

GPNA Board meeting: June 9th, 2015

APPROVED

Brian Cefola opened the meeting at 7:01 and encouraged the small group to introduce themselves. Attending tonight's meeting included: Brian Cefola, Ron Laster, Kate Davenport, Katherine Strauss (PSU student intern), Jim Brown (Alameda NA, (ANA)), Earnie Smith and Stan Cyran.

Moving quickly to the review and approve the meeting agenda. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Next up was the review and approval of the Board meeting minutes from March. A motion was set forth to approve these meeting minutes, there was a second and the meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

The first speaker for tonight was Katherine Strauss. Katherine has been working on the traffic issues on NE Knott and NE 33rd avenue road safety. She is just finishing up with this project as a PSU intern, working with PBOT and will be sending the recommendation into her supervisor for review. GPNA can expect to see the final version in the next 3 weeks or so. Some of the interesting stats Katherine provided included: average speed on Knott currently is about 34 mph. There are roughly 3,000 cars/day that use NE Knott street. The cost of putting in speed bumps would be approximately \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00 for each bump. There was some discussion as to the consideration of other alternatives to slow traffic such as stop signs, street narrowing (as NE Knott has an 80 ft variance (?) unlike Fremont which only has a 70 ft variance), roundabouts or islands. NE Knott is not a fire route or a bike route which would change how adjustments might be handled. Another question was raised as to who and how speeding on Knott would/could be monitored. Stan also mentioned adjusting the traffic lights so that the lights are not clearly visible from a distance and therefore wouldn't know to "race" through the intersection.

At this time Ron made two new motions regarding this issue; (1) write a joint letter that Alameda NA and Irvington NA could review and agree to sign. This letter would clearly state our concern for neighborhood safety and reduce speeding. This letter would then be sent to PBOT. The motion was agreed upon unanimously. The second motion was made to try and coordinate a "Special" GPNA meeting, preferably in July, inviting the two NA, PBOT and Katherine if available to try and discuss and move this issue forward. This motion was also voted on and approved unanimously. Brian &/or Ken will write up the letter. As an aside, the next ANA meeting will be on June 22nd and Mr. Brown will bring this info to that meeting.

Kate and Mary Cal gave an overview of the Clean Up in May. And Jane sent a very detail overview of the Clean up to the group prior to the meeting. It seemed to have gone quite well. There was one incident and 911 was called, responded and then left. Further details weren't readily available from Kate, Mary Cal or Earnie. All were in attendance. The reason for a first aid kit was brought up and it was explained that there was one volunteer who had cut his hand. No follow up was needed. Regarding a Fall Clean Up.....we will look into the idea and see if there are other NA holding one and consider adjusting the date of the GPNA Clean Up to the fall of 2016. Stay tuned.

There was a \$500.00 request from NE Village recently and this was brought forth to the group to consider. The leader of this non-profit organization has spoken to us in the past. A motion was made to approve this request, seconded and unanimously approved. Kate will await the info and then will write and send a check.

Since Ken was unable to attend tonight's meeting the Off Leash Dog area was tabled to the next meeting.

Then there was a brief discussion as to the idea of how GPNA could be involved with either the Hollywood library and/or the Beverly Cleary/Fernwood elementary school to consider some sort of fete to celebrate Beverly Cleary's 100th birthday, next year. Nothing concrete was decided at this time.

A review of the 2015-2016 meeting schedule was the next item on the agenda. The dates were briefly discussed and then finalized. With the board meetings scheduled to be on September 8th, 2015, January 12, 2016, March 8th, 2016 and June 14th, 2016. The Regular meeting will be on November 10, 2015 and the Annual meeting will be on April 12th, 2016.

Kate will send the template of times for articles for the newsletter, advertising and timing of sending them to Ron for printing. This next newsletter won't be able to be put together by the school so Kate has stated that she will put them together. Mary Cal has also offered to help Kate do this task. Ron will batch the newsletters in packs of 50 count to make things a bit easier.

The treasurer report was not available at the meeting time but Kate will email this info to the board members. Ron inquired about an approximate amount and Kate and Mary Cal agreed that it was near \$6,000.00.

New Business was up next. Brian mentioned that NECN was asking for some outreach. He also put out the info about the possibility of another GPNA representative for NECN. Ken is still one of our reps. Stan showed some interest and background but nothing went forward at this time.

Mary Cal made mention that it would be nice to meet Slayden Yarbrough the new GPBC pastor. Earnie also mentioned that Slayden would also like to meet the GPNA board members in the near future.

Kate brought up one point from the GPNA/Sullivans Gulch charrette which mentioned the idea of making NE 33rd into a 4 way on/off ramp overpass. No other info was available.

Brian brought up the info regarding the GHS design advisory group. This group has requested endorsement from GPNA. Before the group could automatically agree with this request we would like to meet with the group, see plans and continue discussions before agreeing to endorse their plans for GHS remodeling.

Ron wondered why the police no longer attend the meetings. No one had a good answer. He will look into restarting that activity with the PDX police department

Brian mentioned the idea of getting articles on some of the neighborhood businesses for the newsletter.

There was some inquiry regarding the crosswalks being updated on NE 33rd avenue, but since Ken was not in attendance this was stymied. Although Brian did mention that there were plans in the works to somehow improve a couple of crosswalks on NE 33rd.

A motion was made to adjourn this meeting, seconded and approved unanimously

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Minutes were taken by Mary Cal Hanson