

Roll call for the meeting commenced at 7:00 pm by Ron Laster, Vice President. A list of attendees is available upon request. Board members in attendance included: Ron, Mary Cal and Alice Gray.

The agenda was distributed to the board members and guests (see list). The agenda had one slight change to “Approve the General (vs. Board) meeting minutes from the December meeting, also it was agreed to move up the GHS community Garden (Richard Street) to go first in the lineup vs. second. Both changed were motioned to be approved, seconded and unanimously approve.

The first order of business was the reading and approval of the December 2011 GPNA General meeting which were unanimously approved.

Leah Haykin and Daniel Slaughter, students from Grant HS (GHS) were here to present information on the community garden located on the campus of GHS but are also available for Grant Park Neighborhood members. In addition to the community garden there is also a learning garden for the local students. The two students discussed in detail how the garden came about including fund raising, gathering volunteers and working with the City of Portland to provide the water needed for the gardens. Great job Leah and Daniel!

Next up on the agenda is the Portland Parks (PPR) representatives for the “Pet project” in the neighborhood parks re: “Petiquette”. Ali Ryan and Sue Glenn from PPR gave a review of things that have been in process in the city’s parks, focusing on Grant Park for this meeting. The Grant Park dog park, off leash areas and public areas are still having some issues with pet/owner behavior and responsibilities, leash rules, scooping rules and appropriate dog areas. PPR have had a concentrated push to help educate the public via signage and patrols without citations. Citations/tickets will be one of the next steps to help improve all areas of Grant Park and other dog park/off leash locations in the city. Tickets will run \$150.00. There was then public input on how to possibly improve the dog park/off leash areas in Grant Park. The PPR are taking in all recommendations and will continue to work to improve parks in the City.

The third and final reading of the GPNA by laws was unanimously approved as written. There was a recommendation to try to coordinate with NECN for the GPNA by laws to mesh with the NECN/ONI guidelines in the future.

A Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) was sent to Ron for review of a new owner of the old Shell gas station on the corner of NE 33rd and Broadway. The new owners are Jacksons out of Idaho. Ron has set up a meeting for later in the month with the Jackson group to open the discussion with GPNA and concerned neighbors re: this change/improvement to this property. Ron will also follow up with QFC re: their GNA from some years back. A point was raised in concern of liquor sales and the cut off time for that activity. This will be reviewed with the Jackson people at the upcoming meeting.

The treasury report was distributed by Alice Gray and the beginning and ending balance of the GPNA account are \$ 5,957.03 and \$ 5, 150.03 after payment for the newsletter printing to GP Church (\$727.00) and Merryl Mix (\$80.00) for signs. A motion was presented to compensate NECN for the postcards that will be sent out to all of the area neighbors informing them of the various Clean Up dates and items that can be brought/taken to these Clean Ups. It was so moved to donate \$500.00 to NECN to assist in the postcard.

Clean Up information will be forthcoming from Cori Jacobs at the early May meeting. The Clean Up is still on for Saturday May 12th, 2012 from 9am until 1 pm.

Katy Asher from NECN updated the group on several upcoming activities and candidate forums. She also wanted to remind all in attendance about the Economic Development project taking place in the N/NE neighborhood. A reminder was also mentioned about Solarize[®] NE and Land Use information that was discussed along with the SALT (Sustainability and Livability team) projects.

OPEN FORUM:

Katie Davenport reported her attendance at the Sullivans Gulch NA meeting earlier this evening and the upcoming development plans for the old Albina Fuel area. There is a new developer working on this project which will include businesses on the ground floor and 1, 2, or 3 bedroom, mixed group apartments. The construction is planned to be completed in 3 stages. There will be some "green space" although how much was unclear at this meeting. Underground parking for tenants and shoppers is also in the latest plans. The traffic concerns were voiced at this meeting and a new traffic study will be completed in the near future.

TriMet changes: due to financial problems there will be several bus schedule changes and route deletions. Neighbors voiced concerns about the need to have a bus/MAX transfer from the GP neighborhood.

Cameron Whitten is a young gentleman who was in attendance and just wanted to let us know that he is currently running for mayor of Portland. He handed out fliers and bumper stickers and told the crowd to contact with any questions or concerns.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Minutes by Mary Cal Hanson, GPNA Secretary