

Glen Park Association Board Meeting

MINUTES

January 11, 2023

7:00-9:00 PM

Virtual meeting

GPA Board Members Present:

Hilary Schiraldi, President
Adrienne Lacau, Vice-president
Bonnee Waldstein, Communication secretary
Carolyn White, Recording secretary
Dennis Mullen, Treasurer
Carolyn Deacy, Program chair
Stephany Wilkes, Budget
Heather World, Membership
Mary Szczepanik, Membership/website
Steve Green, Transportation
Nicholas Dewar, Greenway

Absent:

Jessica Bogo, Recreation and Parks
Phil Hamm, Glen Ridge board liaison to GPA

Guests:

Sue Free, Adopt a Drain
Kevin Berkemeyer, Chenery Slow Street

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

Winter Quarterly Meeting (Hilary): January 19, 2023, in person at the Glen Park Rec Center

- 6 PM - Snacks and socializing
- 6:30 PM - Program starts
- Agenda
 - GPA Board Officers Election - Carolyn D to run the election. Will ask for nominations from the floor
 - New Owner Canyon Market
 - Department of Public Health (DPH) - Rodent Abatement
 - Quit Carbon Presentation
 - Glen Park Rec Center: Programs and activities
- Carolyn D to make a flier; Heather and Mary to post in local businesses

Adopt a Drain - Sue Free

- San Francisco has an Adopt a Drain program for neighbors to keep storm drains free from debris. Go to the website to register: adoptadrain.sfwater.org. Select a drain from the map, name it if desired, and check them whenever it rains. If you find hazardous material, call 311.

Chenery Slow Street - Kevin Berkemeyer

- Kevin and his wife Maggie are working to get Chenery reinstated as a slow street. They use it as a slow street all the time. Slow streets are safer for pedestrians, dogs and bikes, and just slowing traffic down.
- They have a petition with 120 signatures so far, and are trying to get 200 to present at the next SFMTA board meeting, Jan. 17. They will also submit a packet of handwritten notes to Supervisor Mandelman.
- More pedestrian traffic is good for merchants.
- Next steps: Bring SFMTA and community members together to meet and discuss.
- Requesting a letter of support from the GPA Board.
- Adrienne made a motion to send the MTA Board a letter in support for reinstating Chenery as a slow street. Carolyn W. seconded. MSP
- **Action (Bonnee):** Write letter and send to SFMTA board, cc: Kevin

Storm Fallout (Bonnee): Several trees from Dorothy Erskine Park are currently dangling over a house on upper Bosworth. Bonnee contacted Jackie Prager from Supervisor Mandelman's office, asking her to escalate a response.

Committee Reports

- **Transportation (Steve Green):** Received a response from the city traffic engineer denying the request for traffic calming / no left turn from Brompton onto Joost. The reason given was the impact on traffic on Bosworth/Diamond. Suggested next steps:
 - Study speeds on Brompton
 - Better signage
 - Request better speed / traffic enforcement on Brompton/Joost
 - **Action (Steve):** Follow up with SFPD
 - **Action (Steve):** Contact SFMTA Liveable Streets
 - Talk to crossing guards
 - Note: At St. John's School, parents and kids direct traffic.
- Treasurer (Dennis): B of A cash balance is \$26,503.03 as of 1-9-23. There is \$1,690.00 in our new Tri Counties account. We're in the process of transitioning to Tri Counties Bank. Dennis thanked those involved for their tremendous help in this process: Adrienne, Hilary and Heather.
- Membership (Heather): Current Membership is 174 members.
- Greenway (Nicholas): There was a very well attended planting party in early December. Volunteers are focusing on removing Oxalis in the Native Meadow (Brompton-Lippard). Kathy Keller and Adam King are going to the Native Meadow every not-too-rainy day to

remove the Oxalis plant-by-plant. Greenway leaders have called for volunteers to help with this during the next few weeks.

- Zoning and Planning (Stephany):

Updates without action:

- 160 Sussex - garage addition - could not get into meeting
- 218 Miguel - first and third floor remodels; brick foundation (!) replacement; going from 2,849 sq ft. to 3,118; did not attend 12/21 meeting

- Updates with discussion/action:

- 359-361 Arlington - people having a wine and cheese party because they want to replace an old deck and stairs with a new one. Discussion: How can we, and should we, stop the need for so many approvals and notifications? Ask BoS to propose planning amendment, i.e. deck *replacement* needs permit, sure, but maybe not notification?
- 49 Sussex St. - Wonzer family is developing this property again. Last time they tried to develop the property, a neighbor stopped them.

- **Action (Heather):** The board will keep a running agenda of topics for meetings with Mandelman. Heather to put the list in google drive. Can we link to this? Heather World

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

- Adrienne moved to approve the minutes of the October Board Meeting. Heather seconds. 1 Abstention. MSP
- Adrienne moved to approve the minutes of the November Board Meeting. Heather seconds. MSP

Old Business

- **Planters on Miguel:** Per Heather, the stairs were installed to comply with federal ADA standards. The planters are there so people walking down the hill don't trip on the stairs. DPW is responsible for planting one tree and two bushes, though the agency acknowledged that this has been delayed. One of the neighbors volunteered to maintain it for 2 yrs.
- **Birdseed Lady (Stephany):** Stephany contacted Dave Burke and SFPD Capt Lew for an update on Liliana Bouvet. Dave responded that she continues to be a problem but less

so in the Glen Park area in recent weeks. He has been working with Lt. Yolanda Joseph of BART Police Department. She agreed to detail two of her officers to Glen Park BART station in order to catch Bouvet during her morning rounds. The officers spotted Bouvet with a bag of bird seed in early December. Once she noticed the officers, she fled the scene without leaving the seeds. On December 17th, officers caught her feeding the birds. When cited, Bouvet provided the name of "Rosa Ramos," along with a different date of birth. Bouvet was cited for littering and 148.9 PC- False ID to an officer, which is a misdemeanor. He alerted her case workers at DPH about this. Bouvet was also cited by SFPD on October 12, 2022. Captain Lew has told his officers to cite her if they catch her in the act again.

- **Grant Recipients:** Hilary to contact recipients for progress reports on how the grant money has been used. Carolyn W: The Arlington people would like to invite the board for a future "field trip" to observe accomplishments in person.
- Rec / Park: Trails people and Park Rangers will not be coming to the quarterly meeting, but the local people will be there.

Next Board Meeting: Everyone please come to the next meeting with suggested priorities for the next year.

Carolyn W. moved to adjourn. Adrienne seconded. MSA Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

JANUARY CORRESPONDENCE

To: <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>, Rafael Mandelman <mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org>, Prager, Jackie (BOS) <jackie.prager@sfgov.org>

Mon, Nov 14, 2022 at 10:06 AM

Dear Supervisor Mandelman,

One of our Glen Park Association board members, Carolyn White (copied here) recently spoke to you at the Arlington block party about the dangerous conditions on the Arlington Slow Street

and suggested painting Slow Streets with a specific pattern indicating that it's a Slow Street. You liked the idea and asked the GPA to send you a letter requesting that you look into this.

As background, cars are speeding on Arlington and flimsy barricades are of no use. Neighbors have tried using the street for walking, playing, etc. but it's too dangerous. Peter Coats is our Slow Street mayor, and he circulated a Slow Street catalog showing available options. At some point we will be getting new barriers and signs but we need more than that.

Neighbors on Arlington would be glad to be in a pilot program for the painting idea or any other effective solution.

Also copied here is Steve Green, our Transportation chair, whose input we will appreciate over the course of the request.

Thank you for your consideration,

Bonnee Waldstein

GPA correspondence secretary

To: slowstreets@sfmta.com, MTAboard@sfmta.com

January 14, 2023

To the SFMTA Board and the Slow Streets Program:

The Glen Park Association respectfully requests that the SFMTA Board reconsider its decision to not include Chenery Street between Lippard and Burnside Avenues in the permanent Slow Streets that were adopted on December 6, 2022.

If SFMTA approves, we also request that SFMTA Board consider extending the Slow Street to the east on Chenery Street from Lippard Avenue to Brompton Avenue, and west from Burnside

to Elk Street. We understand that since the program was initiated, a solution has been found to one-way access streets, such as from Brompton Avenue to Chenery Street.

When the stretch of Chenery Street was made a Slow Street because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the street came to life with pedestrians, kids playing and riding bikes, and people walking dogs.

Chenery Slow Street is located in a charming neighborhood, close to a convenient commercial corridor, and is a thoroughfare to the Glen Park Greenway and Glen Canyon Park. It attracts people coming to the neighborhood, to the park, the Crosstown Trail, and tourists from all over the world who have enjoyed the relaxed ambiance of the Slow Street.

One reason cited by SFMTA in not granting a Chenery Slow Street was that there was little support for it in the community. That's turned out not to be true. When four Chenery Street residents went door-to-door with a petition to retain Chenery Slow Street, they garnered more than 120 signatures from residents, who were just unaware of the issue.

The Glen Park Association is also aware of support from two nearby neighborhood schools and their teachers and staff, St. John and Glen Park Elementary.

If SFMTA is receptive to the Glen Park Association's support of Chenery Slow Street, we suggest that interested neighbors and SFMTA staff meet to discuss the path forward.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Glen Park Association Board of Directors

Hilary Schiraldi, President