

Glen Park Association Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2016
7-9 PM
208 Chenery St.

In attendance:

Scott Stawicki, Vice President
Nicholas Dewar
Hilary Schiraldi, Membership Secretary
Heather World, Communications Co-Chair
Mic Ames, Communications Co-Chair (*arrives 7:24 PM, establishes quorum*)
Tania Treis
Ashley Hathaway
Stephany Wilkes, Recording Secretary and Health & Environment Chair

7:06 PM - Meeting called to order

Committee Reports

Transportation Committee Update

- Update on MTA Letter Resolution from January meeting
- Stawicki: Summarized Jan. 8 SFMTA meeting on topic of Dolores, Mission, Randall. CalTrans attended. Meeting was open-house format with formal Q&A. Included remarks by SFMTA and CalTrans. Transportation Committee met five days later and agreed next steps:
 - Changes to formal letter regarding lane changes proposed to off ramp. Transportation Committee will come back to Board (next month) when there is quorum so we can vote on letter so it can be finalized and sent.
 - Also decided other actions: Getting in touch with Wiener's office. Stawicki has a meeting at Wiener's office Friday afternoon with Power, to help guide committee on how to handle situation now that the data is out about the project.
 - World may attend - meeting is at 11 AM. Transportation Committee wants to hear from Supe's office since it was instrumental in initiating San Jose Ave. project.
 - Lots of social media and online chatter this week on San Jose Ave. opposition.
- Stawicki: Also received updates from Bosworth and Diamond that they would *start* finishing touches on Feb. 8. Traffic calming application for Elk St. accepted. Email said wait until mid February; don't bother them for six weeks.
- Stawicki: We should be reaching out to other neighborhood groups on these issues and/or to sit at our Board meetings. Like the Fairmont group. There is also a Beacon St. neighborhood group vocal on transportation issues due to speeding.
- Stawicki: Something will be coming to GPA from Upper Noe Neighbors. At March 9 meeting, they are thinking of having moderated panel of former and current

presidents from other neighborhood associations and groups. GPA should propose some ambassadors.

- It's March 9 and we have our GPA meeting that night.
- Stawicki: One more Transportation Committee point. All the MTA projects are off schedule, which buys the Transportation Committee time. One outstanding item is prodding SFMTA for updates to timelines (since they are all wrong now), and to have had a quarterly meeting with MTA by end of January, and we want reps from Dolores and Mission-Randall projects there too, to speak about it all as cohesive and *not* just San Jose.
 - Dewar: This will likely change the letter. May change it more after meeting.
 - Stawicki: Letter is in place. Want to strengthen it after these meetings, especially as regards the San Jose/280 intersection.
 - Dewar: You can probably move it faster. We have general approval from meeting last month. Could send draft to quorum of officers to approve changes to draft. And then just send it.
 - Stawicki: Great idea.
- World: They're going to put in a crosswalk with a light right after San Jose and Randall intersection (i.e. northbound San Jose at Brook — other half of the Dolores light at San Jose near Randall).
- Stawicki: SFMTA and CalTrans are not working very closely together and are not aligned. MTA wants one lane, CalTrans wants two.
- Schiraldi: What was accomplished at Diamond and Bosworth? Nobody knows. We've gained nothing. No median to stop at now. Didn't think they could make it worse but they did.
- Stawicki: Shuttles forced out by city. New city rule that shuttles cannot use arterial streets. Scott now drives to work. Way to go SFMTA.

7:24 PM Ames arrives -- quorum established

Recreation and Park Update

- Hathaway spoke with Karen Mauney Brodek today on the Rec Center improvements. Not much difference in information. Did say work on exterior has not started. They have done interior work on structural stuff. Found critters. No major setbacks or major unexpected things found. Stairs that lead into tennis courts will be closed for next few weeks. Part of hauling stuff in and out. The path — the wide walkway from tennis courts, above them — will be closed one day, on one of the next 10 days, as path will be blocked off with equipment.
- Hathaway still working on Sussex St. steps. Does not have enough information to update, but knows they will be dealt with and done within the time frame of the Rec Center project (which is Spring 2017).
- 35 trees being replanted around new building, and one is being taken out because it is diseased.
- Stawicki: Last replanting, they planted bunch of trees, hired a contractor to monitor health and replace any that have died *within two years*. What is the plan with drought stressed trees?
 - Wilkes: Has three outstanding emails to Karen on this subject. Follow up again. CC: Hathaway.
- Stawicki: Does anyone care about work going on at Penny Lane? It is being torn up due to sewer line break that washed out all the steps. PG&E coming in to replace it and GPA provided grant money to Adam. Stawicki and others removed

paving stones to make way for the project. There was some raw sewage. People who live proximal to easement not happy. They're going to rip out Sussex to Surrey section — it's planted and terraced. Sad. Will be a long time healing. Adam King had a work party to salvage as many plants and building materials as possible, bricks and stones.

