

Grant Park Neighborhood Association General/Board Meeting Minutes (APPROVED)

January 16th, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by President Ken Peterson.

Copies of tonight's agenda were distributed, reviewed and unanimously approved as presented.

The board members in attendance included Ken Peterson, Ron Laster, Stacey Tipp, Jane Comeault and Mary Cal Hanson. There were two guests in attendance tonight. They included Lois Okrasinski and Nicholas Dodge. Mr. Dodge is from the Sullivan's Gulch neighborhood. Later in the meeting Ms. Okrasinski's husband was in attendance but did not sign in on the attendance form.

Review of the November 2017 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Ron gave an update on the Treasurer Report which included our balance of \$5300.00.

An update from the Central Northeast Neighborhood coalition (CNN) was presented by Ron but didn't include much new information. The primary issue at the most recent meeting was the noise from the planes of the Air National guard. A letter was drafted, sent and the noise has been reduced. Luckily the GPNA doesn't really have many pressing issues at this time. Although another outstanding issue is the homeless in the various NE neighborhoods.

There were no NET representatives at tonight's meeting.

The Newsletter/webpage report was discussed and so far the newly hired person, Sharon Colombo seems to be working out quite nicely. An ongoing issue is the lack of news articles for the newsletter. There is also a need to establish "hard" deadline dates to ease the newsletter process.

The Annual GPNA meeting will be on April 10, 2018. This is the meeting to elect the GPNA board members. At this meeting the board will set up the next years (2018-2019) meeting calendar.

Mr. Nicholas Dodge from the Sullivan's Gulch neighborhood (SGNA) wanted to inform the group that he is actively seeking to establish a parking permitted areas in the SGNA but the area is too small based on the City of Portland guidelines so he would like to include several blocks in the GPNA. Primarily between NE 33rd to NE 28th and NE Broadway to NE Schulyer. He was just starting the process and wanted to see if there might be enough interest in that area of the neighborhood. Once a zone is established it is easy to expand the boundary to include additional streets to control parking issues from spreading. The GPNA board members in attendance encouraged him to use Next Door and agreed that this area of GPNA would most likely be fine with being included in the permitting process.

New business:

Ron brought up information that he had recently met with members of the Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood (BWNA) regarding the increase in car thefts. This meeting was to see if together the two

NA could collaborate or create a forum to improve how these cases are processed with the police department.

2018 Clean Up will be coming up in May. A tentative date was chose for Saturday May 19th, 2018. Stacey Tipp has confirmed with Ernie that the church and parking lot will be available on that date. Mary Cal will notify Ronda at CNN that that will be our Clean Up date. Jane mentioned that Kate Davenport is interested in participating again this year and Mary Cal will reach out to her and coordinate things for the Clean Up. Jane also mentioned that she will be available in a limited capacity. Stacey Tipp will be moving to Florida so she won't be able to be physically on the committee this year but the group may seek her input on some coordinating issues as she is available.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57

