

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

January 13, 2016  
7-9 PM  
400 Sussex

### **In attendance:**

Michael Rice, President  
Nicholas Dewar, Vice President  
Hilary Schiraldi, Public Safety Co-Chair  
Sally Ross, Membership Secretary  
Bruce Bonacker, Planning and Zoning Co-Chair  
Heather World, Communications Co-Chair  
Scott Stawicki, Transportation Co-Chair  
Carolyn Deacy, Public Safety & Program Chair  
Stephany Wilkes, Health & Environment Chair  
John Walmsley (at 7:15 PM)  
Dennis Mullen (at 8:48 PM; quorum of officers established)

### **7:09 PM - Called to order (No quorum)**

Michael Rice proposed two board resolutions:

- 1) To move ahead with the Glen Park Greenway Concept Plan as a resolution of the GPA Board, to bring to the GPA membership at the January quarterly neighborhood meeting;
  - 2) A letter to SFMTA from the GPA membership should present a Board recommendation saying that GPA would like to defer any physical actions for the pilot project at Dolores (i.e. resurfacing and other changes at Dolores that have not been communicated to community) until four conditions are met, as stated on second page of tonight's agenda.
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## **Committee Reports**

### **Zoning and Planning**

- Bruce Bonacker met with project sponsor (an architect) for the "Garden Club site" (small parcel on Diamond St.) not as a GPA representative. Bonacker did so because the architect's presentation to the neighborhood was poor: 40-50 people attended the neighborhood meeting on the project; architect did not understand his project would be a controversial issue.
- Bonacker reported a productive conversation in terms of neighborhood communication, etc. The project architect has not followed up with Bruce's communication suggestions. No drawings for the project site are available yet. Plans have not been officially submitted to Planning but the project sponsors have had their pre-application meeting with Planning, so plans are promised but not shared yet.

- Schiraldi raised a different topic, which is chatter on NextDoor.com regarding a proposed project for Addison St. The Diamond View Association wants to build community room at Digby and Everson, by the fire house. This is a source of neighborhood controversy. All of Addison, Digby, and Everson are within Glen Park boundaries: <https://glenparknews.files.wordpress.com/2016/01/gp-boundaries.jpg>
- [ACTION] Bonacker will look into getting in touch with the Diamond View and Glen Ridge associations. Stawicki suggested Betsy Eddy.

### **Transportation Committee**

Stawicki provided the following updates:

- On Diamond and Bosworth, regarding the cut back of the bulb out on the northeast corner: Rice and Stawicki are pushing for updates on when work will resume. SFMTA said "In the new year, weather permitting." Scott asked what that meant; SFMTA said "2-3 days of dry days."
- Transportation Committee met in December 2015 to go over San Jose Ave. issues. After that meeting, the Transportation Committee sent a letter to SFMTA with questions and concerns and have been waiting for response. The received a draft from SFMTA 10 minutes before tonight's meeting; initial skim shows "Not much information." Questions from Transportation Committee still unresolved.
- On the Elk St. crosswalk at Bosworth: Stawicki spoke with Ames on phone over holidays and he expressed interest in working with Shauna (GPA member) who brought up crossings at Elk & Bosworth at the last quarterly GPA membership meeting. Ames may recruit Shauna. Rest of Transportation Committee has not touched on Bosworth and Elk.
- No update on Elk and Sussex crosswalk.
- Rice mentioned signal work at Arlington and Lyell. Andres Power said they are trying to get SFMTA to find money for the signal work. Stawicki added Transportation Committee has been prodding Wiener's office and response from Power was "No updates."
- Biggest topic for Transportation Committee is what's going on at Mission and Randall and the end of San Jose Ave.
- Schiraldi noted BART escalator supposed to be fixed on Friday, having spokes with mechanic who said "It'll last for 40 years!"

### **Recreation and Park**

- No representative (Ashley Hathaway) present to provide update.
- Rice: Karen Mauney Brodek sent out a Rec Center update. Miriam Moss wants more picnic tables.

**7:34 PM - Committee Reports End**

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### **Program for 2016-01-21 GPA Quarterly Membership Meeting**

- Rice suggested recording our agenda so Ross, World, and Wilkes can post to all media. Agenda is: GPA Board election, grants program announcement, Greenway update and vote, and Scott Wiener coming later (at approximately 8:15 PM, per Deacy).

- Location important: It's at the Police Academy. Need to circulate specific directions.
- Agenda should note election of officers is by active members only (paid, can renew at meeting).
- We need nomination forms and ballots, and sign-in sheet.
- Need quorum of 10% of active membership for officers' election.
- Deacy usually distributes flyers the weekend before the meeting; Wilkes and Stawicki will do instead.
- For elections, Rice likes to turn chair over to someone who's not a candidate; Ross to take chair for election. Schiraldi will take membership while Ross chairs.

