

Grant Park neighborhood association (GPNA) Board meeting (APPROVED)

September 19th, 2017

This meeting was called to order at 1902 by Ken Peterson the current GPNA president. Since there were several board member and neighbors in attendance the request was made that we all introduce ourselves. Attendees included Ken Peterson, Ron Laster, Jane Comeault, Stacey Tipp, John Prell, and Mary Cal Hanson (all board members), as well as Steve Metke, John Wade, Doug Couch, and Lis Cooper (NET team members/neighbors).

The meeting agenda was approved at the end of the meeting by mistake as Ken had presented.

The first item on the agenda is the review and approval of the June meeting minutes. A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes as presented, seconded and unanimously approved.

Ron Laster, GPNA Treasurer was next with a quick update of the current balance of the GPNA funds at approximately \$6700.00.

An update on our relationship with Central Northeast Neighborhood (CNN) coalition was presented by Ron Laster. The first item mentioned was the water bureau's upcoming bond measure and the city of Portland's change to having to purify the water from the Bull Run area. The two options on the table were wither filtration or ionization. It looks like the bureau will opt for the filtration option at this time. More info may be coming as developments progress. After member association updates a discussion ensued about the Overlook Neighborhood Association (ONA) and their ongoing issue regarding some of the homeless who are camping in the Overlook neighborhood and trying to obtain board positions on the ONA. There are some conflicts re: city insurance for "non-residents" and some push back from Chloe Eudaly, one of the Portland city commissioners who has threatened to cut off funding to this neighborhood association and others if the homeless are not given the same access. What needs to be defined and cleared up is "how does the city of Portland recognize the homeless?"

Stacey Tipp gave a quick overview of her recent attendance at the Public Safety and Action Committee (PSAC) meeting. These meeting have been changed from monthly to every other month. Stacey has requested that she not attend these meetings anymore as she feels that GPNA is such a fortunate neighborhood to have so few of the major livability issues, so that she has little to contribute. She also feels uncomfortable speaking up in such a large, open meeting where people are obviously upset/aggravated. There was a question about whether or not this committee has any meeting minutes. Stacey will follow up and obtain these if they are available. But the group agreed that she doesn't need to attend these meeting regularly but if an issue arises the board members can re-evaluate the situation.

The Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) team leader, Liz Cooper was next. She and several other NET members were in attendance to give the group an update on their progress in forming a specific group of dedicated Grant Park residents to complete this very important training. There are currently 16 NET certified members on the Grant Park team. Liz wanted to point out that even the NET

members will only respond once their family is settled and safe. Then they will arrive as able to provided services.

A reminder that the Grant High School student body is now located at a school in SE Portland until 2019. This should prompt parents to have back up plans for retrieval of their children in an emergency. Other school issues include the fact that the Beverly Cleary Fernwood School is a brick and mortar building and not updated to todays earthquake standards. This is a concern to the NET group. They will be working on that issue. Another area of concern is resident confidentiality in the face of a disaster.

During a disaster this group might appreciate other non-NET certified neighbors helping out in a variety of capacities. There are the ATV's or affiliated trained volunteers. These neighbors might have special skills that could be needed/used in a disaster. And then there are the SUV's, this stand for Spontaneous Untrained Volunteers. These would be neighbors who can be ready and willing to assist the group in a variety of non-skilled tasks, such as note taking, running errands etc. They are also working on a neighborhood software program to be used a depository for neighborhood data. Questions about confidentiality, maintenance and security are still being discussed.

We need to have a final vote on the amended GPNA by-laws with the primary change of our neighborhood association switching from NECN to CNN. Jane made a motion to approve this amendment change, it was seconded and unanimously approved. The latest version of the GPNA by-laws will be posted on the website. Brian will be notified.

New Business:

-Olive Louise has resigned as a board member at large due to her moving out of the neighborhood. Ken has two possible board members to the GPNA who were unable to attend this meeting. One of our neighbors Steve Metke who was in attendance tonight may also consider joining the GPNA board.

-The newsletter continues to be an area of frustration for the board. There was thoughts that after the meeting of the newsletter subcommittee which included Ron Laster and Mary Cal Hanson. They met with Kate Davenport who had been a GPNA board members in the recent past and still wanted to keep the task of creating/assisting with the newsletter articles/design and layout unless someone else wanted to take it over. In addition Kate coordinated the ads and financial obligations associated with that task. Kate requested giving up the ad and revenue activity which Ron agreed to handle.

A motion was made for the contractual authority given to a sub-committee consisting of Ken, Stacey and Ron to hire a service that will proved an alternative for our newsletter. The financial cap for this will be \$300.00 for the design and layout for the newsletter. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

This meeting was adjourned at 20:34.

Meeting minutes were transcribed by Mary Cal Hanson, GPNA secretary