

Ron Laster called the meeting to order at 7: 01 pm. At this time all of the board members and guests introduced themselves. Board members included Ron, Brian, Ken, Kate, Gregg, Stephanie and Mary Cal. And from NECN Katy Asher was also in attendance. While the other attendants and guest also introduced themselves and everyone signed in on the log. The agenda was reviewed and modified slightly to add both New and Old business which will commence prior to the first reading of the updates bylaws. Once those changes were made the new version of the agenda was unanimously approved. The minutes from the December 10, 2013 Board meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Two of the guests tonight included John Rist and Jo Schaefer who are both from the Hollywood NA (HNA). They are here to inform the GPNA about some of the current and possible upcoming issues with regard to the higher density apartment building that are on track to be built in the Hollywood neighborhood. The HNA is considering a possible parking permit for those residents in the area that may see increased traffic and reduced street parking as a result of the higher density coming in with these apartments. This is primarily for information to the GPNA only. Although there may be a request in the future to work more closely with the HNA on this issue as it may affect several streets that abut the HNA and are currently in the GPNA boundary. The HNA have sent out letters of concern to all of the city commissioners. It sounds like a neighborhood survey would also be needed to see if the majority of the residents would want a permit system in place. Also if some of the GPNA neighbors are not currently in favor of the permit system there will be an opportunity to link into the permit system if it is approved by the HNA neighbors without having to restart the process.

Moving onto the next order of business: which is the unanimous approval to donate \$500.00 to the Grant High School Senior graduation party. Kate will send the check.

New business: Stacey Tipp, who is a GP neighbor wanted to let the GPNA board members know that she is in favor of fencing an area in the Grant Park for a dog park. This started a discussion of possible money from the NECN. Ken Petersen has volunteered to be the dog park contact in GPNA. Amanda Fritz is also the contact as a city commissioner.

Stephanie Hemstead also wanted the board to know about the possibility of an upcoming teachers strike. She also inquired as to any position that the GPNA board might be willing to take. As there currently isn't an active strike in progress it was agreed to commence with a decision if/when a teachers strike actually happens.

Old Business: Kate brought up the ongoing issue of possibly increasing the cost of advertisements in the newsletter. Ron and Kate will need to get together and compile data in order to make an informed decision on this issue. Kate also brought forth the recurring idea of possibly transferring GPNA banking business to a local bank versus a national bank. Since Kate is now the current treasurer and a new batch of checks was just printed and delivered to GPNA in addition the concept of convenience to the GP neighborhood was considered and at present no change will take place.

NECN News: announcements: There will be an upcoming NA board member training and orientation on 1/29/2014 at the NECN office which is located at 4815 NE 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Please RSVP to Katy Asher. There are also some upcoming grants of about \$5,000.00 this spring. NECN is looking for volunteers to review the grant applications. And the city of Portland has no money this year for grants. February is when the grant applications will be available.

Mr. Tom Sincic was in attendance and wanted to let the GPNA members know that there is an opportunity for a new representative for our neighborhood, which is House District 45. His background includes 16 years at GHS as a Nurse Practitioner.

Bylaws: All of the GPNA board members were sent a copy of the recent updated bylaws and printed copies were also distributed. Ken presented a couple of areas that needed revision. After some discussion on this and a couple of other

issues it was decided that this will be considered the first official reading of the updated bylaws. The concept of the Executive session was also discussed. This meeting is for board members only and minutes are taken but will be kept separate and will not be public notified although the press can be in attendance. These meetings usually cover personnel issues. Ken will utilize the wording from the ONI policy on this item.

Upcoming meetings and newsletter items: Several items were brought up and agreed upon to put into the next newsletter. Also due to circumstances in the updating of the bylaws the annual meeting will NOT be held in February but instead will be put off until April. This info will be posted on our website as well as Facebook and Google groups. This notification should comply with the need to inform the neighbors in a timely manner.

Lastly the group discussed agenda items for the February meeting. Items included but are not limited to: spokesperson from Beverly Cleary Fernwood school re: overcrowding and the potential school changes for neighbors children. Portland Public Schools (PPS) until more information is available we won't plan on inviting anyone from this group. The Grant Park Village developers will be invited to give us an update on the project and possibly schedule a tour for GPNA board members. Ken will be in touch with that group and invite them to the February meeting.

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 8: 44pm

Minutes taken by Mary Cal Hanson