

GPNA Board meeting Tuesday March 8th, 2016

APPROVED

Board members present and introductions include Brian Cefola, Ron Laster, Ken Peterson, Kate Davenport, John Prell and Mary Cal Hanson. Guests include Alison Stoll and Jo Schaefer. Alison is the chair of the Central NE Neighborhood (CNN) Coalition and Jo is a member of CNN and a Hollywood NA board member and both are NE residents. There were also two new/old faces in the group tonight, Liz & Norm Alexander who have moved back to their home in GP and are very welcome here tonight!

Brian's first order of business was having the group review and approve the agenda which was completed with a motion, a second and a unanimous vote to approve the agenda as presented.

Next up were the January and February meeting minutes. After a few grammatical modifications were mentioned both meeting minutes were approved.

Alison Stoll was up next to provide the group with a very extensive overview of what the CNN group has to offer GPNA. Alison and Jo presented numerous activities and processes that might be helpful to the GPNA. One of the more important items of interest was the mention of the stability and longevity of many of the CNN board members. Alison has been associated with the CNN board since 1991 and Jo since 2005. Both women made it very clear that they would assist the GPNA transition from NECN to CNN. There may be some policy and procedural processes that need to be reviewed and completed before the transition can take place. Most of the CNN meetings are the first Wednesday of each month while the Land Use group has a separate meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Any GPNA members are always welcome to attend any CNN meeting at 4415 NE 87th Ave. (Fire Station #12).

A motion was made to pursue the GPNA re-affiliation with CNN and let the general neighbors know. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

There was an article written in the latest GPNA newsletter letting neighbors know about this transition. This topic will again be brought up at next month's General meeting. The April meeting is also the meeting for elections of the GPNA board members. The information will also be posted on the GPNA website. Ron volunteered to draft a letter, when time appropriate, assuming change is confirmed at the Annual meeting next month.

An update on the April Clean Up was brief as things are still being set up. It was agreed to collaborate with the Sullivan's Gulch NA (SGNA) although it is unclear how that will transpire at this point. The big issue is the City of Portland has new rules for household construction materials secondary to the possibility of asbestos in the material donated. Kate is getting more information from the city but it looks like we may not be able to take these items. The Rebuilding center has backed out of the Clean Up this year due to confusion about how things will be processed.

A motion was presented to engage the SGNA in coordinating the 2016 Clean Up. The motion was seconded and voted in agreement unanimously.

The Lee Owen Stone parenting class update: Ms. Falcon has submitted the grant request and it was noted that Faubion School has been included in this process.

Broadwater-Weidler Alliance (BWA) update: Ken brought the group updated information on the BWA group. They have elected a new president John Rich who is a manager at the Grant Park Village New Season store. There is also a new VP for this group and he is a manager at the Broadway Kitchen Kaboodle. We will look forward to the progress of this group on a variety of topics for the NE Broadway corridor and surrounding areas.

Beverly Cleary is having a 100th year birthday bash at the Hollywood library and has invited the GPNA to help the city celebrate this amazing local writer. A motion was made to donate up to \$500.00 for cupcakes to help in this celebration. A second was brought forth with a unanimous vote to help this local party.

New Business: Kate emailed a copy of the most recent Treasury report. Of note half of the recent advertisers didn't renew their advertisements for the next newsletter(s). Many of these businesses are realtor and don't need the exposure secondary to the hot housing market. Kate has been tasked with following up with information on a 4 page newsletter.

Elections: the April GPNA meeting will primarily be focused on the board member elections. A few items of interest include:

- Kate would like to be either the treasurer or the newsletter coordinator but not both.
- Ron agreed to step into the treasurer position.
- John would like to continue as a member at large
- Liz wouldn't commit to a member at large position just yet.....maybe by next month?
- Brian has requested stepping down as president but would continue in the VP position
- Ken agreed to be the president and continue on as the Land Use person
- Mary Cal agreed to continue on as the secretary

Kate also brought up the possibility of changing the meeting dates in the month due to conflicts of one of her other obligations.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm

Minutes provided by Mary Cal Hanson