

Attendees from the board included: Ron Laster, Brian Cefola, Ken Peterson, Kate Davenport and Mary Cal Hanson

Guest included Amanda Johnston, Hunter Stewart, Amber Burkhart and Claire Lupfer who are all GHS students. Hunter is one of the writers for the GHS magazine and the other three young women are from the GHS leadership class.

No agenda was provided as this was a meeting that was coordinated with little notice. The primary purpose of this meeting was to provide the GHS students with information about GPNA involvement with the processes that occurred in the past (2005-present) regard the Grant Park Bowl (GPB) improvements. Ron, Kate and Mary Cal provided background information and Ken and Brian provided historical meeting minutes and newsletter along with memorandums from this development. The primary issues that Grant Park neighbors were very concerned about early on in the Portland parks and Rec. (PPR) along with Portland public schools (PPS) and the nonprofit group dedicated to improvement of the GPB including Lloyd Lindley's group were focused on the parking issues, track access for the neighbors, traffic, noise, lights and litter. The issue of lighting specifically was cut early on, the reason is unclear to locate but could be assumed to be due to costs and this item was removed from the final proposal by either PPS &/or PPR.

Questions that the GHS students raised were primarily focused on the lighting and bleachers at the new field. Ron explained a bit about how the conflicts with public and GHS usage of the fields because the GPB is actually a public park with the GHS football field and track located on park property. Therefore if one group (ie: GHS football) were allowed to utilize the lights on certain days/times all other groups be they public or GHS groups would have to be allowed the same accommodations with regard to field access, time allotment and availability of lights.

Amber Burkhart asked several questions regarding the fencing issue. This is also unclear as the GPNA has never seen the final proposal but again since the GPB is a public area permanent fencing could impede neighborhood accessibility. Fees were also briefly discussed and Ron emphasized that GPNA doesn't have a stance on this issue at all. This is most likely a PPS standard for sporting events.

The group from the leadership class has decided to make this project of trying to secure permanent lights and bleachers at GPB their goal. They have created an informational flyer that they will be handing out at the upcoming opening football game. This flyer will also include the contact information on a Facebook® page.

What's next? Ron suggested that the students contact PPS, 10 Great fields program coordinator, PPR and confirm the information that GPNA has provided and then investigate options from these groups to see how likely their project will be successful. Ron wanted to stress the fact that GPNA was never able to vote on ANY of the 10 Great fields, aka GPB improvement project because none of the groups involved ever contacted GPNA after many of the decisions were finalized. It was also recommended that the students try to find out the costs of installing the lights, maintaining the lights and running the lights.

The students then questioned what the voting age is for issues that arise in the GPNA. This information might be located in the bylaws, but would definitely be under the ONI bylaws.

The GPNA was then intrigued to hear about how the GHS student government is set up. Amanda Johnston explained the division of their system and how it is still a work in progress.

Hunter finished up the meeting with showing the group the GHS online magazine and website along with the access information.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.