

Introductions were conducted by the board members and several guests. Board members in attendance included Brian Cefola, Ken Peterson, Kate Davenport, Jane Comeault, John Prell and Mary Cal Hanson. Guests included two students from PSU on a fact finding mission to assist in some of the GPNA traffic issues. These two guests were Catherine Strauss and Jean-Luc Ybarra. Mr. Ybarra's mother was also attending the meeting. Late comers to the meeting were neighbors Earnie Smith and Veronica Gallegos-Lozano.

Brian continues the meeting with a review of the agenda as presented and this was voted and passed unanimously.

**Treasurer Report, year in review:** Kate presented a completed page of business transactions and another page of year to date information. Kate brought forth a few issues that are pending and irksome advertisers with the main item was that the newsletters are not a money maker and that GPNA will try and keep at least 1 year of expenses in the coffers. This amounts to approximately \$5,000.00.

**GPNA Board Elections:** Brian asked the group as a whole if there were any board members that would like to opt out of their current positions or change to a new board position. No one opted out or for a change. The position will continue as follows: Brian and president and communication, Ron will continue as vice presidents, Ken will continue as vice president, Land Use chair and transportation chair, Kate as treasurer and the newsletter editor, Mary Cal as secretary, Jane and John as members at large. Stephanie Hemstead has stepped down as another member at large at the last GPNA meeting. A motion was made to approve all the board members as stated, vote was unanimous with no abstentions.

**Land Use update:** Ken gave an update on things with a new group that has formed to address some of the local issues. The group goes by the name Broadway/Weidler Alliance (BWA). This group has representatives from local business people, and NA from Broadway bridge through the Hollywood district. One area of focus is the increased traffic problems on NE 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave and the safety for the neighborhoods children. Ken has been working with the local PTA and some concerned citizens trying to request to the PBOT. The request includes trying to locate several crossings sites that could use improved visual traffic slowing devices. There are 2 intersections on NE Knott and 36<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave that are being considered. Also of note there will be a traffic adjustment on NE Knott at 26<sup>th</sup> for the upcoming bike route crossing at that intersection. There is also a request to review adding a traffic slowing device at NE 33<sup>rd</sup> and Thompson that would be similar to the on NE 33<sup>rd</sup> at Klickitat St. GPNA also put in a request for a traffic study on Knott from NE 27- NE 33<sup>rd</sup>, but was told that that was too much area to study.

Moving on to the ever pending issue of a fenced off-leash dog area (FOLDA) in Grant Park. Ken noted that he has been working on this issue for 2 years and has been working with several other NA in the area to try and make some progress on this issue. Commissioner Fritz is still not budging on her current position so Ken is considering working with a city ombudsman and also the mayor to try and make some progress.

**GPNA Clean Up update:** Jane gave a quick overview of where we are re: the Clean Up this year. The hope is that again we will get enough volunteers to assist. Mary Cal has stopped into the volunteer coordinator at GHS who will distribute the flyer information. There have been a few additional contacts via the webpage/email. Otherwise things seem to be tight on track.

**Discussion of Goal for the 20-15-2016 GPNA year:** Brian had each member come up with one or two goals to try and focus the GPNA board activities for the upcoming year. Kate started out with her goal to make improvements within the neighborhood. Jane was next and her goal would be to build community. She mentioned having some sort of neighborhood event like movie in the park or something like that to publicize the fact that we are here. Mary Cal passed. John would like to see more money in the pot. At this point the discussion of having a Fall Clean Up vs. a Spring

Clean up so as to not compete with so many of the other NA having Clean ups at the same time of year, April and May. John's goal was to continue working with the BWA for neighborhood improvements. Kens goals are to continue working on the FOLDA in addition to improving pedestrian access within the neighborhood. Brians goals were to try and coordinate activities with the 3 schools in the GP neighborhood. Brian would also like to try and increase the number of board members to 10. Veronica, one of the guests added trying to improve the GP neighborhood info/activities etc on the webpage. There was mention of some sort of celebration with and for Beverly Cleary as she is currently 99 years old and still living.

**Approval of prior minutes:** The previous meeting minutes from April 2014 and November 2014 were reviewed by the board members. A motion was made to approve both meeting minutes. Jane requested that the secretary modify the future meeting minutes to break out the items of each section as it would follow the agenda for that meeting.

**New Business:** The only new business was that Ken is unable to attend the upcoming Charrette with the Sullivans Gulch NA on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 until 12:30. Jane volunteered to attend this activity and Mary Cal also mentioned that she too will try and attend.

**Adjourn:** there was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 20:47, voted unanimously by all voting members.

Minutes taken by Mary Cal Hanson, secretary