Minutes taken by Mary Cal Hanson

1. Present: Ken Peterson, Ron Laster, Stacey Tipp, Jane Comeault, Steve Haber (NET), Mitch Schaub (NET), and Nathan Havner (NET).
2. Everyone went around the table and introduced themselves.
3. The September meeting minutes were discussed. There were several small corrections. Stacey Tipp agreed to make the corrections and send a corrected version to board secretary, Mary Cal Hanson, who was absent tonight. Ron moved and Jane seconded the motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Motion unanimous.
4. Ron moved, and Jane seconded, a motion to approve the agenda. Motion unanimous.
5. Treasurer's report. Ron reported that we have \$5,300 in the bank. This is after paying \$140 to Susan Sheppard for the newsletter layout, and after a payment from the NE Community Center for their ad (the community center has committed to advertising in the newsletter for the next year). Ken's choir, that submitted a late newsletter ad, will pay \$75. Ron mentioned the difficulties he had had in locating records of ads placed in the newsletter, as well as records of payments. He would like to find a volunteer to take over responsibility for the newsletter ads. Jane moved, and Ron seconded, a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion unanimous.
6. Update from CNN. Ron mentioned the car theft article that we printed in the GPNA Winter 2017 newsletter, reprinted from an article in the Beaumont-Wilshire NA newsletter. Ron thought the issue of changing the standard of evidence to prove car theft, as described in the article, might be something for CNN to take up with the state legislature. Unfortunately, only the Beaumont-Wilshire representatives seemed energized by this issue. We decided to wait and see if we received any feedback from our Grant Park newsletter. We might revisit this issue if our neighbors show interest.
7. Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) report by Mitch Schaub. Mitch mentioned that Grant Park now has a great cadre of 23 members on its team, even though they only just got started. They have a president, regular meetings, and have ongoing discussions on how to reach their goals. They have three-fold objectives: i) continued training so that the team can help the community both before and after a disaster; ii) to help understand the neighborhood they serve (e.g., where are residents likely to be at different times of the day?); iii) to develop opportunities to help educate residents on disaster preparedness.

--This lead into a wider discussion of the work of the NET team. Nathan showed us his kit, including a tool that would shut off gas and water. Steve talked about how important it is to know when to shut off gas, and when not to do it. Gas should only be shut off in an emergency. Simply smelling gas is not

enough. If residents lose the ability to boil water, this can lead to disease outbreaks (as happened with cholera in Haiti). Gas can only be turned back on by the utility company.

--Jane expressed concerns about the safety of her children at Beverly Cleary, and was concerned about preparedness at the school. She asked if there is a way to connect NET with schools. Nathan said that if the "big one" (i.e., a massive earthquake) happens during school hours, that (i.e., local schools) is where NETs will be focused. Jane said that she would love to see a reunification drill for local schools (Beverly Cleary and Hollyood). Nathan suggested that this issue should be raised with Lis Cooper (NET team leader) at the next NET team meeting on Thursday, January 18th.

-- Steve emphasized how it's important the team work on outreach, especially working with the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management (PBEM).

--Ken asked about mapping the neighborhood. Steve agreed it is absolutely critical that we know where our community assets are (e.g., who's a doctor/nurse, who owns a generator, etc.). The team is waiting for PBEM as it is working on mapping software. Mitch said it would be a great idea if the team had a paper copy of the list of neighborhood assets to keep with their equipment stash.

--Steve noted that there are two small areas in the neighborhood that are not covered by a NET team (north of Grant Park and south of Beaumont Wilshire). It was agreed that the Grant Park NET would be happy to include these residents in the Grant Park catchment area, but the GPNA would have to be involved in the logistics of notifying and obtaining the agreement of those residents. Mitch will show us exactly where the unserved areas are (he will send a map to Ken, the land use chair). Ken says this is probably an issue that CNN could help sort out.

8. Newsletter Committee Report. The committee consists of Ken, Ron and Stacey. Ken had previously submitted an e mail to board members on October 26 that detailed the committee's findings and recommendations. Jane mentioned that she had talked with Kate Davenport, and that Kate was very happy that Susan Sheppard has taken over responsibility for the newsletter layout. Kate may even be willing to lead the annual clean-up, now that she is not doing the newsletter any more. Jane mentioned that she likes the idea of letters to the editor. However, Ken noted that he gets frustrated at the lack of feedback from readers, especially when an appeal has been made for new ideas and responses to articles. He also wondered if a potential "message from the president" column would have enough material for a full year. It was noted that we need to add the location of the GPNA meetings on the front page of the newsletter. In a general discussion of potential articles for the Spring 2018 issue, Jane agreed to write an article on an eco-friendly education non-profit that she's involved in (it would be that issue's "local good causes" piece). Members also liked the idea of the articles on mattress disposal and creating bee-friendly gardens. An article on the pros and cons of the community website Nextdoor was also popular. Ron reported that the \$500 NE Village Portland scholarship had been given to a very qualified low-income senior. The recipient has an interesting history of volunteering (e.g., the Peace Corps, hospice). It was suggested that an article on the grant gift would be a good update for the next newsletter.

