

The meeting was called to order by Brian Cefola at 7 pm. The members of the board introduced themselves to those in attendance. These board members included Brian Cefola, Ron Laster, Ken Peterson, John Prell and Mary Cal Hanson. Jane Comeault notified the group of her absence to this meeting. The two special guests for this meeting include Mary Tompkins from the Office of Neighborhood Involvement-Crime Prevention Program and Craig Anderson from the Portland Police bureau (PPB). There was an attendance sign in sheet that was announced and attendees were encouraged to sign into the meeting.

The agenda was passed out to those in attendance. The agenda was reviewed; a motion was made to approve the agenda as was presented. The vote was unanimous to approve the agenda as presented.

First up was Mr. Anderson from the PPB. He passed out a two page handout that had the most recent information on crime statistics that have been tabulated by the PPB for the Grant Park neighborhood. He also wanted the crowd to know that the Police have gotten a new computer system so the numbers may not be all inclusive. Also of note these stats are only for those calls that come in to the Police dept. The PPB is not able to monitor any of the neighborhood web based notices sent amongst the Grant Park Neighbors (Next Door and others). Mr. Anderson recommends locking cars and keeping anything of value or eye catching stuff out of the car. If you notice any odd activity in the neighborhood he also requested that the non-emergency number be called. Get as many specific identifiers for the police to follow up on incidents. Currently the PPB is 60 officers short in their staffing positions not to mention the staffing is down by 150 officers since 2000. It was great to have a Portland police officer come to our meeting.

Mary Tompkins was up next and had several handouts for the attendees. These included a handout on Package theft prevention, Bicycle theft prevention and vacant house crime issues. The topic of either a neighborhood watch (NW) program or even a block watch (BW) program was brought forth. These programs can be set up and neighbors can be trained by a coordinator from the city of Portland (Mark Wells) if the group(s) is interested. The GPNA would be happy to help facilitate this forum if there was any interest. Mary also mentioned the National Night Out in August. It's the first Tuesday in August and is a community wide night of celebration. Grant Park has not participated in this program to date.

Up next was the issue of the demolition notice regarding the house at 2581 NE 30th Avenue. GPNA received a Residential Demolition Permit Appeal application for this project. Either the GPNA or individuals can complete this form and turn it into the Bureau of Development Services (BDS) before the November 30th, 2015 deadline. There are 4 or 5 required attachments that must be addressed in addition to a \$1,318.00 fee. There is a copy of the application on hand for review if needed. Also of note regarding this issue is that the developer has noted in the application that this house will need an inspection by the city to declare it a "dangerous dwelling". If the city declares the property to be a "dangerous dwelling" there can be no appeals to stop the demolition. Info was solicited from the neighbors of the property to get an idea of some of the problems that could be of concern for the neighbors who may not be so acutely aware of this issue. After much discussion it was clear that the neighbors as a group or the individuals had little to no recourse for any input or adjustments to the upcoming demolition of the house and construction of a much larger home on this lot. One group was mentioned who may be able to help with this issue in the future, United Neighborhood for Reform at www.unr.org or you can google the name of this group.

At this point Ron brought forth the idea that the GPNA should pursue this appeal request? The resounding answer was No.

A motion was made to adjourn this meeting, voted on and approved unanimously at 8:35 pm.

Minutes were taken and transcribed by Mary Cal Hanson

FYI-Ron Laster had a discussion with one of the neighbors Jacque Henshaw regarding "Intro to earthquake preparedness" which they would like to have placed on the agenda of an upcoming meeting. Her phone number is 503-288-4736. She lives at 3128 NE Tillamook Street.

FYI- Ken also wanted the board members in attendance to have a printed version of his letter on the recent information for the OLDA at Grant Park neighborhood park.