.

Janet Tarlov, who attended and whose store has many cameras, cautions that this level of technology – while helpful – requires technical maintenance and personnel time.

### 2. EScooters

Pilot program launched ends in October, 2019. The city will now open the permitting process for one-year permits for 1,000 to 2,000 scooters. Bonnee to write an article for *The Glen Park News* 

### 3. Wilder Street lot/potential for community garden

Janet Tarlov reports that BART said they would be willing to give community organizers a lease to rent the space for a two-year trial.. Met with people from various community gardens to get input. Got a fiscal sponsorship through Park Alliance.

Two stumbling blocks: time, loss of a major organizer

Two community meetings have been held. There are a few vocal opponents who live nearby. Fears are increased security, noise and traffic. As a result of their advocacy, Director Bevan Dufty is now saying in order to get BART's continued support the garden planners would need to get support from 80 percent of the adjacent neighbors

Next step is to talk to a landscape architect who is willing to create a nice rendering to help communications.

# 4. Update on 50 Sussex Appeal for ADU Permit

Owner is trying to add an accessory dwelling unit. ADU was approved, but owner consistently violated city code and built out over property boundaries. The Department of Building Inspection has visited the site repeatedly and issued minor penalties but the structure still stands. The fence and possibly the roof pass the property line into Poppy Lane.

One neighbor appealed and was supported by other neighbors.

Options in the face of city-ignored non-compliance?

Contractor State Licensing Board regarding actions of owner who is also the builder and a contractor

We've had to write to the city about DBI's ineffectiveness before, regarding 149 Mangels

Supervisor Mandelman's office is asking the GPA board to talk about land-use proposals in Glen Park. He is interested in density and affordable housing, though he does not support the state legislation to allow denser building

### [MULLEN ARRIVES]

# 5. Other business

Kern Street: GPA wants to prioritize pedestrian safety. Sent a thank-you letter to Public Works and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency for attending the July quarterly meeting and asked MTA about progress on Kern and liaising with the Hayes family, which is responsible for the sidewalks. No word back.

Meanwhile, the Hayes family is resubmitting plans to Planning Department for its parking lot. Scott will reach out to architect and see what the new plan is.

# **Committee Reports**

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer stated that the Cash Balance in the Bank of America General Operating Account is \$27,119.43.

(Minutes voted on. Please see above)

Adjourn at 9:19 p.m.