

Glen Park Association meeting
July 13, 2011
7 p.m.
Sunnyside Conservatory

Police Capt. Dan Mahoney
Supervisor Scott Wiener
Supervisor Sean Elsbernd
Rec and Park Karen Mauney-Brodek
Alejandra Chiesa Project Manager, Parks for People
Jon Swae and John Billovits

Capt. Mahoney

When we have a change in top command, you're going to see changes at the lower level, district station commands. I know that can be frustrating. I was the other finalist for the chief's job, but losing out to Greg is fine. We rode in the same car in the early 1980s. We're both big on community policing.

Previously commander of office of chief of staff: ran legal division, division of professional standards, media relations, community relations. Worked risk management, administration, lieutenant of special investigations. Was a lieutenant here in Ingleside before going back downtown in 2001. Now, ten years later, I see a lot of the former officers still at Ingleside, which is a sign of a happy district.

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Challenges: an uptick in robberies, including near the Glen Park BART station. A lot of people leaving the BART station (Chenery and Thor seem to be hot spots right now), groups of people drive around targeting, apparently, lone people walking the streets, usually with an I-phone, I-pad, laptop. They're looking for headphones. Robbers are coming here in vehicles, but we're also focusing on major arteries up to Diamond Heights or out to Sunnydale. Be alert, and try to walk with someone. I've seen very few robberies if any where there were two victims.

Recently two more violent robberies: one on ?? street and one on Chenery. In both cases the victims resisted. In first, the woman was dragged into the street and had her shoulder dislocated. The man was pistol whipped. We know who the person is, he's on parole, we've contacted his parole officer. Second suspect is a juvenile. A witness to the first robbery gave a description of the car, so officers saw the car when responding to Chenery robbery.

We could not have made that case---could not have known that was the car---without that witness description.

Here's a tool that could thwart robbers: Mission robbery, phone taken but phone had the free GPS app (Mobile Me) that led police straight to the suspect. Arrested two suspects, all the property came back.

Uptick in locks being tampered with.

Targeted enforcement: increase in visible patrol starting with early day watch (some robberies at 8 a.m.), staggered hours for plainclothes crew. Every Wednesday have a team of eight, then fewer on other days. He's putting out decoys coming out of the BART train with I-pads, putting GPS devices in decoy (?) cars. We've accelerated that.

If you dial 911 on your cell phone it goes to CHP center in Vallejo
Call 553-8090 instead.

Q: What about Joost?

A: It's the profile of the victim more than the location: Walk briskly on lit streets, have nothing showing, you see an odd car, don't be afraid to call police or knock on a door.

Q: What about the guy with the assault rifle down by Safeway

A: I think he's in jail. He's been charged.

I have a daily report. I am putting up updates on staffing, alerts, tips on our website www.inglesidepolicestation.com

Capt. Mahoney will host a National Night Out celebration at the new bocce ball court (where?) Tuesday, Aug 2, 5:30 to 8 p.m. It will feature Mayor Lee, Chief Suhr, and the mayoral candidates.

Q: We've lost a lot of parking. We can't find a place in the street to park. We've gotten tickets in our driveways.

A: Look at citation: SFPD or DPT. SFPD officers aren't actually good at doing that well on parking tickets. We have a liaison with MTA to see what's going on. Maybe someone is complaining.

Q: What about people carrying pepper spray?

A: As long as it's legal. You have to have gone to a class and be certified.

Q: People are pilfering recyclables. But he's had Two big trash bags have disappeared. The next week, one had been opened and most of its contents spilled on sidewalk. Have you heard anything about identity thieves?

A: That's one of the ways they get their info, but I've heard very little about garbage theft.

Q: Is there still foot patrol in GP Village?

A: I have not seen one since I've been here. I know the last captain pulled the foot patrol off Courtland. Patrols are mostly on Leland, Mission streets. I am looking at the bicycle units.

D8 Supervisor Scott Wiener

Mahoney is an exceptional officer. City hall update:

I've been in regular contact with captain, but when these robberies happen please let me know and I'll be in touch with the station.

I was on the budget committee, we passed a balanced budget out of committee and we'll approve that next week.

\$600k had been proposed to be cut from DPW for street tree maintenance, and more of the responsibility for trees going to property owners. I was able to get half of the cut restored. We are very short on what we need to maintain street trees. RecPark also has this problem. In Duboce park, two large trees fell and a woman was killed by a falling branch in Stern Grove. I'm working to develop a sustainable funding stream for trees.

We were also able to add back a police academy class.

We have a charter amendment to reform the ballot measure system, which in my view is broken. This will be a small first step. Ballot measures can only be changed by new ballot measures at present.

I'm also coming up with regulations for commercial dog walkers using city parks. I am working with animal care and control, recpark and some of the dog walking organizations.

I have a monthly newsletter in which I give updates on what I'm doing it and what's going on in the district. Call or email us to get on the list.

Q: AT&T boxes. Why are you trying to stop it?

