

GPNA Special General meeting March 28th, 2012

Ron Laster, GPNA VP called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. A sign in sheet was passed around for all in attendance to sign. Board members and public attendees introduced themselves as such. Board members in attendance included: Ron, Katie, Chris, Alice Gray and Mary Cal. Past officers in attendance included Merryl Mix and Geoff Hyde. Concerned neighbors re: the new Jackson convenience store replacing the Shell gas station on the corner of NE 33rd and Broadway included John and Lindsey George who live right behind this building. Also there were 2 representatives from Jacksons, Andrea Jackson and Deverei Tye.

Jacksons store is the only item on the agenda tonight so no formal agenda was available for distribution.

Andrea Jackson was the main presenter and gave a handout and very clear vision of how Jacksons as a business operates in other areas of the country, primarily Idaho, Oregon and Washington. After the presentation questions and answers were discussed to most everyone's satisfaction. Issues related to alcohol sales, parking issues, layout, trash and a plethora of others were covered in this meeting. Jackson also currently owns the gas and convenient store across the street of NE 33rd Avenue. Ms. Jackson stressed the Jackson commitment to working with neighbors and employees to try to reach the best possible outcomes. She also stressed that those with concerns should drop by the recently updated Jacksons on NE Grand Avenue to see how the store and surrounding area will look. Jacksons is planning on sprucing up the space too.

There was a motion to approve the motion from the last GPNA was brought forth for the allocation of \$500.00 to NECN to help cover the costs associated with the making and sending of the Neighborhood Clean Ups. Motion was then seconded and unanimously approved. Concern was voiced about how NECN handles their current finances. It was also put forth that the NECN implement better budget planning in the future to avoid last minute needs for funding.

OPEN FORUM: Ideas were brought forth regarding other options for donations from GPNA. These included the GHS Garden Club and the Grant Park Bowl improvement group. Nothing was sent to motion and these items will be turfed to a meeting in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Minutes by Mary Cal Hanson, GPNA secretary