

## **Glen Park Association Board of Directors Meeting**

Minutes – May 12, 2011

Special Meeting – Review Recreation & Park Department Glen Canyon Park Trails Plans and Glen Park Recreation Center Improvement Plan

400 Sussex Street

Call to Order 700 pm

Present:

Michael Rice, President

Carolyn Deacy, Vice-President

Heather World, Recording Secretary

Sally Ross, Membership Secretary

Ashley Hathaway, Recreation & Park Committee Co-Chair

Lewis Lem, Transportation Chair

Quorum (Rice, Deacy, World, Ross).

President Rice opened the meeting. The agenda is to review Recreation & Park Department Glen Canyon Park Trails Plan and Glen Park Recreation Center Improvement Plan drafted since December 2010 and to formulate points for a letter of comment from the GPA board of directors.

The board reviewed the Trails Plan as of Workshop 3, posted after March 24, 2011:

1. The Trail Plan essentially takes most of the current trails and proposes basic improvements: grading, safety, repair of stairs and retaining walls. The plan includes signage features at main entry points.
2. The Trail Plan proposes an extension of the “Creekside Trail” from near the Turquoise Way steps up to Portola Drive, as part of a city-wide trail route to Twin Peaks.

The attendees reached consensus on the following:

1. The board supports the overall trails plan.
2. The board recognizes that residents in Diamond Heights and others have expressed concern that the proposed connector trail to Portola Drive would attract intruders near their homes. The board noted that Recreation & Park staff had presented information at the workshops that trail improvements, such as at Corona Heights, had apparently reduced unwanted persons by encouraging wider public use. Also, an alternative trail to O’Shaughnessy Boulevard would cross important natural habitat, and would provide a less desirable route to Twin Peaks.
3. The board supports the proposed Portola route, with the condition that the trail be aligned close to the SOTA property and limit proximity to homes fronting on Turquoise Way.
4. The board supports limiting bicycle access to this trail. It appears that the access from Portola may require steps, which would discourage bikes.
5. The board made secondary points, including removing or otherwise improving conditions around the “v-ditch,” and limiting use or closing some of the “social trails.”

The board reviewed the Park Improvement Plan as of Workshop 6, posted after May 5, 2011:

1. The Improvement Plan's key elements are to upgrade the existing Recreation Center Building; create a wide, inviting path from Elk Street; enlarge the playground by about 60%; move the tennis courts to the northeast; improve the playing fields with some enlargement; provide a three-space pull-in on Elk Street, and other trails and pedestrian improvements.
2. The May 5 workshop also presented proposed priorities for use of \$5.8 million available now, to upgrade Elk Street frontage, playground, tennis courts and entrance path, and initial repairs with new bathrooms at the Rec Center building.

The attendees reached consensus on the following:

1. The board finds the overall plan to be a good balance of upgrading the varied uses and facilities in an area constrained by topography, tree cover, and other natural qualities.
2. While there have been concerns expressed at workshops that the playground space should be further expanded, given the substantial enlargement now proposed, and the other features of the plan, the board concluded that the current playground plan was appropriate. It was noted that the actual structures and uses in the playground would be subject to detailed design, working with the community.
3. The board concurs with the proposed initial priorities for use of \$5.8 million available now, to upgrade Elk Street frontage, playground, tennis courts and entrance path, and initial repairs with new bathrooms at the Rec Center building.

President Rice will draft comment letter, and circulate for board for review, to submit to Recreation & Park Department.

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.