

GPNA Board meeting December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Board members in attendance include Chris Hyde, Geoff Hyde, AliceGray Gregory, Cliff Gibbs, Ken Peterson, Brian Cefola, Justin DeRuyter, Katie Davenport, and Mary Cal Hanson

Public attendees include Katy Asher (NECN), Gregg Sneller

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm with introductions of attendees. The agenda was modified and then approved.

The minutes from the September meeting were approved. Minutes from this meeting were modified and approved. (see GPNA general meeting minutes).

Ken Petersen gave the group an update on the Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) with Jackson Convenience Store ( JCS). There were a few modifications regard malt liquor (which is a higher % alcohol) items and the replacement of an arbitration provision with a mediation option with the neighborhood office of mediation. Notification was completed via email. A motion was requested to approve the final version of this GNA with JCS. A second was mentioned with unanimous approval of the GNA with JCS.

AliceGray spoke next regarding the GPNA tax filing status. Both she and Merryl Mix met with an attorney and were informed that there are a couple of options that the GPNA board can take. 1) GPNA can establish the group as a corporation, 2) we can designate the GPNA as a 501 c(3) or (4) or 3) we can do nothing at this time. The 501(3) designation allows donations which can be tax deductible and there is less paper work with this status. While the 501(4) category had a “no tax deduction” clause but the group could have a lobbyist with some restrictions (can’t be used to assist any specific candidates but can lobby for issues). Katy Asher from the NECN chimed in that the other NA and NECN all use different tax filing options for each group. After further discussion a motion was made to defer this issue until there is a clear reason to clearly choose between the above options.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm