

2023 Summer Quarterly Meeting

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July 27, 2023

Glen Park Recreation Center

Agenda:

- Recology - Presentation and Q&A
- San Francisco Rent Board - New Requirement to provide information on all San Francisco properties
- Neighborhood Improvement - Glen Park Greenway, Arlington Path/Natick Triangle, October ArtWalk, Refuse Refuse, Burnside Mural

Welcome (Hilary Schiraldi)

Zahra Hajee, Legislative Aide for Supervisor Mandelment

- Supervisor Mandelman will be doing a Walk in the Park at Glen Canyon Park this Saturday, July 29th from 10AM - 11:30AM. This is a chance to talk to the Supervisor about happenings in the neighborhood.
- Graffiti Abatement: The Supervisor is looking for suggestions on graffiti abatement. Please contact Adam Thongsavat with suggestions.

Kevin Knoble, Acting Captain, Ingleside SFPD

- Captain Lew has been promoted to Commander.
- Please report EVERY crime to SFPD, including porch pirates and garage break-ins. Reporting on Nextdoor will not notify SFPD. Non-emergency reports can be filed online at <https://www.sanfranciscopolice.org/get-service/police-reports>
- Catalytic Converter thefts. Capt Knoble has not seen any reports of thefts from cars with car covers/tarps.
- Traffic problems are well known to them.
- Staffing: staffing levels are still low but they're moving in the right direction.

Recology, Robert Reed, Public Relations Manager

Rebecca Holden-Auld, Senior Waste Zero Manager

Jamario Jackson, Government and Community Relations Manager

- The current monthly rate for standard 3-bin residential refuse collection (recycling, compost, and landfill) in San Francisco is \$46.87. Rate increase is still under negotiation.

The process has been thorough and collaborative. Updates can be found on the SF Controller's Office website. The next meeting of the Rate Board is scheduled for Aug. 31, 2023. Recology expects final rates will be approved at that meeting.

- San Francisco ratepayers pay less for standard residential 3-bin service than residential customers in Oakland and San Jose.
- Do not put recycling in plastic bags
- No plastic bags in composting/green bins unless they're labeled COMPOSTABLE, all caps. Most plastic is not recyclable, but there is a market for clamshell containers.
- E-cycling / e-waste can be recycled. Include with Bulky Item Collection.
- Bulky Item Collection: 2 free/year, up to 10 items.
- Recology also picks up abandoned waste and public litter.
- Household hazardous waste can be taken to the dump. There is no fee and the waste will be unloaded for you. They will pick it up if you are a senior or disabled and unable to take it to the dump.
- San Francisco started separate composting in 1996, and was the first city to do so. LA and NYC have just now started making curbside composting mandatory.
- Compost is used successfully in farms and vineyards. It provides nutrients and helps cover crops develop deep roots to hold the topsoil in place and prevents erosion.
- Composting reduces methane up to 84% vs. landfill.
- Recology customer service is located in San Francisco

San Francisco Rent Board, Jennifer Rakowski, Max Garcia

- San Francisco passed a new Housing Inventory law that requires all property owners to report certain property information to the Rent Board.
- Landlords will need to submit the report in order to raise rents.
- Owners of owner-occupied units are requested to provide their name and confirm that they are occupying the unit, but there are no consequences for not doing so.
- For further information contact rentboard.inventory@sfgov.org

Neighborhood Improvement

- **Greenway (Nicholas Dewar):** The Greenway was founded by the GPA, and was later transferred to the SF Parks Alliance. . This project is carried forward by more than one

hundred volunteers with funding and other support from residents, local businesses and government sources.

The Greenway is developing a Native Meadow that will be pretty well established within two or three years. We are also establishing a California Oak Woodland that will probably become recognisable as woodland within three, four or five decades. But this will be worth waiting for, because the oak trees will survive for centuries and will provide habitat for more species of wildlife than any other terrestrial vegetation in California. It will also provide ecosystem services that San Francisco badly needs. If you want to plant and care for oaks in public open space near your home please contact Nicholas at Greenway@GlenParkAssociation.org. Contact him soon so that you can join him collecting acorns in September/October and plant them in December.

Question for discussion: What about planting oaks along O'Shaughnessy, and slowly replacing eucalyptus with oaks?

- **Bernal Cut Beautification Project (Carolyn White):** Neighbor volunteers have transformed the Arlington Path from Mateo to the Natick Triangle, digging up ivy and fennel, and planting pollinators, natives, succulents and other drought resistant plants. City water is now available at the Natick Triangle and Roanoke/Arlington, and will soon be installed at Mateo.

- **ArtWalk SF (Marian Dalere, GP Merchants Association)**
Saturday, October 7, 2023 12PM - 5PM

The ArtWalk will include art, music, poetry and live performances. They are now calling for artists.

- **Refuse Refuse (Vince Yuen):** Monthly clean-ups are making a big difference in the cleanliness of the city. There are plans to add weeding and planting to the program, and they're working on a graffiti plan. Vince also showed a linoleum knife which he uses to dig out weeds from sidewalks.
- **Burnside Mural (Renee Berger)** All 200 legacy tiles for the stairs have been pledged. A waitlist is available. Completion is expected by spring/summer 2024.