

10 March 2010 GPA EB meeting

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Carolyn Deacy
Heather World
Michael Rice
John Walsmsley
Mic Ames
Lewison Lem
Dennis Mullen

MEMBERSHIP:

We have 106 members as of today.

New member or renewals must wait 21 after payment days to vote.

General meetings require a 10-day advance notification.

10 percent of voting membership constitutes a quorum needed to vote on an item. Even then, if fewer than 1/3 of members are present, votes may be taken only on general nature of what's been put in the notice

BUSINESS:

Neighborhood concerned over fate of BART lot. MR and Ric Lopez talked and decided to insist BART lead a community information meeting co-sponsored by the GPA and GPMA. Needs to be by early April so people have info for the April general meeting.

Put pressure on BART through Bevan and let them know we have an agenda item about this.

Action items: we will try for a BART community meeting before our quarterly meeting. MA to contact Tom Radulevich, Bruno Pase (staffer in real estate side), Bevan or staff.

We *think* this is where BART is at in the process: Two finalists from the RFP from developers. One connected with Willie Brown, and one connected to a previous BART director.

Send an email to BART staff, Tom and cc Bevan. We're asking BART to come and stand on its own feet. There is active mobilization against development, as shown during and after last general meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Neighborhood Environment

John Walmsley got the plastic plants removed from planters in BART station. Planters are now empty. He called Rube Warren and offered to get plants in there. We'll probably have to wait until changed management at BART for anything to happen. He's trying to see if a private business can put in plants and possibly maintain it in exchange for recognition.

TREASURER

History of our giving: We're solvent. We've responded to specific requests. We've never made an announcement in GPN saying to people we're accepting proposals. Miriam had asked for \$500 donation to replace planters at Rec Center.

Amt we can distribute each year is limited 1/3 of income from prior year. 1/3 is cash reserve, 1/3 reinvested into paper, 1/3 donations. This doesn't include various memberships we belong to. This is part of our general expenditures.

Dennis's suggestion for future guidelines:

- 1) Develop of list of 6 to 7 local groups that we (GPA) would fund at about \$100 to \$200, and approve this list in Feb/March after the year-end financials are completed.

2) Then, checks could be disbursed in March/April for these organizations, and the news could be included in our GPA News in the next issue.

3) Then, during the year, if any more requests came in, such as one-time donations, or unusual, large amount donations, or special request donations, then we could act as an Executive board on those. It seems in the past year or so, the Executive Board has taken a knee-jerk reaction to donation requests, and a lot of the little local groups have been left out.

4) Proposed list of \$100 donations:

- a) Friends of Glen Canyon Park (Richard Craib says FGCP has never asked for money and never received any.)
- b) St. John's School (annual scholarship)
- c) Glen Park Library (annual donation for books/chairs/supplies)
- d) Bird & Beckett Cultural Legacy (cultural events, poetry readings, book readings)
- e) Annual Scholarship/Supplies Fund for another school in Glen Park (Glen Park Elementary on Lippard Street ?)
- f) Sunnyside Conservatory (no more large gifts, but an annual donation of \$100)
- g) The two day-care centers in Glen Canyon Park (the names?)

5) We could set up a funding cycle for the requests that come in during the rest of the year, or at least set a maximum amount of the donation, rather than being "told" by the requesting organization what they think is the proper amount that we should give.

Also, upon being asked Miriam did state that we (GPA) are the sole source of the contributions to her Glen Park Advisory Board. One year the GPA merchants gave her only \$25. This was an interesting point, since there should be more oversight into what she is proposing, otherwise it looks like we are funding her

projects and not necessarily the projects or wishes of the GPA constituency or members.

Also of interest is that it felt like we (GPA) were funding the Friends of Glen Canyon Park - Bird Walk/Pancake Breakfast every year. But upon actual review, we missed most of the years.

Given more time, I can go back to years 2003 and before. Currently, the records go back to 1997, and there doesn't seem to be any distribution of GPA funds to the GP Merchants Association to help them start the Glen Park Festival. So I will have to look more in-depth about how that deal was transacted.

Could it have been a direct pay-out in cash from the proceeds collected by the GPA when the GPA ran the Glen Park Festival? Also, very likely, the transaction could have occurred in 1996 or earlier and a check was written to the GP Merchants to help them take over the GP Festival.

Lewison: I move for a simple \$250 donation to the GP Advisory Board toward the proposal for new planters.
Mic Ames seconds the motion.

Discussion

Vote: one in favor, motion fails.

Lewison: I move to approve \$200 plus a matching fund of up to \$150 to the GP Advisory Board toward the purchase of new planters outside the GP Rec Ctr.

Carolyn seconds.

Discussion

Vote: all in favor

APRIL MEETING

Given schedules, Wed Apr 14, the latest it could be Tues Apr 20
Update on community plan. Invite planners, invite BART

After meeting the date is set at April 13, 7PM, Rec ctr.

NEW BUSINESS

All Sunday Streets are set for 2010, but propose to them to close some stretch of Alemany and have side closures onto Mission Street. People walk from Glen Park to Geneva Avenue. Cayuga playground with wood sculptures. (Another idea: go south on Alemany. Sunday is the flea market on the other side of Mission.)

Action item: Heather to find out the process for 2011 locations.

What about getting in on the Pavement to Parks (P2P) program?
Promising corner: NW Corner of Bosworth and Diamond under board. Bernie says he owns it. NE corner of Elk and Bosworth. Triangle of concrete. Arlington/Wilder/Natick has too much concrete.

Mic: Motion to purchase a public address system.

Heather seconds.

Discussion

Vote: all in favor.

Motion to adjourn.