

2025 Fall Quarterly Meeting  
**MINUTES**  
October 15, 2025, 6:30 PM  
Glen Park Library Meeting Room

**Welcome and Announcements: Heather World**

- Remember to check the GPA blog for all information and updates
- The San Francisco Planning Department will host a Neighborhood Historical Survey presentation on Thursday, November 13, from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM at the Glen Park branch public library.
- The Burnside Steps First Anniversary Celebration will be held on Saturday, October 25, 1-3 p.m. at the Burnside cul de sac.
- Volunteers are needed for Halloween on Chenery.
- The Glen Park Merchants Association has proposed an Entertainment Zone in the Glen Park business district. This would allow local bars and restaurants to sell alcohol to-go during specific events and only in the defined zone. The GPA has written a letter of support.
- Proposed clarification of GPA Bylaw 302B. Membership will vote on the change at the January meeting.

*Current wording:*

New members whose applications and dues are not received by the Association before the January general meeting must wait for twenty-one days from the receipt of their application and dues to vote.

*Proposed wording:*

Those who were not members in the previous calendar year must have applications and dues received by the Association at least twenty-one days before the January General Meeting in order to vote.

- Grants (Darion Johnston, chair of the Grants Committee): This year, 4 grants were funded by the GPA. Recipients were the Glen Park Greenway, Glen Park Elementary School, Sunnyside Elementary School and Dolores Huerta Elementary School. Each grant is approximately \$1500. The grant applications open in January and close in February. This is one of the things our membership dues support.

**New Ingleside SFPD Captain Gerald Newbeck**

- Captain Newbeck has been with SFPD for 26 years and was promoted to Captain in July 2025. He has worked at all but 2 stations, at SFO and as part of the SWAT Team. He said that staffing at Ingleside remains low, but SFPD has streamlined its hiring process

and police academy training. The goal is to accelerate the hiring of new recruits and increase the number of officers on the streets.

- The Ingleside SFPD Community Meeting is held at the station on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 6 - 7 PM.
- SFPD is now interviewing for a new police chief.
- Speed cameras are operated by the SFMTA, not the police department, and capture drivers going more than 11 MPH over the speed limit.
- SFPD has 400 automatic license plate readers to identify vehicles suspected of criminal activity. There is also a fleet of human operated drones that can follow suspects. When drones are actively tracking cars/crimes in progress, marked police vehicles stay away from the area. Then plain clothes police officers arrest suspects. There is no AI involved.
- Captain Newbeck answered several questions:
  - In case of a catastrophic fire, a Unified Command made up of all agencies would manage an evacuation. No live drill is planned, but they would do a table top drill.
  - The city does not want the National Guard in SF, but they've been instructed on how to respond.
  - In response to why captains move so much, he said it keeps them fresh.
  - Call 911 for emergencies such as crimes in progress. If you're unsure if it's an emergency, call 911. The operators will ask specific questions to determine the response. Call the non-emergency number, 415-553-0123 for cold incidents, suspicious persons or activities, loitering, etc.
  - Reasons for the reduction of crime in SF include a new DA who is not lenient, and the word is out about our new technology.
- To contact Captain Newbeck, call the Ingleside station directly and ask for the captain.

### **Brandon Tom, SFFD, Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT)**

- Mr. Tom has been with the SFFD for 27 years, has been trained as a paramedic and has worked at every station. He runs the NERT Train the Trainer program for firefighters.
- NERT was born from the 1989 earthquake when it was observed that neighbors were helping SFFD. Over 40,000 residents have been trained so far. We need to have 5% of our population, 40 - 50 K, trained and active.
- Disaster kits should include 1 gallon of water per day, per person, for 5 - 7 days. For a 4 person home, this would mean a minimum of 20 gallons for a family of 4.
- Water from the water heater should only be used if the water heater has been cleaned recently.
- SF has 313 firefighters working each day. For comparison, NYC has 20K per day. This means you need to be able to take care of yourself and then your neighbors in a disaster; help will not arrive for 5 - 7 days. Cell phones won't work, so if you have a landline, it's important to keep it.
- NERT Training Classes: There will be a class in January 2026 at St. Aiden's church in Diamond Heights. This is a 6 week course that includes 6 4-hour classes. For information see <https://sf-fire.org/nert> If you miss a class, you can make it up.

- Ready SF is offering a 90 minute class on October 23 at the West Portal Library, from 6-7:30 PM.

### **SF Public Works Street Tree Replacement Policy**

- **Shaun Aukland, SOMA Neighbor**
  - Public Works order 187246 from 2018 states that a street tree that has been removed cannot be replaced if the sidewalk is more narrow than 7.5 ft wide without special approval from the department. Shaun is requesting that DPW abandon the policy. Criteria for exceptions is not documented. He invited people to go to his website [FairTrees.org](http://FairTrees.org) for further information as well as his article in the Glen Park News.  
<https://www.glenparkassociation.org/trees-on-narrow-sidewalks/>
- **Chris Heredia, DPW Bureau of Urban Forestry, Public Information Officer**
  - The ADA requirement for sidewalk space in SF is 4 ft. The federal requirement is 3 ½ feet.
  - Public Works needs to evaluate sites before planting or replanting. They check for proximity of underground and overhead utilities and wires, as well as space for the tree roots. They want to plant trees where they will thrive. He said that requests for tree planting are rarely denied and PW wants to work with us. Recommended street trees for San Francisco can be found here <https://sfpublicworks.org/services/recommended-street-tree-and-plant-lists>.
  - Public Works is actively campaigning for Tree Ambassadors, especially in low canopy neighborhoods.