Glen Park Association
Spring Quarterly Meeting
April 30, 2020
Via Zoom
A recording of the entire meeting will be available until May 31 at this link

Agenda

District 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman

1. City Hall updates
The feared tsunami of COVID19 cases has not overwhelmed Bay Area hospitals, thanks to early planning and action on behalf of our Mayor and the Department of Public Health.

Shelter-in-place order begun March 16 was recently extended. Very tough on everyone, but at the same time, this caution has prevented a surge in hospital admissions.

We have more tests now -- if you have symptoms, you can get tested, please do -- but we still don’t have enough to re-open society completely.

Small businesses and nonprofits are hard hit. The Office of Economic and Workforce Development maintains a website businesses can use to get some relief. If you believe there is a business that should be considered essential, please tell his office and they will pass that on to the correct agency.

Legislation not related to this crisis is on the backburner for now. He has been concerned about the divisive tone between the board and the mayor though he believes the extent of disagreement between the two bodies has been blown out of proportion.

He’s been working toward sanctioned encampments in parking lots with staffing, bathrooms, meals, hand-washing facilities. To make it easier for homeless to shelter in place.

2. Q&A
How can we help people hardest hit economically?
Many organizations are helping, and donating time and money to them will help:

- Shanti
- Open Hand
- Marin and San Francisco food banks
- Give2SF Response & Recovery Fund

How will you prioritize childcare?
Child Care is a priority, but this crisis has devastated our budget, and we’re going to have a hard time funding our priorities at a level we’re comfortable with.

The budget process has been delayed and is expected to be brutal: Mayor’s budget will be done by end of July, Board has it in August. Previous budgets included “add-backs” that Supervisors could allocate to neighborhood-level priorities. Add-backs are unlikely this year. More likely to be making cuts.

K-12 funding is in a terrible position. Even prior to the epidemic, the school district was coming to the city asking for money. And now they’re finances are going to be worse. City college also has no cushion.

Traffic concerns:
MTA is also overloaded by recent developments, cutting lines, etc.
His office has been encouraging MTA to move forward on the crossing at Elk and Sussex. They will ask again.

His office advocating for traffic calming on Diamond Boulevard between Addison and Chenery: a crosswalk at Berkeley.

Can Residential Park Permit fees roll over to the next year?
Great idea. We will look into it.
He knows people have been concerned about street sweeping enforcement, but he does not believe the ban on it will be lifted soon. City likely to remain “frayed” through May.

Have road and bridge repairs been prioritized while streets are empty?
We are, but there are workforce challenges. The Van Ness Corridor project is trying to make up for last time. There are also some PUC projects moving forward. Some agencies are able to take advantage of this time.

Are beaches and parks open?
There have been a lot of mixed messages from the state. Only Orange County beaches are closed at the moment.

San Franciscans are encouraged to use the parks and beaches, but the parking lots are closed, and you must maintain social distance with people outside your household.

There’s also been some effort to close some streets to through traffic so people have more social distance.

Runners: please use the road.
His office is organizing Zoom side chats. Friday at 2 p.m., Mandelman and his aides will be online, chatting and taking questions
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