9. Upcoming meetings. It is important that we plan our meeting dates for the next year in advance. However, for now, we just agreed that our next general meeting would be Tuesday, January 16. At this meeting, Ron suggested we discuss the criteria for officer positions (e.g., should someone serve as an at-large member for at least one year before becoming an officer; what are the attendance requirements?). It was also suggested that we should ask new at-large members to specify their areas of interest. After hearing about the GPNA need for new board members, Mitch kindly said that he would raise this issue at NET meetings and encourage team members to join our board.
10. Ken proposed deferring the discussion of the Soda Tax Initiative, as we were running out of time.
11. A motion was made by Jane to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ron. Motion unanimous.

Notes prepared and respectfully submitted by Stacey Tipp

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 meetings 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 meetings 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 provide 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 today's 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 ATVs 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 stands 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 as 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 2034.

Meeting minutes were transcribed by Mary Cal Hanson, GPNA secretary

Grant Park Neighborhood Association (GPNA) meeting minutes

June 20, 2017

APPROVED

The meeting was called to order by Ken Peterson at 7:01 pm. Since there was a guest speaker, Anne Marie Heistand tonight and one neighbor, John D'Avolio in the room the members of the board introduced themselves to the audience. Board members in attendance included Ken Peterson, Stacey Tipp, Ron Laster, Pat Schmitt, Olivia Louise and Mary Cal Hanson. A list of attendees was filled out and will be kept on file.

There was a slight modification to the agenda and a motion was placed to approve the amended agenda, seconded and unanimously approved.

First item on the agenda is the review and approval of the meeting minutes from the April 18, 2017 meeting. One change was made on these minutes but after a motion and a second were unanimously approved.

Ron presented a handout of the current Treasury report. After a couple of modifications most notably the \$100.00 to each of the NET team members in the Grant Park team, which came to 13 members or \$1,300.00, \$110.00 for Cantel Sweeping the final balance is currently \$7603.07.

Of note was a commitment that had been discussed at the April meeting and approved to donate an item to the Beverly Cleary auction. Jane Comeault purchased the item and donated from GPNA. This item came to \$39.95.

Our guest speaker for tonight's meeting is Anne Marie Heistand who comes to us from the "Yes! For healthy kids and education" organization. Ms. Heistand gave a wonderful overview of this group's mission and plans to get support from the citizens and neighborhood groups to support legislation within Multnomah county for a tax of 1.5 cent/ounce of sugar sweetened liquids. This tax would be placed on the distributors not at the retail level. 50% of the money raise would go towards early learning efforts and the other 50% would go to public health education. There was a question and answer series from the group and Ms. Heistand will follow up with the board members with more information via email of the study information, other cities and county roll outs and more. This healthy idea is backed by a number of organizations including the American Heart Assoc, the American Dental Assoc just to name a few. The primary opposition is the American Beverage Association with a sub group under the name of "Move Forward". In addition the teamsters are opposing this plan.

Grant Park Church has made a formal request for a \$500.00 grant to improve the parking lot. The plan is to put down better striping and at least two handicapped parking spaces. A motion was made to approve this grant, seconded and approved by all board members except Stacey who abstained from the vote due to her connection as a Grant Park Church member.

There was limited information on the Clean Up but both Mary Cal and Stacey felt that it was a success. It's unclear what the final profit was from the event as this would need to come from the Coalition on

NE Neighborhood (CNN) or Ronda. Mary Cal did have about ~\$192.00 of receipts associated with some Clean Up expenses and Ron will reimburse her.

