

GPNA Board meeting minutes: January 12, 2016

APPROVED

Board members in attendance include Ron Laster, John Prell, Jane Comeault, Ken Peterson and Mary Cal Hanson. Both Brian Cefola and Kate Davenport were unable to attend.

Ron opened the meeting with a motion to approve the agenda which was unanimously approved by the group.

Approval of past meeting minutes provided a transition for a bit of discussion regarding which minutes can be approved at which type of meeting. The conclusion was that since this was a board meeting the group would only approve the Special meeting minutes from November 17, 2015 which were approved without dissent.

Up next on the docket was the GPNA position on the Phase II design review for the Grant Park Village development project. There will be a meeting sometime in February that Ken has been notified by both Capstone development and Sullivans Gulch NA but there hasn't been a definite date/time as of yet. The Review board would like the Capstone group to add more apartments and fewer parking spaces. Once Ken gets the specifics on meeting time/date/place he will email them to the group of interested parties via email.

Off Leash Dog Area (OLDA) update: Ken was made aware that Portland Parks & Rec (PPR) has made review and recommendation to approve the "A" option for the Grant Park OLDA. This was the most favored option from the public survey. It will be close to two residential homes on the north end of the park. There may have been some influence to this choice also due to the upcoming "modernization" of Grant High school. There is currently a graphic designer who should have designs available on the PPR website within the next several weeks.

Jane was up next to discuss this year's Clean Up. She would like to move the date up a bit to alleviate the hectic energy that comes during the month of May. She proposed either April 30th or May 7th. After a bit of discussion the group decided on April 30th, 2016 as this year's Clean Up day. Jane will email Kate for newsletter timing for dissemination of this info.

Treasury report was mentioned although there was not a hand out for all to review. Ken read that there currently is \$7,839.20 in the GPNA account with an additional \$845.00 outstanding.

A traffic update was the next item for discussion. Jane has been in contact with Carl Snyder from PBOT regarding the possibility of purchasing a mobile radar sign. She will continue to pursue this line of inquiry until there is confirmation of her questions. She was sent to a traffic engineer but hasn't gotten anywhere with this person either. Jane's idea would be for this unit to be moved around the neighborhood every 3-8 months or so. These units cost is ~ \$2,000.00 each unit.

Ron brought up the insurance issue(s) that may need to be considered if the GPNA were to purchase this item. He wasn't sure if the insurance would cover issues that may arise from this piece of equipment. Just another item to consider/review as this traffic calming technology goes forward.

The Broadway-Weidler Alliance Update has no December meeting according to Ken, while the next meeting will be at the end of January. There currently is website although it too is in its infancy. Ken is waiting to hear back from the "Better Block Group" to see the impact of simple improvements in neighborhoods. There is also a group of PSU students working on this project. John has again mentioned the need for another GPNA board member who could split the attendance for this groups meetings. He would like to continue as one of the GPNA representatives but would also like some assistance.

The consideration of GPNA transitioning from the umbrella group at NECN over to the Central NE Neighborhood coalition (CNN) was again brought forth. There is an outstanding \$500.00 that the GPNA should be getting from NECN for out communication funding that has not materialized as of yet. The discussion that followed made it pretty clear that NECN has not made any vast improvements in their way of conducting their business. The name Alison Stoll came up and along with Jo Schaeffer from the Hollywood NA for possible guest speakers for a future meeting to assist in this discussion. A motion was made to invite the appropriate members of CNN to discuss the possibility of changing the GPNA coalition affiliation. This motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Ron will send a note to Brian who will take the lead in coordinating this with the needed guests. Ron also emphasized the need to make the public aware of this potential transition at at least the next 3 meeting, in the newsletter and on the GPNA website.

New business: There were 2 variations of a letter to Charlie Hales regarding the homeless situation that is burdening the Portland area. Currently there was just a discussion and nothing further at this time. The request was made for the group to read, review and plan on a more in-depth discussion at the next meeting.

Ken brought up the idea for helping celebrate the 100th birthday of Beverly Cleary. Her special day is in April and both the main library and the Hollywood library have plans in motion to make this a city wide day of celebration. OPB has also had a documentary on Ms. Cleary in hopes of notifying the public of her impact on the greater Portland area and the readers around the world.

A motion to adjourn this meeting was approved unanimously at 8:28

Minutes provided by Mary Cal Hanson