Zoning and Planning Update

- Treis: Not much to report. Hope to have Feb. meeting.
- Wilkes: 11 and 13 Hilitas update. Bonacker, Ross, and Wilkes attended neighborhood 311 at 11 Hilitas with project sponsor and architect, with several neighbors. Neighbors generally in favor, some strongly, no objections to plans described. Timeline goal is August 2016 for tear-down through August 2017 for completion, but this is optimistic unless Health Department condemns the property and allows emergency tear-down.
- Stawicki: Chatter online about a new rec/community center near the fire house. Unclear whose turf this is. Stawicki followed up with Betsy Eddy, got a reply, which he sent to Rice and Bonacker. Diamond Heights Association is staying out of it, they see no reason to get involved. Eddy is very supportive of the project.
 - What's more interesting to Transportation Committee is that the location proposed was Plan B. Plan A was on Addison and Diggby, opposite the fire house and NOT up the hill with the cantilever design. Seem think A site would not get through the Planning. Why did they think they could not get through Planning with Plan A? There is a woman who is "the power broker of Farnum St." and she lives across from Eddy and near the Plan A site, and HER back yard would be Plan A. Eddy provided Stawicki with contacts of people in charge of this Diamond View project.
 - Ames: We should be aware of power brokers.
 - Treis: What do we want to do here? On what level do we want to be involved in this?
 - Stawicki: It's to our benefit to understand if Diamond View, which is part of Glen Park, has a position and if so what it is. Because they made a public statement about this A/B site and we don't understand it. That's the first thing. Then we can make a strategic decision on what we want to do next.

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Grants Committee Update

- Dewar: Grants committee hasn't done anything and we need to. We need clear announcements in various channels.
 - Wilkes will write post, put on Facebook, send to Heather. Deadline is March 31.
 - Flyer at the library and coffee shops.

Greenway Committee Update

- Dewar: We will meet as a committee in February for prioritization of next steps. In terms of approach now, don't do much by ourselves. At next meeting will engage at least with the core group — the outreach committee — and arrange a meeting. We'll also discuss how to approach and notify city agencies.

- Treis: The PUC one is the watershed steward thing if you can show you are reducing sewage flow - \$200k. Deadline too near and this is the most complicated segment.
- Dewar: Should we get landscape architect as a consultant in the room to tell us how long something should take and how to divide into projects?
- Stawicki: Who are you aligning with?
- Dewar: DPW owns most of the Greenway. DPW designates suitable property (such as the Greenway) as Street Parks and depends on SF Parks Alliance to administer its Street Parks program. Parks Alliance is holding \$9k of ours until we decide what to do with it.
- Schiraldi: Does current plan include daylighting?
- Dewar: No, no, no -- this was off the table nearly a year ago.
- Dewar: Next steps are to reach out to core neighbors and to city agencies by end of February 2016.
- Treis: property owners will want to know procedure from here. DPW is probably better bet, but PUC has the money.
- Dewar: Expect we'll work in different phases.
- Treis: Planning will have to approve whole thing; won't do it in segments. We need to decide if we want this to get implemented through DPW or PUC. One will take lead, one will be co-operating.
- Dewar: Table for Greenway Committee meeting. We'll have much more of an update for March. ACTION: Dewar to send meeting agreement to find times that work

Location for April Quarterly Meeting

- Wilkes: Police Academy is free and easily available and there is parking
- Dewar: St. John or that
- ACTION: Ames will get St. John by end of Feb.
- AGREED: Meeting date set to April 21. Get this to GP News.

Quarterly Meeting Agenda to include:

- Greenway updates
- Transportation updates
- Parks and Rec — invite Karen or someone
- Reach out to Upper Noe neighbors? To attend or to speak?
- ACTION: Schiraldi to invite Rick from Merchants Association to ask about all the empty storefronts and a status on those, and the laundromat.
- Could ask SFPD to bring in favorite GP police stories from this quarter. Who will pick a topic and ask them to come and talk about it?
 - Wilkes: We could invite our beat cops — there are three of them.
 - Treis: Could ask police to explain Citizen's Arrest. Treis's husband caught mail thief and did citizen's arrest.

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Communication Discussion: Proposed communication plan for GPA online channels and protocols (document sent in advance)

- Rice emailed agenda.
- Ames: Reads through and reviews Comms Plan.

- Wilkes: Usually have one person, and a copy guide.
- Hathaway: The blog has a bunch of stuff. Murray, Elizabeth, a sunset photo (that's more of a Twitter/FB/Instagram thing). Filler items.
- Ames: Long form goes on the blog. Most of these are much longer than the BB, which is short form. Twitter is the link platform — not much to do with content. (We are probably not doing much with related content).
- Ames: Is doing short form half page announcements.
- World: Ames posted something about the city is changing how it does ER review.
- Wilkes: Can use cross posting tools, IFTTT and Hootsuite, etc.
- Stawicki: What is your bigger vision for what you're trying to do? What is the bigger strategy? What are you trying to do here? What is the target audience?
- Ames: Three goals so far: Disseminate public agency information. Up to the minute closures and information. Engagement.
- Stawicki: Let's not compete with NextDoor and Facebook for engagement; they've got a lockdown on that. We are an information portal — use their tech for our dissemination.
- Ames: But you have to throw a bone if you want people to engage.
- Hathaway: We have no moderation or community engagement.
- Stawicki: We can do this later, but for now, we are a portal — synthesize community information; what do we want to do with this. Then bring it to a Board vote. City facts and announcements. This is now homework and we need a bigger strategy. Board decision should be about strategy and not about tactics, which is what's in this communications plan.
 - ACTION: Stawicki will send to Michael

9:05 PM -- Meeting Adjourned