

Glen Park Association

Board of Directors meeting

February 12, 2020

208 Chenery Street

San Francisco, California

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

GPA Board Members Present:

Scott Stevenson, president

Hilary Schiraldi, vice president

Adrienne Lacau, membership

Bonnee Waldstein, communication secretary

Heather World, recording secretary

Sally Ross, neighborhood improvement

Carolyn Deacy, program chair

Nicholas Dewar, Greenway

Jessica Bogo, recreation and park

Mary Szczepanik, webmaster

Tania Treis, zoning and planning

GPA Board Members Absent or Not-Present:

Stephany Wilkes, zoning and planning

Carolyn White, neighborhood improvement

Dennis Mullen

Guests:

Dave Bianco, interested in volunteering

Matt Stevens, Glen Park Recreation Center programming

Establishment of Quorum

Action Items

1. GPA spring quarterly meeting, 2020

- Date settled as Tuesday, April 21 (April 16 is the backup day)
- Possible Agenda & Speakers:

1. Mandelman's office to follow up on Density with Character plan
2. Introduction of new Glen Park Recreation Center manager
3. Possible update on programming at the center
4. Jeffrey Tumlin, new director of SFMTA?

2. Finalize 2020 GPA Projects and Budget

- Board insurance costs \$700
- Post office box costs \$140

- Greenway

Nicholas proposes the GPA include \$100 for maintenance costs of the Greenway: this would be used to pay for lunches for volunteers. This financial support in 2020 would demonstrate the strong and continuing support of GPA for the Greenway and this concrete demonstration of support would assist the Friends of the Glen Park Greenway in its fundraising work.

- IT

Mailchimp upgrade. We now have 1,500 members on our mailing list. For \$20 a month, we can have more administrators, segment mailing lists. Last year we spent \$450 on IT: \$950

- Glen Park Festival

It's a wash financially and takes volunteers, but good to have a presence: \$550

- \$1,000 for park-based outreach event in the fall

Adrienne makes a motion we approve the proposed 2020 budget as outlined in the minutes

Jessica seconds

MSP

3. Glen Park Rec Center Program Discussion:

Matt Stevens came to the GPA board in November of 2018 to advocate for free open-play time at the newly remodeled Glen Park Recreation Center. GPA supported the proposal, which was later implemented.

That initial program has expanded to three days a week, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays, from 10a.m. to noon. Very good, especially for children too young to enjoy the playground.

Parents would love to have an indoor weekend time slot as well. Mornings are preferred, owing to nap schedules. There's also a need for storage bigger toys.

4. Approval of GPA Board Minutes

Mary moves the Board approve its December 2019 and January 2020 meeting minutes

Bonnee seconds

No discussion, corrections, adjustments or amendments

Two abstentions

MSP

Discussions

1. Follow-up on Glen Park Rec Center Program outreach and letter to Rec and Park
GPA had direct communication with RecPark staff, which expressed general concern around balancing programming

GPA will write a letter welcoming the new director, emphasizing what we can do in terms of reaching out to the community to gather programming feedback. We will also invite him/her to speak at a quarterly meeting in the near future to introduce him/her to community

2. Arlington Open Space Update – Lyft Bike Station

GPA got in touch with the mayor's Fix-It team and Friends of Urban Forest. FUF does not have the resources to complete a nursery at the Arlington Street open space, which it estimates will cost between \$250k and \$350k. FUF has two other sites, one at Sunnyside and one at South of Market, and Arlington is prioritized behind those two

The city has already installed a backflow prevention device on site for \$15k. Scott learned the Fix-it Team then allocated another \$85k to the Arlington Space through Public Works.

Not sure why we weren't told about the money, but we've learned it can be used by neighbors to beautify the space. Next steps will be another work party and perhaps an outreach event at the library to determine what neighbors would like to do with the funding.

At the same time, Lyft is lobbying to put a bikeshare station at the site, exactly where FUF's driveway would be for a nursery. Lyft says it can easily move the station once FUF turns its attention to Arlington. This site meets other eligibility criteria and has had the least pushback of all sites. (After outreach, 2 neighbors supported the site and 2 opposed it.)

3. Greenway Updates

- Work parties

Nicholas says the January work party attracted more than 24 volunteers and included Clean and Green Team. Clean and Green team's contract with Department of Public Works has ended, which will mean less muscle at future cleanups.

March 21 is the next scheduled cleanup; date may change

- Trail project

Greenway has applied for \$125k community challenge grant to create the trails but announcement of winners has repeatedly been delayed. It's now expected in March.

- Green Infrastructure project

Greenway is still waiting to hear from the Archdiocese about whether they received an exemption from the PUC so they can become a "city vendor" allowing them to receive the grant to improve water runoff on the site behind St. John's school along the Greenway.

- General

The SF Parks Alliance - the fiscal sponsor of the Greenway - was one of many non-profits subpoenaed today in relation to Public Works scandal

4. Email Membership Drive Results

Mary feels the success of the emailed membership drive supports the argument for upgrading our mailing system.

101 signups through website, netting \$1,660 in membership fees. One member suggested adding a donation box to the site, which netted an extra \$380

We can get in touch in the spring, take some photos and update them regarding GPA work.

5. Glen Park Festival is April 26, 2020

Our booth has been understaffed last year, so we want align our ambitions with our staffing
Come up with some ideas for giveaways: pens?

6. Discretionary Review – 2476 Diamond St.

Scott and his neighbors had to file a DR to this address

He will push this in front of the board to get insights and get feedback

Originally neighbors were involved in a process to avoid DR and did not appeal the permit when it went through DBI

The builder started building a hill and 11-foot retaining walls. DBI gave the site a pass three times, and at this point the Planning Department is urging neighbors to intervene because it cannot

Committee reports

1. Treasurer

The ending Cash Balance in the Bank of America General Operating Account is \$26,812.

The GPA Cash Balance in the General Business Account (Bank of America) is \$28,732.90.

2. Membership

As of today, we have 172 members (paid through 2020 and 2021).

To compare, as of January 2019, we had 18 members, and as of January 2018 we had 100.

- We're going to run a quarter-page ad in Glen Park News to promote membership

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.