Stacey was up next with a great overview of her role and the focus of the Public Safety Activity Committee or PSAC. This is a dedicated group of neighbors, a police officer and a district attorney who meet monthly to discuss and brainstorm on neighborhood crime prevention and livability issues. The meetings will be changed to every other month starting in August. Stacey also had a couple of great flyers for other upcoming events. National Night out will be the first Tuesday in August, a women's free self defense class and crime prevention resources to name just a few.

Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) report: last month several of the new and old NET members met up with some of the GPNA board members at a local watering hole. This meeting was the first of what the GPNA hopes will lead to a strong and robust relationship.

The NET group will hopefully become a more integrated part of the GPNA team and share information via newsletter, attendance to some of the GPNA meetings and overall neighborhood emergency planning going forward.

Ken wanted to bring up a minor but important change to the bylaws. We needed to change the working in the bylaws to reflect our coalition change from NECN to CNN. This change needs to be noted in these minutes before a vote can take place and the second notice can be voted on.

New business: it came to light to the group that there has been some difficulties and frustrations with the process that the newsletter undergoes. There is concern that now that Kate Davenport has a full time position the timeline, communications and finishing of the newsletter may be overwhelming to her. So a subcommittee was roughly discussed and may include Ron, Ken and Mary Cal. A motion was made that this subcommittee will be empowered to fully negotiate the manner in which the newsletter is processed and produced going forward. A motion was placed, seconded and approved.

A motion was also made to have this group purchase some gift for Marianne Lynde (?) the newsletter coordinator. It too was seconded and approved.

Speaking of gifts Earnie Smith was called into the meeting room where a gift to show our appreciation was presented to Earnie for his outstanding services to the GPNA.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm

Minutes taken by Mary Cal Hanson, GPNA secretary.

Grant Park Neighborhood Association (GPNA) Annual Board meeting minutes

April 18, 2017

APPROVED

The meeting was called to order by Ken Peterson at 7:08 pm. Since there were several neighbors and guests in the room the members of the board introduced themselves to the audience. Board members in attendance included Ken Peterson, Brian Cefola, Jane Comeault, Stacey Tipp, Ron Laster and Mary Cal Hanson. A list of attendees was filled out and will be kept on file.

Ron moved to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. This was seconded by Brian and unanimously approved.

The March meeting minutes were next on the agenda and these were reviewed by the board. There were two slight modifications noted and then Ron moved to approve the March meeting minutes with the changes and again Brian seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Ron gave a brief overview of the amount of funds in the GPNA account. This amount was roughly \$8,400.00.

Mary Cal was up next to give an update on the May 20, 2017 GPNA Clean-Up. Things look to be on track. There aren't any vendors who are willing to come and pick up usable household items on a Saturday due to additional staffing and costs. A U-Haul truck will be rented to keep these items out of the garbage dumpsters at the end of the event. Stacey has confirmed 11 volunteers so far. There have been a few issues with dealing with the new neighborhood association (CNN) but these seem to be cleared up. Stacey has also procured some food donation barrels from the William Temple House. This is a nonprofit organization in the Portland area which provides mental health and other services to the citizens.

An update on the Safe Routes to Schools (SRS) program was presented by Jane. She has reached out to both the Beverly Cleary principal and the PTA but hasn't received any response to her two separate inquiries if the school will consider putting on a SRS program. John D'Avolio, who is a GP neighbor was in the audience and volunteered to address this lack of concern to the issue with the PTA as he will soon be a new member (his position will start in May). Jane will contact the Portland Bureau of Transportation and include Mr. D'Avolio in hopes that more interest in this important issue could get more exposure to the GP neighbors, parents and teachers.

The group was delighted that Barbara Smith Warner was able to be in attendance this evening. Ms. Smith-Warner is the State Representative for House District 45. This district includes Grant Park neighborhood in addition to several other neighborhoods in close proximity. Opening this discussion was a timeline and background of how she became involved and committed to politics in Oregon. She gave a lively overview of some of the pressing legislative issues that she is working on. First and foremost is the huge budget shortfall of \$1.6 billion for this biennium. Barbara then gave an analysis of how the state got to this point. She also gave a review of the tax system in Oregon and how it continues to fall short because both the income and property taxes fluctuate and we don't have a sales tax like most of the other states. Some of the other points of interest included some upcoming taxation ideas, bottle deposit tracking and some limitations caused by state laws that prohibit municipalities from creating new or additional tax revenue. One of her pet projects is to try and get more transparency in the depositable drink bottles from the distributors. She left her contact information with the group and is happy to have anyone contact her to discuss these or other issues concerning the Oregon legislature. Barbara's contact info is rep.barbarasmithwarner@state.or.us.

The April meeting for Grant Park includes the voting of officers for the board. Ken took a straw vote at the last meeting and the board members agreed to continue in the following positions:

Ken Peterson- Will continue as President and Land Use representative.

Ron Laster- Vice President and Treasurer. He would like to give the treasurer position up to another board member but there were no volunteers and will continue in the Vice President position.

Brian Cefola-removed from Co-Vice President and will remain the Communications officer.

Mary Cal Hanson – Will remain on as the secretary.

Jane Comeault, John Prell, Stacey Tipp and Patrick (Pat) Schmidt will all continue as At Large members.

Fortunately another neighbor who was in the audience this evening, Olivia Louise would like to become an At Large GPNA board member. Ms. Louise gave us a bit of history and interest in the political process and her name was added to the preapproved slate mentioned above and Ron made a motion to approve the slate of officers and the addition of Olivia Louise. Mary Cal seconded the motion and the officer positions were approved unanimously.

New business was the next agenda item. Ron brought forth the idea that GPNA donate a \$100.00 for each Grant Park neighbor who completes the Neighborhood Emergency Team (Net) training. He would also like to have one or two of the GP neighbors who complete the training to be a liaison with the GPNA. This donation will be reviewed annually. A motion was made by Brian to allow \$100.00 to be available to any GP neighbors to cover the cost of the NET backpack items that are required to complete the certification. Jane seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by the board members. Ron and Jane will collaborate with the Net subcommittee via email and include Mitch Schaub (?).

Ken then proposed a gift to Earnie Smith for acknowledgment of his outstanding service to the GPNA. Ron made the motion; it was seconded by Brian and approved. Ken will procure a bottle or six (for the discount) of wine to be given to Earnest.

Finally, Mary Cal brought forth a notice that the Hollywood Star newspaper has inquired about GPNA purchasing an ad in the May newspaper. Upon review of the size, price and payback it was decided not to pursue any ads at this time with the Hollywood Star.

Ken made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9 pm, it was seconded and unanimously approved.

The minutes were taken and submitted by Mary Cal Hanson

APPROVED

Grant Park Neighborhood Association (GPNA) Board meeting minutes

March 21, 2017 at Grant Park Baptist Church 2728 NE 34th Ave

This meeting was called to order by Ken Peterson and an informal introduction of the GPNA board members present include Pat Schmidt, Jane Comeault, Ron Laster, Brian Cefola, Stacey Tipp and Mary Cal Hanson. There were also two neighbors attending Prashant Dubey and Sarah Geenen.

Ron moved to approved the agenda and Pat seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the agenda was approved as presented. The next order of business was the review and approval of the meeting minutes from the Special meeting from February 21, 2017. Ron made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, Pat seconded the motion. There were 3 abstentions from Brian, Jane and Mary Cal all of whom did not attend this meeting. Otherwise the minutes were approved

Jane was up next and gave a quick overview of the 3 Emergency preparedness forums that recently took place at the Grant Park Baptist Church. She mentioned that the feedback was positive from those who attended and that there were 10 new Grant Park residents who've signed up for the Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) from these forums. Jane and the subcommittee hope to continue the momentum and possibly try to schedule another forum. Most likely it will be someone from the Red Cross. This may happen in June. The sub-committee would like to get more parents of the children in the neighborhood in attendance as there are 800 children who attend the Beverly Cleary/Fernwood campus. The subcommittee is looking into options to continue the liaison between the Grant Park neighbors and the NET.