A: I'm not trying to stop it. 726 boxes were proposed. There are people who want the product and people with concerns about the utility boxes being graffiti magnets, etc. The Board had a hearing. At my request, we've postponed the vote several times b/c support at the board is tenuous for it. It is my belief that both times it came before the board, AT&T would have lost. That's why I've delayed it. By continuing it, we've allowed for an opportunity to work out a resolution where the technology comes to the city. Scheduled for a vote next Tuesday. Seems to me that we can work out a solution that everyone can live with. AT&T has been working hard to come up with solutions to put money toward streetscaping, etc.

Q: Why do we have to have all these different boxes—can't they be combined?

A: With cell phones, the FCC allowed different technologies and screwed up cell industry in this country. In terms of other types of utilities, we've very limited by the state as to what we can do.

Q: How are smart meters read?

A: It's Wifi technology, and there is a way to opt out.

A: Parking issue. Cars in driveway encroaching slightly into sidewalk are ticketed. This is ticketable under state law.

Supervisor Sean Elsbrnd

Two big things I've been spending calendar year on.

1. A Pension reform charter plan goes in front of board next week, then on the ballot in Nov. After six months of working together with the stakeholders, we have produced an agreement. He would be happy to talk about it at neighborhood group meetings, etc. The legislation is 265 pages long, and is very complicated.

2. Shepherding the redevelopment of Park Merced. Property has 3,200 units of housing now. Over next 20 to 25 years, plan is to demolish half and build 8,000 units. Right now there's no neighborhood-serving retail. Over next 20 years would evolve to look totally different. There would be better public transportation (M would circle in), and more affordable properties for ownership and rental. This change would create 35,000 jobs for construction, 2,500 permanent jobs when completed, and pump nearly \$2 billion into SF economy. General fund would see a net growth of \$30 million. If approved by board, it might go onto Nov ballot. If we're ever going to do anything about transit in SW corner, we need something like this.

To get city approvals, the developer needed to make concessions for transit changes. Owner of entire property has agreed to increase its own property tax and dedicate it to transit in the area, in perpetuity. Then the reassessment alone will generate tens of thousands annually for city general fund.

Q: The garden courts will be demolished. Not one of those tenants will be displaced until a new unit is built and ready to be occupied. Guaranteed same number of bedrooms, same rent, new amenities. It's not going to be fun to live in a construction zone of next 20 years. And if you've lived there for a long time, it's hard to leave your home, but I think we've addressed this as much as we can.

There will be new high rises but nothing taller than is there now. Most of the two-story become four- and six-story units.

A: Sole issue at board over Park Merced (board vote 6-5) was human element.

A: It ends up as a ballot measure b/c opponents got 18k signatures (need 14k)

Q: What's the difference between your plan and the Adachi plan for pension reform?

A: Board pension vs. Adachi's pension plan. Our measure is both pension and healthcare. His proposal only deals with pension. He says his measure saves more money. Ours is legal. We don't believe his will stand up to legal scrutiny. Ours has been signed off by city atty.

Email him: Sean.elsbernd@sfgov.org. He'll send you the chart he's done. As this campaign heats up, there will be plenty of comparison pieces.

GPA Business

Loss of firemen in June, fire on Berkeley Way. We lost Officers Vincent Perez and Anthony Valerio. Board very quickly set up a matching fund for donations. We said we would match up to \$500. We've raised over \$700 so far. Board took a further action to raise this match to \$1,000.

[Resolution to set up matching fund]
moved by Tim Zraggen (?)
seconded by Carolyn Deacy
All say aye.

Karen Mauney-Brodek (Rec & Parks) and Alejandra Chiesa (Trust for Public Land)

Glen Park Canyon Plan

Tried to focus the \$5.8 million allotted bond money on recreational facilities. At the same time, tried to plan for larger projects that will hopefully get funding in the future. We identified first set of improvements: new tennis court, doubled play area, new entrance, basic improvements to rec center, including ADA accessible restrooms that are available even when rec center was closed, minor improvements to gym foundation. Then about \$20 to \$30 million additional on rec center, ballfields that we'd like to fund over time. Might be able to find additional funding from PUC. Lots of information on RecPark website.

Also a trails improvement plan.

Next step: going to rec commission to accept "gift" of plans, then come back to community this fall and talk more details (Two slides or more? What kind of climbing structure? Etc.)

Q: You should document tree removal.

A: Eucalyptus will be going, Monterey Cypress aren't scheduled to go, but many have Canker and might need to be taken down. New, more appropriate trees (less drop-age than eucalyptus) would be planted.

September: comment on the community input will be available

Oct 20th: EIR certification and plan adoption will proceed. It involves hearings before planning commission, hearings by the Land Use Committee of Board of Supervisors, and a vote of full Board.

Ric Lopez, Glen Park Merchants Association

CUP is opening for business: 6 Monterey

A car ran into the Bernie Kelley building on the Bosworth side.

A tree fell on Chenery.

Eggettes: the franchise itself changed. Same owners, but now it's run by Rocket Swirl. They have added gelato, and taken out the eggettes.

Modern Past, Destination Bakery and Chenery Park Restaurant are celebrating 11 years of business.