WHEREAS, Section 4.105 of the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco mandates that the Planning Commission shall periodically recommend to the Board of Supervisors for approval or rejection of proposed amendments to the General Plan.

The San Francisco Planning Department is seeking to implement the Glen Park Community Plan (2011). In 2002, the Planning Department initiated a public planning process to create the Glen Park Community Plan” (“Area Plan”). The Area Plan presents a vision and a set of objectives and policies that recognize Glen Park’s unique character and seek to enhance the neighborhood’s special quality and function. The policies generally seek to protect and reinforce the character of the neighborhood commercial district, resolve challenges caused by the area’s massive vehicle infrastructure, enhance pedestrian and transit movement, improve the area’s mix of open spaces, and restore connections to Glen Canyon Park and surrounding neighborhoods. The Area Plan recommends modifications to the neighborhood commercial zoning to support a transit-oriented commercial district, identifies streetscape and pedestrian amenities, suggests open space opportunities and encourages review of future development for compatibility with the neighborhood’s scale and distinctive character. An accompanying Implementation Program outlines projects, actions, funding opportunities and interagency coordination the City must pursue to implement the Area Plan. Further description of the Area Plan’s proposals and recommendations is contained in the Plan document. The Area Plan is attached hereto as Exhibit II-5.

The Area Plan, together with the General Plan, Planning Code and Zoning Map Amendments, provide a comprehensive set of policies and implementation programming to realize the vision of the Area Plan. Overall, policies envisioned for the Area Plan would be consistent with the General Plan. However, a number of amendments to the General Plan are required to achieve the vision and goals of the Glen Park Area Plan. Proposed amendments to the General Plan are attached hereto as Exhibit II-4. The City Attorney’s Office has reviewed the draft ordinance (Exhibit II-3) and approved it as to form.
The Area Plan supports the General Plan’s vision of strengthening neighborhood-serving commercial areas; encouraging travel by public transit, walking and bicycling; preserving historic buildings; and providing and improving open space, streets and transportation in the Plan Area. The Plan lays the policy foundation for additional changes that are detailed in the Planning Code, Zoning Map and other implementation measures.

Staff recommends adoption of the draft resolution initiating amendments to the General Plan, which includes adding the Glen Park Community Plan, and making related amendments to various elements of the General Plan, including the Recreation and Open Space Element.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to Planning Code Section 340(c), the Planning Commission Adopts a Resolution of Intention to Initiate amendments to the General Plan, as contained in the draft General Plan amendment ordinance, approved as to form by the City Attorney in Exhibit II-3.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That pursuant to Planning Code Section 306.3, the Planning Commission authorizes the Department to provide appropriate notice for a public hearing to consider the above referenced General Plan amendments contained in an ordinance approved as to form by the City Attorney hereto attached as Exhibit II-3 to be considered at a publicly noticed hearing on or after November 10, 2011.

Linda Avery
Commission Secretary

AYES:
NOES:
EXCUSED:
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