

Attendees: Katie, Chris, Gregg Sneller, Mary Cal, Brian Cefola, Ken Peterson, Paige Coleman, Geoff Hyde, Cliff Gibbs, Justin de Ruyter.

Paige Coleman from NECN passed out a handout with several of the upcoming activities in the NE community. Including: SALT (safety and livability) discussion, Schools committee meeting, economic development council and Land Use and Transportation committee meetings. She also wanted to remind the group about the National Night Out on August 7th. Paige also requested the most recent meeting minutes (sent to Katy Asher) and a copy of our most recent approved bylaws. Both will be sent as soon as approved.

New board members were introduced.

Meeting minutes reviewed and approved as are follows:

November 2011- Board meeting minutes approved

February 2012 – Board meeting minutes approved. Katie Davenport requested a change to the wording that she is not a certified master recycler. This change was corrected.

March 6th, 2012- General meeting minutes approved. The General meeting minutes from the March 28th 2012 is being held due to alterations in the minutes. A deletion of the “mispending of funds” has been removed. And a motion was made to delay their approval pending the review of the Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) that the Jackson store (JCS) provided. There also needs to be better neighbor contact and information distributed from the JCS.

April 10th, 2012 – Board meeting minutes approved with the “Emergency” meeting changed to Special and the date adjusted to reflect the actual date of March 28th, 2012.

May 8th, 2012- General meeting minutes approved. Ken Peterson requested the written transcripts sent to all the committee members. Mary Cal will send Ken the written transcripts. Minutes approved.

Treasurer Report: Beginning balance as of 5/8/12 was \$5,938.06. \$1,695.00 was received from the Clean Up, and several advertisements. Funds distributed were (\$956.89) to cover Clean Up, newsletters, PO Box fee, cash for Clean Up items, \$20.00 to Cori Jacobs from last year’s Clean Up items, stamps and a gift card. Which left an ending balance on the books as of 7/21/12 of \$6,676.17?

Clean Up info: Cori Jacobs was not in attendance but Katie Davenport will contact Cori to get specifics.

Bylaws: the GPNA bylaws were passed out to the new board members. These bylaws were read at 3 previous meetings, modified somewhat and this is the final copy at this time.

Donation guidelines: An official 2 page donation request form was submitted for review by the new board members. Again this has already been approved and was for information only.

New board members/roles: Brian Cefola has volunteers to take over the website. He and Katie Davenport will coordinate the transfer of information.

The position of President is still vacant and there was a question as to how much time is involved. Geoff Hyde spoke up at this point and commented that it can vary but there is a minimum of several hours per month to get things done and dependent on issues.

The position of Land Use and Transportation: time allotment for a board member again is issue dependant. Ken Peterson did mention that he might be interested in this position but nothing formal was brought forth. Cliff Gibbs also offered to help Ken in this area. There are full day seminars to learn about Land Use and Transportation issues and practices. And PSU offers classes too.

Chris Hyde brought forward an item to discuss re: the frequency of the GPNA meetings. And requested reducing the number of General meetings/year. Requested changing the board meetings to 4/year and 2 general meetings/year. With the caveat that "Special meetings" can be called at any random intervals as needed. It was agreed upon to continue with the current and establish meeting schedule through December 2012 (see October below) and write an article in the newsletter explaining the possibility of the meeting schedule changes.

A motion was made to have the meetings on the 1st Tuesday of every month when a meeting is scheduled, unless there was a holiday. Also we will adjust the meeting times from 7 pm to 6:30 pm for board meetings and from 7 pm until 8 or 8:30 pm for the General meetings. October 2nd will be the first attempt at this new schedule. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

Newsletters: a motion was made and seconded to distribute a newsletter every quarter. This motion also passed unanimously.

Katie reviewed some of the articles and information that will go into the next newsletter. And of course will find great filler and information. She inquired how the new board members would like to be recognized in the newsletter: names, phone numbers, emails etc.....Katie will contact board members before printing the information.

Donation request: Gregg Sneller from the Grant Park Baptist Church has made a formal request for a donation of \$11,814.00 for window improvements and storm windows for the church. A motion to approve \$500.00 was put forth and seconded and unanimously approved. \$500.00 is the current limit for donation request per the new guidelines.

JCS issues have been tabled until a later meeting August 1st, 2012.

Old Business: nothing brought forth.

NECN: requesting representative from the GPNA be recognized for an award from the NECN. Cori Jacobs name was mentioned but Katie Davenports name was also brought forth and approved unanimously. Congrats Katie!

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm