

GPNA Board meeting January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

APPROVED

At 7 pm Brian called the meeting to order and a run through of those in attendance was commenced. Included in attendance for this evening were Brian Cefola, Ron Laster, Kate Davenport, Ken Peterson, John Prell, Stephanie Hempstead, Jane Comeault and Mary Cal Hanson rounded out the board members. And then there were two guests in attendance also. They were Joseph Annett and Ashley Tjaden for the City of Portland (COP) Environmental Service here to give us a quick overview of the upcoming sewer work and explain some of the issues with this project.

A motion was made to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was unanimously approved as presented.

So the floor was opened to Mr. Annett and Ms. Tjaden. Mr. Annett explained that the Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) is the department that oversees the storm water and sewer for the COP. They are currently working on several areas in the Grant Park neighborhood and this will continue and progress to the Hollywood are. He also wanted to mention that there will be some work that will need to be done at night due to high traffic during the day time. He is unsure of the specific start date as there are permits that must be obtained. Notices will be sent out to the area residents extending about 2 blocks past the working boundary. Mr. Annett will send an e- version of the map/plans to Brian who will then post this on the GPNA website. He also left his contact info [joseph.annett@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:joseph.annett@portlandoregon.gov) which will be posted in case residents contact GPNA members for info/concerns/complaints. For additional noise complaint during the project neighbors can contact the Portland Noise office at [noise@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:noise@portlandoregon.gov). The planners have taken into account holidays/school hours/commuting issues before they settle on the final timeline. This project is 100% funded by the sewer rate money plus or minus bond money that is raised.

At this time the agenda was modified to allow another guest, Erica Hand who is the VP of the Lee Owen Stone school at the GP Baptist church. Ms. Hand was here to discuss the possibility of the GPNA board assisting the school in funding a speech therapist or occupational therapist for some of the special needs children at the school. It was explained to Ms. Hand the inability for GPNA to have this be a sustainable funding project as that isn't how we are set up to assist people/groups within the GPNA boundaries with funding. We did encourage her to fill out a donation request form for funds to assist in obtaining a climbing wall in the basement of the church. This project would be a one-time thing and could be used by the other schools in the church. Several of the GPNA board members also provided Ms. Hand with some other possible options to get the therapist into the school.

Next up: revision of the 3 previous GPNA meeting minutes. This included the September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 and December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 meetings. After the board members reviewed the minutes and made some corrections/modifications all three of the meeting minutes were approved with the corrections, unanimously.

Jane was up next to start the discussion of the next GPNA Clean Up. Jane wanted to clearly define the reason behind having the Clean Up. Was it primarily a fund raiser and an opportunity for neighborhood waste reduction? After a bit of discussion it seemed to be a combination of both. There was a

suggestion to contact the Bev Cleary PTA to see about timing and possible coordination of one of their project of a "rummage sale" that was well attended last year around the same time as the Clean Up. Jane also wanted to establish a budget to work from. A motion was made to allow Jane and the others on the Clean Up committee, Kate and Mary Cal to have a budget of \$1500.00. All members were in favor of this amount. If the budget looks like it may exceed that amount Jane, Kate or Mary Cal will make a request to the GPNA board for additional funds.

Grant Park Off Leash Dog Area (OLDA) was next on the agenda. Unfortunately Ken had little new news to share with the group as he continues to be able to make very little head way with the COP Parks and Rec dept. and Amanda Fritz. So to try an increase the issue Ken has drafted a letter that he would like to send to the neighboring NA of Irvington, Sullivans Gulch, Alameda and Hollywood. The gist of this letter is to see if other NA have had this issue of the need to raise additional funds to assist in providing funds for unnamed projects, in unnamed neighborhoods that are considered less advantaged than Grant Park. There was also a quick discussion of a possible survey. And could this be done via something like Survey Monkey or should we try a mail in neighborhood survey? The discussion was tabled to another meeting re: where/how to complete the survey. Ken also mentioned that he may need to make a request for donation from the GPNA. A motion was made to approve the letter as presented and agreed upon unanimously.

Ken, as the Land Use chair also presented another draft letter for approval from the group. This one was requesting support from the Alameda NA to request a traffic study be considered on NE Knott between NE 26<sup>th</sup> and NE 37<sup>th</sup>. As this is a shared boundary of both neighborhoods. A motion was put forth for the approval of this letter and was unanimously approved. Ken will send out both letters as soon as possible.

Brian brought out the request from the Grant High School Grad Party requesting a donation again this year for the senior party. A motion was brought up and all members voted to again support this worthwhile activity.

Kate was up next to go over the Treasurer report. She presented it via email to the board members and also had paper versions available to review. She is still concerned and a bit frustrated that Bev Cleary won't send out an invoice so that we can pay them. A motion was made, voted on and unanimously approved as presented.

New Business: Brian received a notice from a couple of neighbors within the GPN boundary to let us know that they had filed requests with the COP to have their residences be open to AirB&B set ups. This is just info for the GPNA and any issues would need to be sent to the COP. We will consider placing this info in the next newsletter. Speaking of which, Kate would like to adjust the timing of the newsletters to have a quarterly schedule. We will discuss this at another meeting.

Mary Tompkins has reported an increase in vandalism within the boundaries of the Grant Park park area. This is just info to pass along at this time.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:15pm, seconded and unanimously agreed upon.

Minutes taken and transcribed by: Mary Cal Hanson

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