

GPNA Special meeting: February 9th, 2016

APPROVED

Board members in attendance for this meeting include Ron Laster, Brian Cefola, Ken Peterson and Mary Cal Hanson. There were two guests in attendance also and they were Stacey Tipp and Sarah Falcon. Kate Davenport, John Prell and Jane Comeault were unable to attend.

The meeting was called to order by Brian and a motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. This was seconded and approved unanimously. Next on the docket was a discussion with Ms. Falcon regarding the potential for GPNA and the Lee Owen Stone (LOS) preschool to work together to help in getting a parenting class at the GP Baptist Church. Ms. Falcon is working on a grant from the NECN and possibly another donation from the GPNA to cover some of the costs to coordinate this great class. Ms. Falcon gave a great presentation with lots of questions and answers from the whole group. In the end it was decided that until Ms. Falcon completes and obtains the grant from NECN the GPNA will be available for support but no donation will be given until the process is further along and more complete.

Ron proposed to engage in a partnership with Ms. Falcon's parenting class concept pending approval of the grant written, approved and re-presented to the GPNA. So the motion was made to give conditional support to the LOS proposal grant for the parenting class to NECN pending the review of the final grant proposal by the GPNA board members via email voting. In this email vote if approved by a majority of the board members the amount to be given would be a maximum of \$500.00 or a % of the total grant amount from NECN. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Ms. Falcon requested a partnership letter indicating how the GPNA would also assist this project. The possibility of an article for the GPNA newsletter and the Hollywood Star was also discussed. Reaching out to the admin of the Fabion school staff could also be beneficial.

Next up was a discussion regarding the switching of the coalition affiliation from NECN to CNN. Again it was brought up the need to invite the leadership from both organizations to an upcoming meeting to present the advantage of staying or going with either group. Again there should be an article for the next newsletter to let the neighborhood know about the possible change and allow for input. Asking ONI reps to come may also be beneficial. Of importance would be issues that are pertinent to the GP neighborhood not limited to outreach, programs, how are NA supported among many others. Ken and Ron will spearhead this process for the March meeting.

Ken was able to transition smoothly into a discussion of the upcoming Broadway Charrette that will be in the area and include the Irvington, Sullivans Gulch and GP neighborhood assoc representatives along with any neighbors or other citizens interested in joining. This group will be discussing some long range planning issues. There was a motion to approve up to \$250.00 from the GPNA to support the Charrette. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Grant High school has also made their annual request for financial support for their senior party. A motion to approve \$500.00 for this activity was seconded and unanimously approved.

Agenda items for the March meeting will try to only be NECN, ONI and CNN discussion.

The only new business was regarding an update on the Off Leash Dog Area (OLDA). The Portland Parks and Rec (PPR) has come to a decision on the location along with details about this exciting addition to the GP neighborhood. The estimated costs include \$20,000.00 for the fencing, irrigation and Improvements to the grounds and other amenities. They have included this project into their Capital Improvement budget for this year. Ken will be asking for the \$500.00 from the GPNA once things begin and settle out financially.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

Minutes by Mary Cal Hanson GPNA secretary