

GPA Minutes 2016-07-12

Attendees:

Bruce Bonacker
Hilary Schiraldi
Carolyn Deacy
Stephany Wilkes
Nicholas Dewar
Heather World
Scott Stawicki
Michael Rice
Tania Treis (7:25 PM)
Mic Ames (7:25 PM)
Dennis Mullen (7:39 PM)
Quorum established at 7:09 call to order

Agenda:

Take up Bonacker suggestion we take up June minutes next time. For July.

Treasurer's Report

- Mullen sent current report by email in June. Everything is fine.
 - *Mullen passes copies of financial statements: income statements, balance sheets.*
- Rice suggested finance meeting with President, VP, Secretary, and Mullen. With respect to Treasurer's Report, asked Mullen to suggest available times, for more detailed update and status.

Committee Reports: 7:15 PM

Zoning and Planning Committee

- No report now; Treis coming later.

Transportation Committee

- Met on June 26, 2016: Guest member Sarah who lives on Miguel; Judy Einzig joined committee at this meeting; Bonacker.
- At meeting, reviewed DPW and MTA meeting, which was attended by Ross, World, Stawicki and Lopez (the Friday AM).
 - Sarah gave update on commuter buses going/not going up Miguel — but also Muni buses and tour buses getting caught up. It was a general situation bus complaint. Bonacker asked for thoughts to go in formal letter and offered to put her in touch with Sean Kennedy and facilitate meeting with neighbors.
 - Stawicki will follow up.
- Discussed Kern Alley at meeting, in regards to why Kern Alley should be one way (Glen Park Merchants Association and GPA are in favor of the one way). Would have been great to get Rick Lopez's copy of the GPA Merchant's Association letter so GPA could be in alignment.
- Also reached out to Supervisor Wiener's office to get clarification on:

- Parking changes at Moffet and Diamond Sts. These changes (i.e. on Moffet between Diamond and Farnum; putting in of red zones) will not be happening. One resident proposed changes and two showed up and opposed. So, nothing is happening save a new Stop sign and new STOP paint on the street.
 - Stawicki requested crosswalk on top of this; will not happen because MTA crosswalk requires ADA.
- Transportation Committee has been formally invited to go to a meeting at which the third party (which Gillian Gillette requested) will be presenting the NEW study data on San Jose Ave. The meeting will be held the week of July 25, 2016.
 - World and Schiraldi will attend.
 - Early reports are that third party contracted for study found same thing as CalTrans study.
 - Action item: Work with CalTrans to obtain and link to or publish study.
- The Bosworth and Diamond light is active and on. There is a timing difference for pedestrian time to walk.
 - Schiraldi: No cars can turn right when pedestrians are walking, so they are now doing U-Turns on Bosworth, essentially.
- Wilkes: 0-100 block Residential Parking Permit (RPP) of Arbor St. not moving forward due to MTA re-sample not reaching 80% (was 71%), which is minimum required for RPP.
- Bosworth and Lyell and/or Arlington signals:
- Planters were discussed but are not part of Transportation Committee. Also elsewhere on tonight's agenda.
- Supervisor's office did clarify on commuter bus position: Wiener is against the hub system. New pilot study is with Glen Park as a "hub." We would like to hear a consistent and timely communication from MTA on these changes before and as they happen. Very confusing to commuters, the neighborhood, and the Supe's office.
- Treis: Is there an opportunity to formally comment on this hub pilot?
- Rice: The Board at some point may want to have a formal position on this.
- Dewar: Pilot report may be out in time for Sept. meeting.
- World: Isn't MTA also required to report on impact of shuttles using non-arterials? Where is that?

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Recreation & Park

- Rice and Hathaway on Rec Center transition, having met with Karen, who is transitioning to a new role in Boston, out of Rec & Park. Met Karen's replacement, and then another woman, Carol Sinkosia, Park Service Mgr. for Area 5.
- Rec Center work is on schedule to be completed by spring 2017.
- The playground is closed for a week for remedial work (drainage of planters).
- Discussed Sussex St. crossing briefly (also on quarterly neighborhood meeting agenda). New stairs for this spot are under design at DPW. Will be ready to rebuilt after summer season.
- Dog walking on fields is supposed to enforced. More signage that this is NOT an off-leash area for dogs; formal signs; allegedly coming to this effect, for ball fields. Plan is to have personnel throughout the park system policing rules like off-leash dog ones.

