

Glen Park Association
Quarterly Meeting
October 18, 2012
Glen Park Recreation Center

7pm Call to Order

Committee / Treasurer Reports

President Michael Rice suggests these be skipped to accommodate the topics on the agenda.

1. Supervisor Scott Wiener

Recap of recent legislation:

Purchase of MUNI hybrid diesels; improve permitting process for antique and vintage clothing stores; hosting meeting regarding DPW plan for street trees; Working to improve and increase access to car sharing, increase cabs, create incentives to create new student housing.

Comments on appeal to building permit for work in Glen Park Canyon. "I think that's highly unfortunate. I don't think the appeal is well founded."

Q&A

Q: Why are you considering a parcel tax to pay for street trees.

A: That option is better than laying responsibility on property owners, based on feedback he's received from prop owners.

Q: (Quasi cab) companies like Lift and Uber don't seem to be regulated.

A: Need more cabs, centralized dispatch. Meanwhile, Uber et al regulated by state, wants channels for them to become legal here. Uber is well run and could serve as a model for other companies who are providing much needed competition for the cab industry.

Q: Improvement project for Canyon

(Appeal) has the support of a lot of people here. There are 58 trees and 11 of those are some very significant eucalyptus trees, including an owl tree. "They are in the way of progress, they are in the way of tennis courts." People have made suggestions with tiny changes to footprint that could mean that those trees would not be destroyed. If RecPark considers suggestions, "I think that would go a long way to allay some of the concerns that have been expressed."

A: Next year broader debate about NAP. I'm not taking a position on NAP. These trees do not fall into that category. Project did go through a community process. Approved by RecPark Commission after public comment.

Q: How can we stop NAP?

A: You'll have multiple opportunities to stop it: First must be approved by RecPark Commission, then Planning Commission, then can be appealed to the Board of Supervisors.

Q: RecPark drawings were misleading. "To call this a community process that was endorsed by the community is not accurate."

Q: Tennis community was not given a chance to provide input at all. "We do not want those courts where Karen decided they were going to be." We opted for north of the rec center so it would face N/S. They are doing it E/W. Had they placed the courts behind rec center, then no trees would have been cut, would have illuminated the rec center, reducing graffiti. "There was never any consensus." RecPark told her there was email feedback.

Q: Will you return and discuss it with us

A: Yes.

Q: Flyer not inaccurate. This project does not call for the removal of 300. But it started at one number of trees to be removed, and it grew. There are other projects (trails, for example) with more trees slated for removal. (I think that's where the 300 comes from.) That number might also grow.

A: He made sure that the \$4m in trail money in the new bond can only be used in McClaren and GG Park so there couldn't be any argument that the trail money would be used elsewhere.

2. Captain Tim Falvey, SFPD Ingleside District

Introduces himself. He has added a community page on his web page, so if you have a mtg to announce, send it in. They can upload a PDF, too. Inglesidepolicestation.com

Offers tips to avoid becoming robbery victim: Be aware of surroundings on MUNI, esp when the bus comes to a stop, to avoid having electronics snatched. If you don't need it, don't bring it. If you're going to grocery store, don't bring Nordstrom card. Paying with credit card? Don't bring checkbook.

Police are working hard to catch Diamond Street vandal: two plainclothes officers on a one-week surveillance (perpetrator hits the next day) and two investigators from arson task force. Plus drive-bys.

Describes two robberies where perpetrators were successfully captured, thanks to good descriptions by victims.

Q: What to do about careless drivers at busy Bosworth and Diamond intersection.

A: Make eye contact with driver.

Q: Can someone do a DNA test on the feces?

A: Feces had been cleaned up and could not be taken in for evidence.

Q: What's the policy of the dept in terms of assignment of captains of Ingleside station. High turnover. It takes a while to know a neighborhood.

A: If you want me to stay, tell the chief you want me to stay. Captains are supposed to move at least every three years. Been a lot of transition in command staff in last three or four years with people coming in from out of town. That created some of the movement. Capt Mahoney promoted to Commander. I've got 13 years to go (in dept). I'll make a pitch to stay if Mahoney doesn't come back.

3. Planning Department and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency staff – Update on Traffic Improvements at Diamond and Bosworth Streets and other potential traffic changes. Work on Bosworth and Diamond calming expected to start summer 2013.

4. Department of Public Works and San Francisco Public Utilities Commission staff - Bosworth Street corridor vegetation conditions and the potential creation of the link between downtown Glen Park and Glen Canyon Park called for in the Glen Park Community Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.