

GPNA General meeting minutes June 4th, 2013

Board members in attendance include: Ron Laster, Gregg Sneller, Mary Cal Hanson, Ken Peterson, Brian Cefola, Katie Davenport, Justin de Ruyter, and Katie Asher (NECN).

Guest include: Jane Comeault (Clean Up coordinator), Angela Gusa (Save our Elms), Val Wong-Cyran, Stan Cyran, Stacy Tipp, Jilayne Jordan (ODOT)

Agenda was reviewed and unanimously approved. The General meeting minutes from the February 5th, 2013 minutes were approved.

Jilayne Jordan from ODOT came to notify the group about the massive upcoming repaving of both east and westbound I-84. This hasn't been done for about 11 years. Each direction will take an extended weekend to complete weather permitting. SO the interstate will be closed from 10 pm on Friday until 5 am Monday. ODOT will be adjusting lights in the areas and have street detour/closure signs up. Total cost is about \$ 7 million.

Stacy Tipp from the Portland Sewer project was up next to explain and show maps of the areas in NE that will be affected by the upcoming sewer project. The dates have already started but the GPN will most likely be affected in the spring of 2014 until the spring of 2015. This project will not assist with "party" sewer lines. That is the responsibility of the property owners. The project coordinators will try and notify the direct property owners about 30 days in advance of work on their streets. Delays may occur in the project due to unforeseen emergencies that may take precedence.

Val Wong-Cyran and Stan Cyran attended tonight's meeting to bring up the concern of the speed of traffic on a section of NE Knott Street. Currently the speed on Knott from 15th -33rd is 30 mph, but the residential statute speed is only 25 mph. Which on the east side of 15th is 25 mph and also on the east side of 33rd. The city would need to contact ODOT. Val and Stan have already collected numerous neighborhood signatures supporting this speed reduction. So a request was put forth by Stan and Val for support for this change to the GPNA. All attendants overwhelmingly approved this change and a letter of support will be written by Ron and submitted to the City of Portland and ODOT. Ron will also seek additional NA support.

Justin de Ruyter an at-large GPNA board member wanted to make the NA aware of the severe budget cut for the city of Portland. This will translate to some very severe cuts in the fire bureau also. There will be fewer engines and staff available at several stations which may increase the response time and delay critical services to the public. The Fire dept. is looking into economizing their staff/vehicles and services. GPN won't be affected with these cuts but may see changes in the future.

Treasury Report: \$7145.00 (invoice for Heiberg was just delivered and will be sent out for \$550.00).

Clean Up report: Jane Comeault provided a great presentation and handout regard our most successful Clean up so far. But as always more volunteers would be an improvement. This year we didn't have a "yard debris" dumpster and yet filled up a lot of the dumpster space with wood and may consider a "wood waste" dumpster next year. Another suggestion was hiring a lot sweeper to come and clean up after the event. Again the idea of a second Clean Up was brought up but due to the lack of volunteers this may not be a good idea. Other things that may be considered are: shredding services and/or hazardous waste options.

Elections: President: no candidates

Vice President: Ron Laster + Brian Cefola will share this position

Treasurer: no candidates at this time

Secretary: Mary Cal Hanson

Communications: Katie Davenport, newsletter

Land Use: Ken Peterson

Website: Brian Cefola

At Large: Justin de Ruyter.

There were no oppositions or additional candidates so the positions listed will be filled by those volunteering.

Katie and Ron will also work out the treasury position.

Katie Asher from NECN mentioned several items of interest including a Volunteer party in July, a parade of the NE neighborhoods and end of month reporting.

New business: GP Village (GPV) will have some traffic changes, mostly the stop light at NE 32nd and Broadway. There are still some concerns about the large trucks access/turning etc. there will be a dedicated left turn lane and a 20 foot setback to assist those truck drivers. New Seasons will be giving up some parking on the south side of Broadway. Ken requested a letter of approval from the GPNA for the current GPV development as currently presented. The motion was made and all in attendance agreed. Ken will write the letter.

A motion was also set forth to approve the meeting schedule changes as presented earlier in the meeting. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8: 42 pm

Minutes by Mary Cal Hanson