

Glen Park Association Board Meeting

MINUTES

May 10, 2023

7:00-8:30 PM

Virtual meeting

GPA Board Members Present:

Hilary Schiraldi, President
Bonnee Waldstein, Communications secretary
Carolyn White, Recording secretary
Dennis Mullen, Treasurer
Heather World, Membership
Steve Green, Transportation
Carolyn Deacy, Program chair
Mary Szczepanik, Webmaster

Absent:

Adrienne Lacau, Vice-President
Jessica Bogo, Recreation and Parks
Nicholas Dewar, Greenway
Stephany Wilkes, Budget
Dan Wright
Phil Hamm, Glen Ridge board liaison to GPA

Guests:

Octavio Di Sciullo, Neighbor
Marian Dalere, GPMA
Zahra Hajee, Legislative Aide for Supervisor Mandelman
Charlie Toohey, Neighbor
John Biasatti, Neighbor
Kathleen Tracey, Neighbor
Cory Malnarick, Neighbor

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

Board Meeting Minutes

- March 2023 Board Meeting Minutes. Bonnee moved to approve, Steve seconded. 1 abstention. MSP
- April and May 2023 minutes. We will approve at the June meeting.

July Quarterly Meeting - July 27, 2023

- Meeting will be in person from 6 PM to 8 PM at the Rec Center
- Agenda: Carolyn D to reach out to Matt Haney. Full agenda will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Art Walk (Marian): October 7, 2023, 12 PM - 5 PM

- Purpose of the event is to bring the community together and highlight local artists and merchants. Locations TBA, inside of businesses, possibly in the parking lot of Kern Street and alongside Pono.
- Organizing committee: Marian, Tony, Janet and Heather.
- For more information: www.artwalksf.com There is a link for artists to sign up.

Introduction: Zahra Hajee

- Zahra is the new legislative aide for Supervisor Mandelman and is the official liaison for the Glen Park neighborhood.
- zahra.hajee@sfgov.org 408-329-3589
- Mandelman office hours in Glen Park and Merchant walk: June 3, 2023

Chenery Slow Street (Charlie Toohey, John Biasatti, Kathleen Tracey)

- This issue will be on the SFMTA board agenda next week
- New petition opposing the slow street has 467 signatures
- Two requests were presented:
 - #1: Will the GPA board write an official letter to SFMTA opposing the slow street, or
 - #2: Will the GPA board write an official letter to SFMTA stating our neutrality on the issue
- The board discussed the options. Heather moved that we send SFMTA a letter stating our neutrality regarding the Chenery Slow Street. Mary seconded. MSP A draft will be sent to the board for approval by Friday.

New Board Members

- Kevin Berkemeyer would like to join the board on the Health and Environment committee. Carolyn D. to reach out to Charlie regarding a board position. Octavio is considering a board position.

Elk / Sussex Crosswalk (Cory Malnarick, Elk Street Neighbor):

- Emailed us an update on his communication with SFPD Acting Captain Knoble, who visited Malnarick at home to evaluate traffic conditions on Elk, including problems with the new crosswalk on Elk at Sussex. According to Malnarick, Knoble said the police department is understaffed and assigning officers to traffic would take time away from more important matters. The Lieutenant emailed District 8 SFPD liaison David Burke about Chenery and Elk, Elk and Bosworth, and the new crosswalk causing traffic issues at Elk and Sussex.
- David responded saying three things:

- Traffic enforcement is Knoble's responsibility
- Changes to the streets fall under MTA's purview
- He CC'd Zahra Hajee from Supervisor Mandelman's office to help out with facilitating a meeting regarding looking at these intersections given our concerns
- Steve Green to follow up on the crosswalk with SFMTA and Public Works. Copy Dan Wright and Sal Novoa.

District 8 Mixer (Heather):

- Representatives from a half dozen neighborhood associations from District 8 gathered for a meet-and-greet May 9. This first meeting was just an introduction, but there promises to be more events in the future, as everyone attending felt that was in the neighborhood's best interest.

Committee Reports

- Treasurer (Dennis) reports the Cash Balances as follows: 1) Bank of America \$25,934.14 as of 5/8/2023; 2) Tri-Counties Bank \$2,053.04 as of 4/25/2023; and 3) Chase Bank \$5,480 as of 4/30/2023. Total Combined Cash Balance of \$33,467.18
- Membership: 261 members

Monthly cleanup report:

- We will be celebrating the 1 year anniversary of our Glen Park Cleanups!

Future cleanups:

May 20
 June 17
 July 15

CD sent request to George Li at DPW. Will follow up in the week before May 20.
 Marion and Carolyn D will pick up and drop off supplies
 Marion and Carolyn D will post flyers in GP.

We've picked up 343 bags of trash since May 2022:

May 2022, 45 bags
 June 2022, 46 bags
 August 2022, 26 bags
 Sept 2022, 25 bags
 October 2022, 33 bags
 November 2022, 28 bags
 December 2022, 28 bags
 January 2023, 26 bags
 February 2023, 30 bags
 March 2023, 24 bags
 April 2023, 32 bags plus a trampoline, a chair and a hubcap

Discussion:

- April was successful: 21 volunteers. We are making a dent: BART station and lot were cleaner than usual. Ginette is picking up trash daily, it makes a big difference. There is still bird seed around, report to 311 whenever you see it.
- The next cleanups will be announced at the 4/20 GPA meeting
- We will celebrate our year Anniversary at the May cleanup with cookies and balloons
- We will keep up with identified "hot spots"
 - Bosworth Hillside, behind the GP sign, towards Kern Alley
 - Bosworth median
 - Bosworth, both sides
 - Hammerton parklets
 - 280 Underpass
 - BART station/parking lot
 - J church entrance and Diamond across from Joost
 - All streets in the "village"
- O'Shaughnessy: Marlies and Heather are picking up trash on O'Shaughnessy with the Miraloma Park group, on the first Tuesday of the month.
- Plans to hang door hangers: CD to work with Vince.

Heather moved to adjourn, Steve seconded. MSA Meeting adjourned at 9:27PM

May 12, 2023

Dear SFMTA Board and Staff,

The Glen Park Association wishes to clarify our position on reinstating Chenery as a Slow Street. Given strong neighborhood support and opposition, **our Association is neutral on this issue**, and we urge SFMTA to evaluate Chenery as a Slow Street based on data and community engagement conducted by SFMTA.

On January 14, 2023 we submitted a letter in which we wrote that, "we suggest that interested neighbors and SFMTA staff meet to discuss the path forward" in reinstating Chenery as a Slow Street. The "path forward" that we advocated for was one that SFMTA assured us would involve neighborhood engagement and traffic studies. Unfortunately, we have been disheartened to learn that SFMTA has not conducted significant outreach nor studied the impact of traffic diversion away from Chenery Street.

Further, since we submitted our January 14th letter, we have learned of significant opposition from neighbors and have received a copy of a petition in opposition. As a result of receiving this new information, we wanted to clarify that the Glen Park Association does not support or oppose Chenery as a

Slow Street, and we strongly feel that SFMTA should evaluate Chenery as a Slow Street based on traffic studies, data and SFMTA-led community outreach.

We believe any change in traffic patterns in Glen Park should make the neighborhood as a whole safer and more communal.

On February 22, 2023 we also wrote a letter supporting an SFMTA grant application that would bolster street safety. In this letter, we mistakenly identified Chenery as an existing Slow Street. We regret any confusion this error may have caused. SFMTA has since assured us Chenery need not be a Slow Street for the grant to be successful.

We have attached a PDF of this letter for your records.

Sincerely,

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