

Glen Park Association

Board of Directors meeting

March 11, 2020

Zoom Online

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

GPA Board Members Present:

Scott Stawicki, president

Hilary Schiraldi, vice president

Adrienne Lacau, membership

Bonnee Waldstein, communications

Carolyn Deacy, program

Stephany Wilkes, zoning and planning

Carolyn White, neighborhood improvement

Sally Ross, neighborhood improvement

Nicholas Dewar, Greenway

GPA Board Members Absent or Not Present:

Dennis Mullen, treasurer

Jessica Bogo, recreation and Parks

Tania Treis, zoning and planning

Mary Szczepanik, webmaster

Guest:

Dave Bianco, tech support

Establishment of Quorum

Action Items

1. GPA Spring 2020 Quarterly Meeting:

Due to the Coronavirus, we probably won't be able to hold the meeting. If we don't cancel, we'll probably be forced to by Rec and Park. The possibility of having a remote virtual meeting was discussed. It could attract people who normally can't attend in person, but would be complicated to initiate, especially with the complex agenda topic of Density with Character pilot. Dave cautioned about the many

technical difficulties that could arise the first time, and that a dry run would be needed. Scott will reach out to Jacob Bintliff about the density pilot. Hilary will contact the new head of SFMTA, possibly in April. Scott will work with Jessica to reach out to the new manager at the Glen Park rec center.

2. Other GPA events and COVID-19:

Greenway: Nicholas said the March 28 work party can go ahead in a simplified way: no distribution of coffee or sandwiches; volunteers bring their own tools and refreshments; work in small groups with individuals spread apart; no assembly at the beginning or lunch at the end. He expects a smaller than usual turnout.

Arlington Path: Scott and Carolyn W. plan an event the first or second week of April. It might only consist of trash pickup. Scott notes that holding these events shows our group is resilient and is offering options to the community.

3. Approval of February GPA Board Minutes:

Adrienne moves to approve; Scott seconds. MSP

Discussions

1. GP Rec Center Program Outreach Update:

Jessica sent word that a meeting date was set for April 16, but Scott spoke to Lorraine Banford at Rec and Park and the meeting has been canceled. Rec and Park is going ahead with the electronic survey of what people want in Fall programming at the rec center.

2. Arlington Open Space Update / Lyft Bike Station:

With the personnel changes at SFPW and the Fix It Team, and ensuing communication difficulties, their continuing co-sponsorship of the Arlington Path project is uncertain. We don't know what's going on with the \$100K grant, and we're concerned about the water meter getting online. The backflow device and cage have been installed but the meter hasn't been found and vegetation is overtaking the site.

Lyft is moving forward with locating the bike station at the Arlington open space. But the scheduled March 20 SFMTA public hearing will most likely be put on hold. Scott lobbied to move the station 20 feet around the corner on Roanoke, but Lyft says this

is not feasible due to the street grade and lack of ability to secure the bikes in place. The final location can be blocked by opposition by even one neighbor and the Arlington neighbors are mobilizing to make their voices heard by SFMTA. Because Glen Park is a multimodal transit hub, Scott will reach out to the group to let them know of our continuing interest in this.

3. Greenway Update:

Nicholas reports that SFPUC is offering substantial Green Infrastructure grants. When the SFPUC introduces charges for stormwater run-off starting in 2022 St. John School will have larger sewage bills due to the stormwater run-off from their extensive impermeable parking lot and play ground. To manage this run-off and reduce these sewage fees the Archdiocese intends to apply for a grant for rain gardens and other mitigation measures to be constructed at St John School and on the Archdiocese's property in the Greenway between Chilton and Burnside. Construction could start this year.

The Greenway applied for a \$125,000 Community Challenge Grant to fund trail improvement. We've been approved for only \$75K resulting in a \$50,000 shortfall in the project budget. We will ask Supervisor Mandelman for advice about alternative sources of funding, such as from the 2020 add-back budget. Nicholas will attend the grant contract signing with CCG scheduled for March 31. If we need more time for the project we may request a postponement of the start of the project or an extension to the project period. Scott will check his calendar to see if a telephone conference can be held with Supervisor Mandelman on March 16 or 17 so that we can consider Mandelman's advice before the grant contracting meeting.

4. Discretionary Review – 2476 Diamond Street:

Neighbors of this construction site have had concerns about the increased scope of this single-family project. They worked with the planning department to mitigate their concerns. However, the developer subsequently changed the plans to include a much higher retaining wall, which they designated as a "fence" and "rails." In addition, the developer designated a "deck" that was made of earth. (The planning department cannot dictate what a fence or deck is made of.) The new plan did not go through the planning department. That omission was deemed "an error at the counter," and although the new plan was not code compliant, the developer was allowed to build it.

Out of concern because of the major changes in the plan, Jeff Horn, senior planner in charge of the project, did a site review in January 2020, and allowed the neighbors to file a Discretionary Review (DR) outside of the neighbor notification process.

Stephany noted the importance of the DR in light of the “Density with Character” pilot project spearheaded by Supervisor Mandelman’s office. The pilot program, originally proposed by David Winslow of the residential design team in the planning department, discourages filing DRs in favor of working out disagreements proactively. But in this case, mitigation did not happen.

The DR specifies the items in which the project has deviated from the plans without planning department approval. A letter to the planning commission in support of the DR, would not need to reiterate the unapproved items.

The Board noted its involvement in controversies in other projects over the past 2-1/2 years: 300 Sussex Street and 43 Everson Street. Hilary moves that the Board writes a letter to the planning commission in support of the DR filed by the neighbors of 2476 Diamond Street. Stephany seconds. 6 ayes, 1 abstention. MSP

Committee Reports:

Treasurer’s Report:

Dennis reports through Heather that the GPA cash balance in the General Business Account (Bank of America) is \$28,732.90. (This was erroneously written into the February 2020 minutes.) We are still working on migrating the Visa account from B of A to Chase.

Other Items:

Dave Bianco is working with Mary on reviewing web hosting to save \$200 per year. Current budget is \$900.

Scott established a G Sheet with expenses for 2020 budget. Let him know if it’s useful.

Glen Park Festival--Due to the restrictions on large public gatherings, Adrienne recommends we don't plan to participate, and asks when we'd have to pay for the tent. Scott will reach out to the festival and ask what the plans are.

Bonnee reported that the Glen Park News was contacted with an offer to sell us the domain name www.glenpark.com. We are looking into the cost.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.