

Grant Park Neighborhood Association (GPNA) Board meeting June 14th, 2106 7:00 pm **APPROVED**

Board members in attendance include: Ken Peterson, Jane Comeault, Ron Laster, John Prell and Mary Cal Hanson. Kate Davenport was not attending tonight's meeting. Earnie Smith also dropped in later in the meeting.

Ken brought the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and the meeting agenda has a motion brought forward for approval. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved as presented.

Next up were the most recent version of the GPNA Annual meeting minutes from April 12th, 2016. These too were reviewed by the group. A motion was presented, seconded and approved unanimously.

Meeting dates for the 2016-2017 were the next item on the agenda. This discussion was bantered around and the months of the next year were agreed upon as: Board meetings will be September, January, March and June. Also clarified were that the Regular meeting will be in November and the Annual meeting will be in April. The day of the week was left open at this time because input from Kate Davenport is needed to assist in the coordination of the writing, assembling and distributing of the quarterly newsletter is needed. This will be tabled until Kate contacted and dates confirmed. This will take place via emails. It was decided through emails that the above meetings date will be on the 3rd Tuesdays of the aforementioned months so that comes to 9/20/2016, 11/15/2016, 1/17/2017, 3/21/2017, 4/18/2017 (Annual) and 6/20/2017.

An update on the conversion from GPNA association with Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN) to Central Northeast Neighborhoods (CNN) is still in process. CNN has approved/accepted the GPNA request to join this coalition. This transition of affiliation is not legal/official until the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) approves of this switch. But we are considered members on the CNN roster.

The Broadway-Weidler Alliance (BWA)/Better Blocks/Broadway Charrette and Max update was the next item up for discussion. Ken gave an overview as he and Kate Davenport both attended this charrette. There were about 100 people in attendance. There were several tables of vendors with good information. There was no discussion about potential costs associated with planned changes for things like signals, street modifications etc. What are the next steps was the hanging question. Ken mentioned that there was a survey available for attendees and there will be a report on the finding of this data. There are 1-10 year plans and 11-20 year plans that are in the works. There is also a "mini" plan that the City of Portland + the Bureau of Transportation are working on. This plan is going to have a focus on parking changes and issues and density increases in the inner city areas.

Ron presented a clear and concise Treasury report. The final net amount in the GPNA account is \$7,825.79-7,942.79. This is a range because it is unclear if one of the merchants wants a quarterly or a yearly ad. The 2016 GPNA Clean Up brought in almost \$1,100.00. Small grants were discussed as an option to share the monies in the GPNA account. We as a group need to brainstorm about how to distribute these funds with local neighborhood groups. An item on the September meeting will be a discussion of how to distribute \$2,000.00 in \$500.00 increments for groups in need in the neighborhood. Another idea that floated around was how to make the GPNA group more visible in the community.

Ron raised the question of GPNA and its relationship with the PTA's from Grant HS & Fernwood campus. His concern was that it appears that the NA is not involved or taking a position on the issues at the

schools. Ron will contact the PTA's and see if we can meet at the Sept meeting to engage and discuss some of the local schools issues. Primary issues with the Portland Public school (PPS) recent lead and radon findings within the schools buildings in the city. Ron will draft a letter and then this info will also go into the next newsletter. The idea of inviting someone from PPS to come to an upcoming GPNA meeting and discuss plans of how the PPS plan to remedy this lead and radon problems would be appreciated. No plan of action was nailed down at this time.

We invited Earnie Smith to discuss the idea of having some sort of formalized Earthquake preparedness evening at the Grant Park Baptist church soon. A subcommittee was developed that will include John, Kate, Ron, Earnie and Jane who all volunteered to help steer and coordinate this event. Jacquie Hemstead will also be invited to help. Earnie recommended a Survival guide book to read by Jonathan Hollerman.

How does the info from the GPNA get to the neighbors? Our current options are our newsletters and our website. In addition there are a few yard signs that can be utilized. Ken brought up the idea of "Welcome to the neighborhood" packets. Maybe a GHS student could assist in gathering putting these together? John will check with his daughters Girl Scout group to see if this could be a project for them. Ideas for things in the packet would be maps, school info, library info and anything else thought to be useful to new neighbors.

There is a free concert that will be in the Grant Park on August 7th, 2016 at 6 pm. Ken will follow up with PPS to see if or how the GPNA could have a bit of visibility at this event? Maybe a table with handouts, signs etc.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Minutes were taken and transcribed by Mary Cal Hanson