Stacey Tipp is our liaison and has attended 2 of the recent Central Northeast Neighborhood Public Safety Action Committee (CNN PSAC) meetings. Some of the parties that regularly attend are the North Precinct police officer, a representative from the District Attorney's office and a public safety officer from the City and a variety of neighbors. The meetings take place at the CNN headquarters on 4415 NE 87th the second Wednesday of each month. There is also a "pre-meeting" option to discuss neighborhood specific issues like the homeless, crime/drug use in the neighborhood, illegal camping etc. Stacey also had the most recent page of emergency phone numbers to pass out. She also mentioned that there will be new rules coming about the parking of RV's on public streets.

The Grant Park Neighborhood Clean Up is May 20th, 2017 from 9 am until 1 pm. Mary Cal and Stacey are co-coordinating this event and have started getting vendors, volunteers and donations set up. Ronda Johnson at CNN has set up the haulers. Stacey made a great flyer that will be in the upcoming newsletter. Of note Stacey has coordinated with a volunteer from the William Temple house in Portland to set up a food donations barrel. The William Temple house provides counseling and social services for the poor. Ron made a motion to approve the food barrels at the Clean Up, Mary Cal seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Safe Routes to School was the next item on the agenda. Ken gave a summary of the recent meeting on this topic that he attended. There is \$768,000.00 in funds that can be used by the schools in the

“Grant cluster”. This is a large geographic area of the city and include Grant Park, Irvington and Laurelhurst. The meeting was not well attended by the Grant Park neighbors. There were several board members and neighbors who mentioned that the Grant High school and Beverly Cleary Parent Teachers Association (PTA) along with the parents of these two schools all know about these funds and have been advertising these meetings. After some discussion on how best to proceed and try and get more neighborhood involvement Jane volunteered to contact the PTA president and the principal at the Beverly Cleary School to encourage them to coordinate another presentation by the Safe Routes to schools group but that the GPNA would not be responsible for coordinating the event. Ken will send Jane the contact information.

The bottle and can recycling program at the QFC market was brought up briefly. The group was given a conservative guess that since 2013 this program has generated roughly \$7000.00 of funds for the Beverly Cleary School PTA. These funds have no limits or restriction for their use.

Coming up in April there will be GPNA board member elections. A brief round table of who was still interested in their current positions or needing to make changes. Brian spoke up that he will not resume his Vice President position but will continue as the communication officer. Ron also offered up the extra duties that he dose as Treasurer to anyone in attendance but no one offered to take over that activity and Ron will continue in this position in addition to the Vice President position. Mary Cal has agreed to continue as secretary and Ken also agreed to continue as the President. The three “at large” members were quiet. The voting will take place during the April GPNA meeting.

The Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) contact information was discussed briefly. It was decided that Mary Cal will deliver all mail that has been delivered to the GPNA Post Office box. As an aside Ron mentioned that there was a recent change in the directorship at ONI.

The Grant High School Modernization project with the Bureau of Development Services (BDS) Hearing is set for tomorrow (4/22/2017) and will be in downtown Portland at 9:00 am. This is a meeting that the public can bring up any issues that they have. The relevant information to the GPNA was just emailed to Ken this morning which is less than 24 hour notice. In the document there is very little information on the issues that have been brought up to the BDS regarding parking , traffic concerns, loss of park space due to the girls softball field expansion and loss of parking spaces. Since there has not been a consensus reached within the GPNA or concerned neighbors we as a group will not have a specific position on the project.