**7:43 PM - Quarterly meeting agenda agreed.**

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## Additional Items Not on Agenda

### **Public Safety meeting tomorrow**

- Deacy: Scott Wiener is holding a District 8 public safety meeting on two days' notice (tomorrow night). Stawicki will attend and attempt to take notes. Can't commit to be there at 6 PM. Meeting is in Noe Valley at St. Philip's. Wilkes to post on social media.
- Regular SFPC community meeting at Ingleside this month is on the third Wed. (not the usual Tues.) at Noe Valley Rec Center. Deacy cannot attend.

### **Health and Environment**

- Wilkes noted request for this committee to provide input on Stern Grove coyote situation, out of district.
- GPA has no policy on coyotes.

### **Grants Committee**

- Dewar noted that in 2016 we're doing one grant cycle (as agreed at previous Board meeting). We'll use guidelines and form approved in 2014.
- Grant application schedule proposed is as follows: Aim to disburse grant funds by end of May. Deadline will be March 31, 2016 for applications. First crack in committee will be at the 4/13/16 meeting. Committee will reach a decision on selection at the 5/11/16 meeting.
- Dewar would like to announce this schedule at the 1/21 neighborhood meeting. Do we need a board decision about this or can committee just say this is what we'd like to do?
- Rice: We don't have quorum tonight but asks for show of hands for sense of board and officers to go ahead. (Rice does; all aye). Consensus of all present is to proceed.
- Regarding Glen Park grant program promotion, will do following: Next edition of GP News comes out in March, too late for the application deadline, so all outreach will be website, Facebook, NextDoor, etc.

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**7:52 PM - Action Items Begin**

Rice: Reiterates no quorum to take formal actions as a Board. Instead, we'll go through action items and note decisions as consensus, for a sense of the board members present. Will not call it an "approved resolution" but we have to move forward.

## Action Items

### **ACTION #1: Glen Park Greenway**

- Since last board meeting, we mentioned push-back from residents on Paradise Ave. about upper path along Bosworth.
- Greenway Committee had a meeting for residents of Paradise Ave. only, on 1/6 at GP Library. Very good turnout, high proportion of residents.
- Very "high energy" meeting. They did not want anything to do with Greenway; want nothing anywhere near their houses: no path in back, no trees on the Paradise street side.
- As a result, proposal to GPA membership on 1/21 will be most basic Greenway plan. Everything after Burnside and Paradise stuff will be lite ("signage and wayfinding TBD").
  - Bonacker recommends that the TBD note start with "any," as in "Any signage..." so as to assuage concerns that it's not already real.
- Dewar: He and Adam will meet with Maria Hekker who lives at the top of Chilton Ave. tomorrow evening. Hekker is concerned about upper path in that section and privacy, as a viewing platform proposed, up above the level of her living room windows 100-200 feet away. Hope to get agreement to get her vote on concept plan and move on to design phase. Bonacker suggests linking the overlook with writing — "Overlook with visual screening," or "Openings in rear of house will be screened if this thing is built."
- Rice: In terms of preparation, we'll have new boards. Need a summary handout. [ACTION]: Wilkes to prepare narrative about how we got here.
- [ACTION]: Communicate to Paradise Ave. residents in advance of meeting. Should be a letter like "Thanks for coming and participating, on Jan. 6, having listened to you, you'll find updated drawings show no upper path at all (removed) and trees on Paradise removed also. Give link to new stuff. Invite them to the meeting on 1/21."
  - Wilkes to draft letter tomorrow and distribute in next day or two.
- 8:16 PM: Board show of hands that draft Greenway concept plan is ready to be brought to membership achieves 100% consensus.

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### **Action #2: Transportation Committee Recommendation on San Jose Ave./Mission/Randall**

- Proposed action is on second page of agenda. Want to reduce San Jose Ave. speed to 40 mph and keep exit to a merge (as it is now) and make it 35 mph.
- Committee felt San Jose pilot was a failure (this is in the letter): It has created off-ramp problems (created a blind merge), was not coordinated with other Mission/Randall concrete work on Dolores St.
  - This latter work has not been mentioned for 10 years but is an already scheduled part of their work order. Concern is that contract has been issued and work order starts in Feb. 2016 with no public notification.

