

**Grant Park NA board meeting
Minutes: February 7, 2012**

Board members in attendance: Ron Laster, Chris Hyde, Katie Davenport, Raj Dubey;
Mary Cal Hanson excused

Other attendees: Pastor Gregg Sneller, Merryl Mix, Officer Wayne Schull, D. Montgomery, Alice Gray Gregory

1. Approval/amend agenda

Additional items added to agenda: State of Oregon registered agent; Officer Schull
Chris Hyde moved to amend agenda; Katie second; approved by all

2. Safety and Crime

Officer Wayne Schull, Neighborhood Response Team, provided a report on crime in GP.

January: several thefts in vehicles; about 20 thefts including store shoplifting

February (last 30 days): activity down; no home burglaries; 2 cars stolen; not a lot of calls for GP.

Anyone can call Officer Schull for follow up information such as when police activity occurred and want to know what happened; to advise him of suspicious activity in a particular home or location, etc.

Officer Schull would like advance notice of GPNA general meetings and will attend when able.

Officer Schull contact info:

Wayne.Schull@portlandoregon.gov

Desk phone: 503-823-0743

3. Last board meeting (11/8/11) minutes

Corrections to minutes:

Treasurer's report amount should be \$6298.03, not \$46,298.03

Under Old Business, "quorums at meetings" should read 'Ron **suggested**.....that if there are not enough general neighbors in attendance....', not 'Ron **let all the board members** that if there are not enough general neighbors in attendance...'. Chris Hyde moved to approve minutes as amended; Katie second; approved by all.

4. Treasurer's report

Beginning balance 6,127.03; \$100 paid to Grant High; ending balance 6,027.03; \$11.52 petty cash.

During this discussion it was mentioned the GPNA donation guidelines w/b published in the next newsletter.

5. New Treasurer

For personal reasons, Raj Dubey resigned from role of Treasurer. Alice Gray Gregory volunteered to serve out remainder of term. Alice Gray is a Grant Park resident. There was much discussion around roles and responsibilities of treasurer as well as bank signature turnover. Merryl Mix is currently supporting the newsletter ad invoice duties and will coordinate with Alice Gray going forward. Board members voted to approve Alice Gray as treasurer effective immediately. [Note: No motion captured]

6. Newsletter advertising revenue – Merryl Mix

a) Merryl provided a one page breakout of advertisement income, printing costs, and outcomes for the purposes of discussing the board's approach, e.g. more ads meaning increasing size of newsletter? Much discussion around the 4 page versus 8 page newsletter. Ron agreed to review Merry's number and suggest a new rate schedule for discussion at next General meeting.

b) Merryl would like to purchase 2 lawn signs advertising GPNA general meetings. \$40 each for 2 sides. Board approved. [No motion captured]

7. Neighborhood Clean-up

It was mentioned that Corie Jacobs would coordinate w/Mary Cal the GP neighborhood cleanup. Target date is Saturday, May 19, depending on the hauler's schedule.

8. Next General Meeting Agenda (3/6/12)

Topics for next general meeting include:

GPNA by-laws – third and last reading

Portland Parks Bureau – Ali Ryan to speak about dogs at Grant Park

Grant High School community garden – Student presentation about the development of GHS community garden

[Also see <http://ghscommunitygarden.wordpress.com/>]

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Metro Council Candidate? No; there is no room on the agenda. Candidates can drop off literature on the table.

Status on Clean Up

Cell Towers in NE Portland neighborhoods. Ron Laster has been asked by Mt. Scott/Arleta NH Association to write a letter advocating for a clear cell tower process. [**Note:** letter recipient not captured in notes; assume it's the Portland city council.] Ron to share letter with the board.

9. Additional business

- a. State of Oregon agent register needs to be updated as Geoff Hyde no longer President. Alice Gray took the form and will update.
- b. Gregg Sneller's copy machine lease terminates end of April. GPNA will need an alternate source of copies. Ron can provide printing and will look at doing it at cost, including minutes, agendas. Gregg will do this next upcoming newsletter.

10. NECN report

- a. NECN staff member, Ben, provided reports on 1) Solarize NE round 2 project; 2) city council possibly and mayor candidates forums 2/28 and 3/22 at Concordia University; 3) ONI training for non-profits by the person who authored Oregon Non Profit Handbook.

11. Adjourn at 8:20 PM