The Dog Off Leash Area (DOLA) subcommittee is up next. There have been two meetings for this group but Portland Park has been less than helpful in working with the members to try and develop a dedicated area in Grant Park park for a DOLA. Portland Park will be holding a public meeting at the Grant Park Baptist church on April 20th, 2017 from 6:30 until 8:00 on this topic. Ken has written an article for the upcoming newsletter. Pat made a motion to disband this subcommittee, Ron seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. The group wanted to thank Ken and the group for the dedication and hard work to try and secure what would have been an asset to the neighborhood.

New business was next on the agenda. Ken mentioned that he had been contacted by a Girl Scout group who is interested in becoming involved with the GPNA. Not sure what this would entail but it is exciting that there is some interest from this group. Ken will invite them to the next meeting. Jane brought up a great idea to remove all of the acronyms when printing the agendas. Several of the acronyms are confusing. Mary Cal brought forward a letter and flyer for the Portland Bureau of Transportations upcoming Sunday Parkways events. Stacey took the flyer to share with neighbors.

Jane made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Pat seconded the motion and there was a unanimous approval to adjourn this meeting at 8:27 pm

Minutes taken and submitted by Mary Cal Hanson

**Minutes of special meeting of the GPNA Association, Tuesday, February 21,
2017 at 7:00 pm. Grant Park Baptist Church, 2728 NE 34th Avenue**

Approved

This special meeting was called to discuss the impact of the Grant High School (GHS) modernization on Grant Park and the surrounding community.

In attendance for the GPNA were Ken Peterson, John Prell, Patrick Schmidt, Stacey Tipp, and Ron Laster. Absent were Mary Cal Hanson, Jane Comeault, and Brian Cefola.

Ken Peterson called the meeting to order. The members of the GPNA Board were given name placards and were then introduced.

A motion was made to approve the agenda, which was approved unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the GPNA Board meeting of January 17, 2017. The minutes were approved without any corrections, changes or additions.

The Project Director for the GHS remodernization, Michelle Chariton, assisted by Jamie Hurd of Portland Public Schools, came to the microphone with Ken Peterson to address the questions and concerns of the GPNA and the neighbors in attendance at the meeting.

These issues included:

- 1) The radio tower and a potential increase in its height. Michelle said that there is a contractual relationship with AT&T until 2021. At the end of the contract, the tower will come down. There will be no increase in the height of the tower.
- 2) The plan to remove the bleachers by the track. Michelle said that the bleachers will be removed because there will be a walkway where they are currently located. However, they will be replaced by portable bleachers that will be set up for different sporting events. In response to a question, Michelle noted that the bleachers will be locked in place when not in use. Ron Laster expressed frustration at the lack of community involvement in the modernization planning, especially in regards to the impact on the park. Michelle noted the extensive process of community involvement (workshops, etc), but noted it was not perfect and some issues, such as the removal of the bleachers, had not been covered. Michelle also conceded that the focus of the community involvement had been on changes to the school, rather than the effects on the surrounding neighborhood.
- 3) As part of the modernization, approximately 30 parking spaces will be lost from the campus. Ken Peterson expressed concerns that the school remodel and its increased capacity would likely mean more events and cars coming into the neighborhood. This concern was also expressed by Patrick Schmidt and neighbors in attendance. Michelle noted that the capacity of the school was much higher in the 1980s. Neighbors pointed out, however, that traffic and congestion in general has become much worse in NE Portland since that time, with the large influx of people moving to the area. Michelle also said that neighbors should not be surprised by the elimination of the parking spaces because it was addressed in the community involvement part of the remodel plan. The community approved removing the spaces from the center of the school by the library. The new configuration of the parking lot is safer for students, allows access and a turnaround for emergency vehicles, and diverts water in a more environmentally sound way. However, Michelle acknowledges that the loss of the 30 spaces will put even more pressure on the surrounding neighborhood. She is willing to help neighbors work with the Portland Bureau of Transportation on solutions to the parking and other issues (e.g., the unsafe roundabout at the SE corner of the campus*). Solutions might include permit parking, and, as Laurene Mullen, a neighbor noted, perhaps a system like that at Portland Community College, where there is a relatively wide area around the campus where parking is not allowed for students, who then have to walk into the campus from a more widely dispersed area. Ken Peterson noted that the City of Portland is currently in the process of revising its rules for parking permits for neighborhoods. He further suggested

a GPNA sub-committee to study these issues. No action was taken at this meeting to establish such a sub-committee.

