

Glen Park Association
Quarterly meeting
January 19, 2011
7pm, St. John's School, 925 Chenery Street

A. Committee reports

1. Canyon update

Richard Craib

Friends of Glen Canyon has purchased and transported wine barrels surrounding the recreation area. Volunteers filled them full of soil and plants. Also constructed eight barn-owl nest boxes, four of which are in the Canyon. Please don't use poisons to kill rodents because the owls eat the rodents and ingest the poison.

Activities coming up:

Flower walk in March

Nature and bug walk in April

Bird walk in May

Dates will be confirmed in the GP News.

Friends are creating a community garden at Duncan and Amber by the Police Academy. Kick off March 2 at 350 Amber St.

Canyon is undergoing \$900k trail work.

2. Public Safety

Carolyn Deacy

Crime has been down. The biggest problem has been car break-ins. Safety committee has put flyers on windshields around Glen Park. Next project is pedestrian safety. They will hand out notices around BART.

3. Planning and Zoning

Nicolas Dewar

Community plan has a big zoning component to it that doesn't get a lot of attention at community meetings. There will be two long meetings Feb. 19 and 26th from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at the library. Discussion will focus on three to five components, most likely including parking, density and commercial controls. Contact Nicolas to stay updated.

4. Treasurer's Report

Dennis Mullen (in absentia)

Jan through Dec 2010 financials are available. We're in the black by a couple of thousand dollars.

Tim Zraggen moves to approve this slate of officers. Brian Farmer seconds.

President: Michael Rice
VP: Carolyn Deacy
Treasurers: Dennis Mullen
Recording Secretary: Heather World
Corresponding secretary: Mic Ames
Membership secretary: Sally Ross

All in favor.

B. Scott Wiener

Honored to represent GP and other neighborhoods. Settling in at City Hall, meeting with people from different departments. Introduces Gillian Gillett, one of his two legislative aides. She will be the liaison with Glen Park. She is responsible for pedestrian improvements in the area and the Greening of Guerrero.

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H will be engaged in the GP Plan, addressing some of the zoning issues, meeting with MTA. Want to be engaged with what goes forward to ensure it benefits the community. Also wants to move forward with traffic improvements that can happen at Diamond and Bosworth easily. Also going to be involved with the work in Glen Canyon.

Also looking into city-wide issues: transportation, getting more cabs into the city, reform MUNI to get costs under control to improve service. Graffiti abatement: will be announced soon. He welcomes ideas (call or send an email) if you have an idea for legislation and ideas for the district.

Q&A

Q: How will the city know what the neighborhood thinks about traffic changes?

A: This is an MTA responsibility. We ask MTA to look at the intersection to suggest possibilities to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety. Then MTA will get back to Scott and he will let people know what those possibilities are and see what people think.

Q: Does the board having anything to do with MTA's decisions about parking revenue. How do we have input?

A: In a series of ballot measures voters made MTA a quasi-independent agency. There was good reason for that, especially in terms of protecting MUNI. DPT was put into MTA to make it a global transit agency. There were benefits but it means there's less direct political accountability. MTA Board of Dir sets policy. Board approves bigger things, like commissioner appointments, budget rejected, major decisions like eliminating lines and fare increases.

Q: How does funding get allocated for projects like some of the things in the GP plan that are transportation and traffic related?

A: Transportation-related projects move through MTA budget process. The County Transportation Authority (which in SF is the Board of Supervisors), grants come through Caltrans and the MTC, the regional transit agency.

Q: Is Diamond a high priority.

A: It's definitely on the radar screen.

Some of the changes there are smaller things and they are a little easier to move forward.

Ric Lopez, head of GPMA says merchants are getting comments about dangerous intersections. We are working with MTA regarding that issue. I think with everyone coming together and informing Scott, I think we can get something done there.

Q: Programming at Rec and Park is pathetic

A: All city departments are hurting, but rec and park might be hurting the most. They are very short of staff. The club houses are being rented out. We've been talking to folks about better ways rec and park can deal with programming issues.

Q: How far along are they implementing the bicycle plan and can they make changes?
Parking lost for dedicated bike lane under the freeway.

A: In terms of GP, his understanding is that it's already been fully implemented. Ric concurs that there has been no net loss of parking.

Q: Potholes in Diamond Heights Boulevard are getting pretty deep

A: Try reporting it to 311 and get a tracking number. If they're not being responsive, contact Gillian and we'll follow up. 311 is the magic number: potholes, mattress in street, branches on the ground.

Q: Guard rail on Diamond Heights Blvd. is about to give out. Fifty percent of the supports gone. He's called 311 repeatedly.

A: ??

Q: Chinatown subway a done deal? Waste of money.

A: Not a huge fan with that, but the horse is out of the barn. Making the best of a bad situation, he thinks the key is to make sure that as we build it so that we will be able to readily go back in with the boring machine and extend the tunnel north.

C. Capt. Cassanego

Gives crime stats.

More robberies with guns, about one-third. Don't use your cell phone or ipod until you are safely inside somewhere. Don't leave things in the car. If you own a Honda, Toyota or Nissan 10 years old or older use a club on it. The three Safeways in Ingleside precinct account for 20 percent of thefts. City College is another big hit.

D. Bevan Dufty

Had a good time toying with Daly on the last week. Happy to see the new board being collegial. He believes the new, more moderate board will be more open and pragmatic. Introduces Todd David, new legislative aide.

E. Leslie Reterry

We've been working with a group of neighbors on Milton Street to do something about the unfinished condos on Bosworth. Encore Housing has purchased the properties. They hope to start in February and have houses on Bosworth for sale by March. They will then tear down the Rousseau properties. When those homes are sold, they will resume construction on Rousseau, might take eight months.

F. Jana Clark, Deputy City Attorney with code enforcement (planning, building, other). Has lived in GP for 17 years. She covers Ingleside and Taraval precincts. Her team is called the Code Enforcement Residential Protection Team. Our job is to enforce municipal codes as well as state and federal if no one else steps in.

Typical complaints they deal with: unsafe and illegal construction, larger buildings that don't put in sprinklers, blighted properties, rogue nightclubs. They will get the proper agencies involved and stay on top of it. Sometimes that even involves connecting needy owners or tenants with available services.

They get complaints from residents and departments. Please call the hotline or the department. Or call 311, get a tracking number and give it to her if nothing happens.

G. Farmer's Market update

MR wants to issue a formal statement of report from the GPA. Has a suggested statement. Then would send this letter to BART, farmer's market folks

Tim Zraggen issues a motion to approve the letter of support.
Helaine Weinstein seconds.
All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.