

GPNA Board meeting June 10th, 2014

APPROVED

Members in attendance include Brian Cefola, Ron Laster, Kate Davenport, Ken Peterson, Jane Comeault and Mary Cal Hanson. Patrick Schmitt, a GP neighbor joined the meeting a bit later.

The agenda was reviewed by all present, a motion was made to approve the agenda as proposed and the agenda was approved.

The minutes from the February 11th, 2014 Board meeting was reviewed and approved. Brian supplied a copy of the minutes from the Special committee meeting about NE 37th and Broadway intersection issues that took place on May 5th, 2014. These minutes were also reviewed and unanimously approved.

Jane then gave a great overview of the May Clean Up. The stats were presented and were slightly increased from last year. The expenditures were slightly higher this year due to additional options for recycling items and signs and a banner. Jane finished the meeting off with an idea to discuss the objectives and the goals of the money/funds that are raised at the 2015 Clean Up. It was also mentioned the need to add more info into the newsletter about items that won't be taken, i.e., cardboard, paint.

Next up was an overview of the recent Broadway Charrette by Ken. This time the turnout was approximately 50 people and there were several speakers talking about the historical aspects of Sullivans Gulch (SG). The SG trail didn't get much time for discussion. Unfortunately there was inadequate time to discuss the Broadway corridor and how it should be developed. He also mentioned that the newly and jointly annexed area on the south side of Broadway from NE 33rd to NE 37th will be on city maps and is ONI approved which means that any development in this area will need to be brought to the attention of both GPNA and SGNA.

The Streetcar discussion was also brought forth and reasons as to why there won't be a stop for either the MAX line or the Streetcar at/near NE 33rd Ave because the standards must include easy foot access from either side of I-84. There is also a certain distance between stops to be considered feasible. Ken will be attending a meeting on 6/12 with Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) about these issues and the possibility of a left turn lane onto southbound NE 33rd avenue.

Brian and Ron then started the conversation regarding restricting a right hand turn at the NE 37th and Broadway light. They met with the Hollywood NA (HNA). Both GPNA and HNA wrote a letter of protest about the process used in this decision. PBOT was also contacted to see if there could be some other options to reduce/modify traffic flow and speed in that area rather than limiting the right turn at that point. Currently there is no extra funding for any changes to the corner at this time.

Ken was up again and keeping the group updated on the latest developments of the Grant Park Off-Leash Dog area (GPOLDA). Patrick Schmitt also gave a 30+ year history of the GPOLDA as his father has lived next to the area for longer than that. He mentioned the continual and increased dog activity and noise that makes it so that they are unable to open their windows in the summer and that the barking starts as early as 7 am. Both GPNA and Patrick's father have sent proposals to the city on getting plans underway for a specific area of Grant Park that could be fenced off and away from the neighbors whose homes border the park.

Brian gave an NECN update. There is an upcoming meeting about neighborhood home demolition tomorrow at Concordia University. The focus is to how best to notify neighbors of home destruction/replacement issues. The NECN will also be providing a Treasurer training class on June 24th, 2014 at 7 pm. The "Good in the Hood" parade will also be coming up soon and any and all neighbors are encouraged to attend. Brian has attended in the past with his children

and it sounds like a fun event. NECN will be holding its annual Fund raising celebration on October 25th, 2014. And a final note re: NECN business is Brian is making a request to withdraw from his representative position as the GPNA representative to NECN. John Prell, one of the at large GPNA Board members will still be a co-representative. Ken Peterson then threw his name into the very small circle to replace Brian as one of the GPNA representative to NECN. A motion was made to accept Brians resignation of this position, the motion was voted on by all in attendance and approved unanimously. Another motion was made to accept Kens position as the GPNA representative to the NECN. The nomination was also unanimously approved by the group.

Kate will email the group the latest Treasury report. Brian made a request to have a conversation at one of the upcoming meetings to discuss GPNA expenditures and how to best utilize the funds for the neighborhood. Brian also mentioned that the grant funding from NECN has changed and will require more transparency in regard to getting reimbursement.

Next on the docket was a discussion of the upcoming years meeting schedule. After a short discussion it was agree to the following meeting dates: 4 Board meetings on 9/9/14, 1/13/15, 3/10/15 and 6/9/14. The Regular meeting(s), formerly known as General meeting(s) will be on 11/11/14 with the Annual meeting on 4/14/15. All meetings will be at the GP Baptist Church at 7 pm. This set schedule will also make it easier for Kate Davenport to set the timing of the newsletters.

New Business: the North/South bike route update-Ken reports that the committee has decided to change how they are working on the process by cutting it up into sections and figuring out how to set up each section from end to end of the project. There are still some issues with how to cross on Sandy and also the NE 28th business section. That area will most likely be moving the planned route up to NE 30th. There will be more meetings to follow and plan out these issues.

Brian chimed in the stats from the Facebook and Yahoo groups activity. Currently there are about 120 followers on the Facebook account and about 60 on the Yahoo groups acct. Patrick mentioned how nice it is to get the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Minutes taken by Mary Cal Hanson