

GPNA Board meeting: September 20th, 2016

APPROVED

Board members in attendance include Brian Cefola, Ken Peterson, John Prell, Jane Comeault and Mary Cal Hanson. Three neighbors were also in attendance for this meeting. They were Stacey Tipp, Linda Reisser and Ted Grund.

The minute officially started once a quorum was complete with the arrival of Ken. The first item was a slight modification of the agenda as presented where we moved the announcements up to be the first order of business. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved. So Brian opened the meeting with the announcement that there will be a slight change to the area on NE 32nd Avenue and NE Schuyler Street. This is a modification that the City of Portland is implementing to assist with the easing of the bike-commuters way through that intersection. It will get the bikers off the sidewalk and make two cut through.

Speaking of bicycling in Portland Mr. Grund took the floor to educate the group on the latest development for what had been the Sullivan's Gulch trail. In addition to a new name, Rose quarter to Gorge trail is resuming its plans to become part on the next 10 year plan for Portland. Mr. Grund gave a great overview of the plans and direction of this project. Not to mention the possible economic and environmental benefits that may ensue with its implementation and completion. He also asked the group for a letter of support which after a bit of discussion was decided to bring the topic up at the next General meeting in November. Currently there isn't a specific dollar amount available for the project. There is a letter template that Mr. Grund will share will GPNA to assist in this process.

Next on the agenda was the review and approval of the June meeting minutes. Ken requested two changes both which will be completed and the minutes were then approved unanimously.

The group then resumed with a variety of announcements. Brian mentioned the new modernization project at Grant High School. This will be tabled to the November meeting. The next item up was the discussion of the Emergency preparedness subcommittee group. So far no meetings for this group have taken place. Mrs. Reisser then piped in that she'd been involved with some of this training at PCC. She would be interested in joining this subcommittee.

Stacey Tipp was up next and she shared with the group that the Grant Park Baptist Church (GPBC) has found a new pastor. His first sermon will be on October the 11th at 11:00. He is a gentleman who is from Idaho and completed his training at the Duke Divinity School. Congrats and welcome to Reverend Jeremiah (Jeremy) Richards and his family to the Grant Park neighborhood.

Ken reported that he had just come from the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhood (NECN) meeting. This was to formally wrap up the transition process where the GPNA will now be under the Central Northeast neighborhood Coalition (CNN). Ken will now finalize the whole affair by notifying the office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI).

Ken also wanted the group to know that there is some lobbying going on for the additional of another MAX light rail station near NE 28th Avenue.

Goals for the GPNA were up next. Brian wanted to get some ideas of setting some goals for the GPNA board members and what we as a group would like to see happen for the next year 2016-2017. One of the common themes was to increase neighbor participation and get more members on the board. It was mentioned that each current board member should try to recruit one additional neighbor to become an active GPNA board member. GPNA can have up to 15 members at large.

Another idea that was mentioned was trying to get more involvement from the Grant High school staff and students. This would go a long way to increase our exposure to the community and possibly lead to more collaboration of activities within the neighborhood.

National Night Out (the first Tuesday in August) was also mentioned as an area that the GPNA could increase our neighborhood involvement somehow.

The next idea was a Recruitment party. This could occur after an abbreviated January meeting and include nibbles and refreshments to entice neighbors to attend. Ken will coordinate with Kate to get an article into the next newsletter.

Speaking of recruitment, Stacey Tipp went ahead and put her name forward at a potential GPNA board member at large. A motion was presented for her nomination, seconded and approved. Welcome to the GPNA board Stacy.

The treasurer's report was next but was unavailable for this meeting will be deferred to the November meeting.

The final agenda item is Emergency Preparedness. Ron had volunteered at the last meeting to chair the group which was going to include both John and Jane. Jane mentioned that she had done a bit of resourcing and had a contact, Jeremy (no last name available). Jeremy helps support the Northeast emergency teams (NET) in the area. Linda Reisser would like to be involved in this group. GPNA would like this committee to try and have a meeting before the next general meeting in November.

New business was up next and the only item that was mentioned was a recent incident in the neighborhood where a person left several weird and somewhat threatening flyers placed all over the GP neighborhood. The police were notified and the offending flyers have been removed. Ken will follow up with Officer Anderson. It is unclear what the outcome was at this time. Ken will report back at an upcoming meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Minutes by Mary Cal Hanson GPNA secretary