- Miriam Moss emailed Rice concerns about the park (sent to Karen, copied Rice); people opening the gate and the playground being used by school groups including, older kids. Other playgrounds have signage on who gets use priority. Rec & Park agreed, but the signs already say which age group the equipment is designed for.
- Mime Troupe performance is next month. GPA will promote.

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Discussion Items

Greenway

- Rice: Moving slowly but ready with next steps; Dewar to summarize after today's conversation with Roderick.
- Before we can go into next planning phase (schematic design), we need quite a lot of expensive surveys. Dewar would like to get go ahead to move forward on this with SDI. Also wants agreement on a simplified, accelerated plan to get going, while all this other planning is going on.
 - SDI can do scope of work and will not charge for it. There is an AIA pro forma we need to fill out. We can move ahead to get scope of work from SDI (scope of work for survey prep, so that we know surveys — when they are done — will be sufficient for SDI to proceed).
 - These surveys cost a LOT.
 - Take scope of work from SDI to Parks Alliance to do RFP to get surveyor bids.
 - Does anyone object to getting in touch with SDI to do the SOW? It's a real contribution from SDI to write this SOW for free. Big deal.
- Jim (GPA member) wants to help with fundraising for additional Greenway needs.
- Bonacker: Remember we have multiple city landowners. We want to ensure they cooperate and don't argue with each other. Ensure all city agencies and departments are comfortable with all documents. Ask Parks Alliance that their RFP meet this requirement (it must include what each of the city agencies would need).
- Treis: SF has community benefits program. If you win a city contract over \$100k (which is most of them), you have to commit to doing something as a public service. We should take a look through these and see if we can be a recipient to get this work from consultants who have these contracts and are REQUIRED to do this work. Tania will contact Dewar and follow up; ask for firms that have requirements; and ask if Greenway project would qualify.
- Wilkes update on progress of clean-up. Went well; well attended.
 - Invite Supe to next one!
 - Action: Will obtain goat grazing quote and city permission.
- Near-term, interim work we can do:
 - Accelerate arborist
 - Get a planting plan in place. Suggest simplified tree survey and arborist report. We can start with a single swath; lots of wiggle room for where path may be.
 - Rice: Agrees with action AND planning. But we need a little more planning before we can propose an interim.
 - Dewar: Yes we need a tree and arborist survey, then a planting plan (which may come from SDI; they did boards for this).

- Rice: Hears consensus from board we should proceed as Dewar has recommended.

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Diamond and Bosworth Maintenance Agreement

- Recap of the Friday meeting with three other groups: Rick Lopez representing GP Merchants Association; SFMTA; and DPW.
- Prior to meeting we (GPA) did not sign a maintenance agreement with DPW. We asked for alternatives and planned to LISTEN at the meeting. DPW came unprepared to discuss any other plan; essentially said “We have nothing else and can take this (the planter boxes and benches) away.”
- Stawicki tossed out ideas at the meeting, around the table.
- Lopez optimistically offered financial resources and suggested going to BART and bank property owners for money.
- Stawicki: In sum, we all disagree with DPW proposal; everyone will go back and do edits and rewrites; DPW return with a more fitting document for GPA and Merchants. That’s where meeting was left.
- Discussed idea of community sponsors (sponsor a box; elementary school).
 - DPW: Nothing can have any type of name or logo. No signs.
- There were a few action items for DPW.
- Stawicki: DPW street crew that already circulates — with a SCHEDULE — should do this. They’re already doing what they are asking us to do. DPW says this work is out of scope — planters and benches.
 - WHY is it out of scope? We do not know.
 - GPA should push back and get real details on why the DPW street crew cannot do this work when they are IN GP 4 days a week, already.
- Rice: Next steps? We should draft and propose an agreement we (GPA) are good with.
- Stawicki: Suggests we meet with Supe and say we’d like to approach corporations to help us pay for the planters.
- Treis: Quantify how many people (DPW effort) per month?

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Other Items:

- Rice and Hathaway attended meeting of Sunnyside Neighborhood Assn., which is engaging with Friends of the Urban Forest (FUF) to do tree plantings in Sept.
- Any homeowner with frontage or empty tree basin can sign up with FUF for free evaluation etc.
- Rice said GPA would do publicity for opportunity to work with FUF on urban planning on Sept. effort for Glen Park, Sunnyside, Miraloma and Mt. Davidson (goal is 40-50 trees planted)
- FUF responsible for helping with maintenance; they would be on call for 3-5 years.
- FUF getting a Nov ballot measure to put on swap of tree maintenance: parcel tax.

Adjourned - 9 PM