- Transportation Committee is not trying to stop the pilot or ask the GPA Board to stop it, as it still supports basic principles. But, MTA needs to come up with better, more cohesive plan to tie plans together and work with CalTrans to figure out how the off ramp is going to work.
  - San Jose Pilot included speed timing and look at flow. They did radar study over the course of the holiday. Speed went back UP to 51 mph. Pilot totally failed except for two things: 1) It reduced traffic flow by constricting the off ramp and 2) They've made it more bike friendly (but we have no knowledge of how bike friendliness was measured).
- Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for next week to get SFMTA to tell community what they're doing.
- Transportation Committee wants to send SFMTA an official position. "We do not see the merit of moving forward, you've created a hazard and have not met your goals."
- SFMTA meeting is next Tuesday. GPA will get location and dates, state position, and circulate on Facebook. Otherwise this all starts happening in February.
- Bonacker: Edits to letter: first sentence of resolution is incomplete. Bruce added phrases to motion for clarity.
  - Bonacker impression (only his own): College Hill people want something done ASAP. It sounds like it's "almost anything, just have something done." Wiener is leaving office soon and he wants something done soon. Our request to have this delayed will meet some resistance. Must be clear we are not opposed to proposals, but that homework has not been done to make it right; "Do this project, but do it RIGHT." Wiener's sense of civic responsibility goes at least that far.
  - Stawicki: We can use fiasco at Diamond & Bosworth to say "Just listen to us, get input so this does not happen again." Change order can be done to contract/work order.
- Schiraldi: Two comments and a question: Letter is very reasonable. The GP community plan said San Jose was supposed to be evaluated by 2017 and it has not: Is that something we should ask for?
  - Dewar: If MTA does what we ask does it go back to two lanes?
  - Bonacker: That is one possible outcome but not required.
  - Stawicki: Regarding the off-ramp, MTA is proposing to CalTrans to change off ramp from two lanes to one, but they have not reached agreement. CalTrans does not want to do that because of freeway back-up, which MTA does not care about. It's obvious MTA will continue without concrete plans from CalTrans.
  - Stawicki assigned himself personal action to write to CalTrans.
- Rice: The message (with refinements) should get out. We cannot do a resolution of board endorsing this (no quorum). We'll come up with wording that the following requests were discussed at 1/13/16 GPA BoD meeting and we're sending you this message. Convey the recommendation from the Transportation Committee; "We discussed the plans and we are sending this letter." It's a letter from the board, we're not saying it was voted on, but it's from the board.
  - Stawicki: Who should it be sent to?
  - Rice: Ed Riskin, Damon, Wiener, City Planning Dept., CalTrans, the Mayor's Office -- Gillian Gillette, College Hill, Upper Noe Neighbors, and multiple recipients at SFMTA.
  - Stawicki: Requests permission to have meeting on Tuesday to review all of this from the board, make edits, and hold letter until after the

- community meeting on Tues (because CalTrans and community groups will be there). The Transportation Committee would meet within a week of the Tuesday community meeting before issuing a letter. In Feb., it's meaningless; too late.
- Rice: Yes, reach out to College Hill first. Yes, wait until after community meeting Tuesday. Rice's signature.
    - Bonacker: Given that a contract is supposed to start in Feb., Stawicki should call Damon or Lewis to forewarn them that we are going to ask for a delay to the contract.
    - Stawicki: Will do that.
  - Wilkes: Publicize the Tuesday community meeting, at Glen Park Elementary. Will be formal, moderated Q&A by Stawicki.
  - 8:43 PM: 100% consensus regarding all of the above.
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*Agenda Item #8 -- already done.*

**Agenda Item #9 from Rice - Getting quarterly minutes out**

- Make sure GP News sends a reporter to every quarterly meeting.
- Wilkes or delegate will take notes at every quarterly meeting.

*8:45 PM*

**Agenda Item #10 - Wrap up and meeting eval**

- Deacy: Propose we make World communication secretary. Send Ames an email.
  - Bonacker: If we decide to put World forward as corresponding secretary, Rice should speak with Ames.
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*8:48 PM: Mullen arrives — quorum established*

Rice: Board will now take resolutions.

**Resolution #1: Minutes from Oct., Nov., and Dec. 2015 not approved by board**

- Carolyn has two teeny recommendations: an address correction (house number) and, on 12/9, correction to her title.
- Dewar has tiny ones: Oct. misspelling of Tania's name. On last page of Dec. talks about membership secretary sends out quarterly agendas — does not say if there was agreement. Was there agreement?
  - Rice: It was not an action, it was discussed.
- Rice: Is there a motion to approve minutes of three months of meetings as corrected?
  - Walmsley moved and Deacy seconded.
  - 100% consensus - All aye.

**Resolution #2: Greenway concept plan as amended based on community input from Paradise Ave. to be brought to membership**

- Rice: Is there a motion to bring Greenway Concept Plan of 1/12/16 to membership meeting?
- Dewar moved and Ross seconded.
- 100% consensus - All aye.

**Resolution #3: Letter to MTA**

- Rice: Consensus of board is refine questions after next week, but we're ready to say that the Transportation Committee reported to the GPA board and the board agreed to move ahead with letter.
- Rice: Will entertain a motion request MTA defer permanent changes until the stated conditions are met, and the letter will be later developed. Is there a motion to approve recommendations for communication to MTA?
  - Walmsley moved and World seconded.
  - 100% consensus - All aye.

*8:57 PM -- Resolutions concluded*

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Mullen: Suggests that for monthly board meetings only, he report Bank of America cash only. Reports \$16,274.48 cash balance.

#### **Miscellaneous Items**

- Rice: Schiraldi will stand for Member Secretary. Wilkes will stand for Recording Secretary. Stawicki will stand for Vice President and Rice will stand for President for one more year.
- Deacy and Rice should develop statement about Greenway funds.
- Stawicki: Does he have permission to mention the 1/19/16 meeting on flyer for quarterly 1/21/16 meeting?
  - Deacy: Yes, put both on flyer.

*9:02 PM - Meeting Adjourned*