

GPNA Board meeting September 8th, 2015.

APPROVED

Board members in attendance include Brian Cefola, Ron Laster, Ken Peterson, Mary Cal Hanson and Jane Comeault. Both Kate Davenport and John Prell notified board members of their absence for this meeting.

Ron moved to approve the agenda as presented. This motion was seconded and approved unanimously by those in attendance.

There were two recent meeting minutes that needed to be reviewed and approved. They are the June 9th, 2015 which went through unanimously. The minutes from the Sept 8th, 2015 Special meeting required a modification of Ken's version to clarify the lack of concrete numbers for the parking spaces in the Phase II process of the Grant Park Village (GPV) development. This was noted in the minutes, Mary Cal Hanson will modify that sentence and with that in mind the September minutes were also unanimously approved as edited.

Next up: Off Leash Dog Area (OLDA) update from Ken Peterson. Ken recently met with the Portland Parks & Rec (PPR) public engagement liaison, Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong. And there will be a meeting re: possible OLDA issues here at GP Baptist Church (GPBC) on October 1st, 2015 @ 6:30 pm. There will be an article in the next newsletter re: this meeting. The PPR will be having a formal process for public input. Currently there are 3 different areas that will be reviewed for appropriateness of this project. Issues that will be looked at and reviewed include amenities (water sources), separate areas for large vs small dogs, etc. Ken then made a motion for a request for \$500.00 to donate in the construction of the OLDA contingent on the PPR approval of this OLDA. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. The estimated project costs could run from \$10,000.00-\$20,000.00.

Traffic concerns were the next item on the agenda. Jane opened up this discussion with the idea of GPNA possibly considering purchasing a portable traffic sign. Because there is currently a two year wait time to get the city to place a sign that displays drivers speeds. These cost roughly \$2,000.00- \$3,000.00. Questions arose to who would be in charge of this piece of equipment re: maintenance, storage, possibly rental options to other NA. There were two members from the neighborhood on hand at this meeting, Stan Cyran and Denise Wantland who both raised continued concerns about the increase of speeding cars in the neighborhood. Stan lives on NE Knott and Ms. Wantland lives on NE Cesar Chavez Blvd (NECCB). Both of these neighbors along with Ken and Ron mentioned several City of PDX (COP) employees with whom they have spoken and tried to get some assistance with their traffic concerns. In the end it sounds like Carl Snyder, COP main traffic engineer might be the best option for complaints and concerns. It sounds like the pat reply from the COP is "your complaint will be placed into the queue". Ron also recommended to Ms. Wantland to gather signatures on a petition to increase the parking on NECCB to be on both sides the whole way down to Broadway. Ron then made a motion that the November meeting be entirely focused on traffic issues in the GP neighborhood. This motion was seconded and approved. The next motion was to have Ken and Stan try to get the primary players in the COP/Portland bureau of transportation (PBOT) to attend the November meeting. This motion was also unanimously approved.

Brian then took the reins and announced the upcoming Speaker Panel that Slayden Yarbrough the current interim pastor for GPBC has put together and created wonderful posters for everyone to take and share with neighbors and friends. This is an exciting event that will be held on September 23rd, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Brian made a motion of support for this panel. This is a non-compensatory co-sponsorship request it was voted on and approved unanimously.

Treasury report was emailed to the board members and also available on the back of tonights agenda. There was one correction for the charge that Cantel sweeping was only \$100.00 not \$500.00. This modification went on record and the ending total currently stands at \$9382.70. This was verified by Ron and again by another email from Kate.

There was no new business to discuss at this time and the motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Minutes were taken by Mary Cal Hanson