

GPNA Regular meeting: November 15th, 2016

APPROVED

Board members in attendance include Ken Peterson, Mary Cal Hanson, John Prell, Ron Laster, Jane Comeault, Stacey Tipp, Brian Cefola and for the newsletter Kate Davenport. Several sign in sheets indicate that at least 20 guests and neighbors were in attendance. The board members were introduced to the attendees of this meeting.

The meeting started out without the usual beginning formalities (agenda and prior meeting approvals) due to the presentation by a representative from the Mahlum architectural firm, which has completed the first phases on the Grant High School (GHS) modernization project. JoAnn Wilcox, the associate principal from the Mahlum architecture group had a wonderful and complete slide presentation of the upcoming improvements for GHS. Also from the Mahlum group was Alyssa Leeviraphan who is an associate architect along with Chris Brown, an architect. For more info there are a few websites that neighbors can check out at <http://GrantBond.pps.net> or at the GPHS website at <http://www.pps.net/schools/grant/>. The architectural drawings are available for viewing on these websites. This will be a LEED silver designation remodel.

The costs were revealed and this whole project may cost up to \$116 million. GHS will close after summer 2017 begins and the timeline should have a reopening of GHS by the fall term of 2019. In the interim GHS student will be transitioned over to the Marshal campus.

An item of interest was the softball and youth soccer field area on the border of GHS and Grant Park park areas. There had been plans for a permanent dog off leash area (DOLA) but it was unclear as to the final boundaries of this outstanding issue. This item is also an area of contention and confusion in the past and ongoing. Michelle Chariton from Portland Public Schools (PPS) as the project director for Grant's Modernization was unclear about how this will pan out. This area is actually on the Grant Park park area and not on the GHS campus.

Next was an emergency preparedness update from Jane Comeault. This subcommittee has plans for 3 separate events over the next 6 months. The first event will be on January 10th, 2017. This is a Tuesday and the event will be in the evening. The Red Cross will be the presenter and will cover how to prepare at home for an emergency event. Next up is a tentative date of February 8th, 2017. This gathering will host several Northeast Emergency Team (NET) trained neighbors from Hollywood, Irvington and Rose Park. Again the focus will be on how to be prepared for an emergency event. The final event is scheduled to be on March 8th, 2017. This is a Wednesday. The City of Portland Bureau of Emergency preparedness for the city will present more information on being prepared for an emergency.

Information regarding these events will be in the December newsletter and of course on the Grant Park NA (GPNA) website. The subcommittee hopes to establish and obtain a budget so that fliers and possible door prizes for drawings can be acquired.

Since the newsletter was mentioned there ensued a quick bit of discussion and show of hands re: changing from a paper newsletter to an electronic version of our newsletter. Several members in the audience voiced a high desire to continue with a paper version of the GPNA quarterly newsletter.

At this time the meeting switched over to the more formal flow starting with the approval of the agenda as was presented but not followed. The agenda was approved as presented with Ron requesting to add a few items that will be discussed under new business.

Review of the meeting minutes from the September 20th, 2016 GPNA Board meeting were reviewed and approved with 2 slight name corrections.

Ken reviewed and explained to the group that it is now official that GPNA is a member of the Central NE Neighbors (CNN) coalition. No further questions or concerns were raised at this point. So moving on to the Broadway-Weidler Alliance update, Ken made mention that this group along with some of the neighboring NA are lobbying for an additional MAX stop station at NE 28th Avenue overpass.

As mentioned previously the DOLA update has been understood that the Portland Parks and Recreation (PPR) was working with the GPNA to establish a more permanent DOLA. Currently it seems to be "up in the air" and no clear information is available. Ken will keep the group updated as he finds out more information. This brought up the idea of a subcommittee to form and work on the DOLA. Ken Peterson, Stacey Tipp and Patrick Schmidt have volunteered to be on the committee pending spousal approval.

The newsletter discussion was next up and Ken started out by asking the group about the possibility of no longer creating a paper version of the GPNA newsletter and only having an electronic version. After several neighbors voiced their desire to have the paper option continue as a quarterly delivered newsletter the issue of timeline, pages to print and articles were discussed. Also of note, CNN is currently able to offer a bit communications fund money to assist in this important activity, than had been available through the NECN coalition.

Treasury report: Ron let us know that the current balance in our banking account is \$8224.72.

New Business: Ron brought up the NE Village request for another donation. He explained that the previous donation was put to good use. Currently the NE Village has 63 members. Each member's annual fee is \$750.00. (*) Ron voiced his concern that there are neighbors who are or may be unable to become members at this high fee. So an additional request for funds would most likely go towards sponsoring part or a full membership. Jane brought up the question of what the guidelines are for these funds. It was explained that there are guideline on the webpage, but they may need to be updated. This will be an agenda item at an upcoming meeting. Also a representative from NE Village will be asked to come to a meeting to explain how things are going at NE Village and how additional funds would be used. John has volunteered to contact the NE Village coordinator to set up this meeting attendance. Jane requested a \$500 budget for the Earthquake preparedness subcommittee would like to request a \$500.00 budget. This should cover any upcoming cost for posters, advertising and door prizes for the prizes that will be available at the 3 meetings. This budget request was made into a motion, seconded and unanimously agreed upon.

New board members: at the last board meeting the board members were tasked with trying to encourage additional neighbors to consider joining the GPNA board. We can have up to 15 members at large. There was a woman at this meeting Leeann Meldovany (sp) who mentioned being interested but wasn't able to stay at this meeting. She hopes to try at an upcoming meeting.

There were 3 informational notices about properties in the GP neighborhood which plan to have temporary rentals.

There was also one notice of home demolition. This home is near Kate's home on NE 28th & Schuyler. Kate mentioned that this house was in such disrepair that demolition is the best option.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and approved unanimously @ 20:53

(*)- This information has been clarified in the November 29th, 2016 meeting minutes.