

Tonights Board meeting was called to order by Brian Cefola at 7:02 pm. Other board members in attendance include: Ken Peterson, Stephanie Hempstead and Mary Cal Hanson. There will be one guest coming in tonight and his name is Denny Lee to talk about 350 Portland Climate Declaration group.

The first item on the agenda is the review and approval of the agenda for tonites meeting. The motion was made to approve the posted agenda and unanimously approved.

Next order of business is the approval of the Board meeting minutes from January 13, 2015. These were reviewed by the members in attendance. A motion was made to approve the minutes and unanimously approved.

Denny Lee was up next. He is a representative for a local chapter of 350.org. This is an international group of climate change activists. Their goal is to reduce the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere from its current level of 400 ppm (parts per million). Mr. Lee would like the GPNA to consider writing a letter to the Senate of the Oregon government, as well as local and regional governing bodies requesting divestment from investment funds that emphasis fossil fuel consumption and instead purchase funds that encourage renewable resources like wind and solar energy. The group is trying to gather signatures to send to the Oregon Senate. He left a few of the sign-up sheet and was invited to set up a booth at the upcoming GPNA Clean Up in May.

The Lee Owen Stone School did submit a \$500.00 grant request from GPNA. The money would go to purchase supplies for a rock climbing wall in the basement of the GP Baptist Church. After a bit of discussion the motion was made to approve this grant request and unanimously approved.

Up next: The Beverly Cleary (BC) Safe routes to school (SR2S) report from Ken. Ken met with 2 representatives from the BC school PTA. The primary focus for this group was safety. One of the representatives, Janice _____ is the director of the SR2S which is under PBOT (Portland bureau of transportation. This group had a \$77 million budget. Ken has contacted the board members from the Alameda NA (ANA) who will be writing a separate letter to coincide with the GPNA request for a traffic safety study on NE Knott Street between NE 24th and NE 33rd Ave. The ANA will also be sending a second letter with a request for funds for the GP Park Off-Leash Dog area fencing project.

Brian brought up the reminder of the upcoming elections in May for the GPNA board member positions. At this time Stephanie volunteered that she will not be seeking another term as an at large member as she is moving out of the country. Otherwise Brain, Ken and Mary Cal did mention that they would like to continue in their current positions unless someone else would like to volunteer.

The Transportation System Plan (TSP): Ken did email this info out to the board members prior to tonites meeting. This is a joint group of NA and groups concerned with the Broadway commercial corridor changes on the docket at the city of Portland under the NE Broadway-Weidler alliance, including Grant Park, Elliot, GoLloyd, Hollywood boosters and Hollywood NA, Irvington Community Association, and many others. Ken drafted a beautiful letter re: these issues to be sent from the GPNA. After the letter was reviewed by the board members in attendance it was unanimously approved to be sent to the city. Both Brian as the GPNA president and Ken as the Vice president of GPNA and the Land Use Chair of the GPNA have signed two copies. One will be held by the secretary and the other will be sent to the city of Portland.

Ken gave a brief overview of the recent issue of parking on the south side of NE Broadway secondary to the new traffic light and traffic changes near the corner of Ne 32nd and NE Broadway and the Grant Park Village development. This was discussed at a recent Sullivans Gulch NA meeting. There was a rep from the PBOT and the neighbor hood business has already negotiated a solution to losing some of the parking spots.

NECN grant application was brought forth by Brian. There is the need to officially make a motion and approve the request for the \$1000.00 communication funds from NECN to support the GPNA newsletters and other forms of communicating to the neighbors. The motion was set forth, voted on and unanimously approved.

The last item on the agenda was the treasury Report. Kate has sent an electric copy out to the board members prior to the meeting and Brian was kind enough to print it out for the group to review. After review the report it was brought up that it would be nice if Kate would add a column for "Encumbered funds" or funds not yet cleared but checks are outstanding to keep a more accurate account of actual funds available. This motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Before we end this meeting New Business was open to the group. Ken brought up the fact that Gregg Sneller has also resigned his position as an at large member of the board. He will still be associated with GP Beaumont-Wilshire NA but will be moving onto new areas within his mission group. He did send a lovely letter out to the board members and Ken would like to somehow show Gregg a bit of appreciation of all of the wonderful things that he has been involved in the GPNA and the GP Baptist church and schools within the church. Ken will put together some ideas and let the board know of a gathering/celebration in the near future.

Brian put it out there that the GPNA could make a donation to the BC PTA secondary to the fact that they are not requesting any payment for the collating of the newsletters. Or a donation to the BC Foundation group. Ken will look into who would be the appropriate contact at BC. So this item will be put on hold until the April meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn tonight meeting; it was seconded and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 20:27 pm

Minutes were taken and typed by Mary Cal Hanson