- 4) Part of the GHS remodel involves adding a softball field for girl's softball, which will be overlaid on, and slightly larger than, the existing soccer field at the northeast end of the campus. The GPNA and neighbors are concerned that this will impinge on the existing off-leash dog area (Option B). Michelle said that she did not think that there will be a conflict if dog owners adhere to the schedule of posted hours for off-leash area use. Ken Peterson and others, noting the high usage of the park for school sports, rec leagues, and general recreation, feel this proposition is unrealistic. He emphasized that a dedicated and fenced off-leash dog area would avoid all potential problems (e.g., folks letting their dogs run on the softball field, which will not be fenced, and the dogs defecating there). This then led into a more general discussion of the issue of the off-leash dog area and other potential sites in the park. Ken Peterson provided everyone with the interim report of the GPNA Dog Off Leash Area (DOLA) subcommittee, dated February 20, 2017. Brett Horner, from Portland Parks and Recreation, came up to the microphone to help lead the discussion. First, Brett noted that there is no plan to fence the softball field or Option B. Further, he noted that the Parks Dept. will be carefully monitoring the potential conflict between sports field users and off-leash dog users. Ken Peterson questioned whether the City had enough rangers to effectively police the park. Brett said there are about 19 park rangers in the city. Brett seemed to appreciate the DOLA report, and said that he wanted to investigate other potentially viable DOLAs. He further stated that Parks would make, "a decision in the next few months." A neighbor questioned why Option A had been taken off the table. Brett said it was because the area was too close to neighboring homes, and that the residents of those homes had threatened legal action if Option A went ahead. Ken Peterson then gave a summary of how and why the DOLA subcommittee was formed. Basically, the GPNA has not been able to get answers or input from Portland Parks about which other areas of the park might be suitable as a DOLA**. When the GPNA learned about the new softball field, and the way in which it would impact the current DOLA, the subcommittee was put together almost as an emergency action because of a closely scheduled January land use public hearing (though this public hearing was eventually rescheduled for March 22). Some neighbors were frustrated by not being given the option to join the subcommittee or get input into the new areas identified in the subcommittee report (D and D2). One neighbor who wanted to join the DOLA subcommittee is Dr. Sarah Geenen, who lives in a home adjacent to Option D, and accused Ken Peterson of keeping her "out of the loop" in GPNA work on the DOLA issue.

It was then suggested that perhaps neighbors should try to bring up issues of permit parking and the DOLA at the March 22 land use public hearing. There was no consensus on this, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

*It was noted that there is some \$760,000 available for traffic safety improvements in the neighborhood;

**The Parks Dept. has also stated in the past that all costs of a fenced DOLA in Grant Park would have to be paid for with private funds. The City will not pay for the cost of a fenced DOLA, despite the system development charges levied on the construction of Grant Park Village and other new developments

Respectfully submitted by Stacey Tipp, acting Secretary in the absence of Mary Cal Hanson.

GPNA Board meeting January 17, 2017

APPROVED

In attendance were Ron Laster, Jane Comeault, Brian Cefola, Mary Cal Hanson, Ken Peterson, and Stacey Tipp. Absent members included John Prell.

There were four guests including Laurene Mullen, Patrick Schmidt, Jeremy Richards (the new pastor at GPBC) and Alan Bates who spoke about ReachNow® Car Sharing in Portland.

The meeting was called to order by Ken Peterson. The members of the GPNA board were given name placards and then introductions commenced.

A review of the agenda was next and Ron requested the addition of some time at 7:10 to have the Treasurer's report. There was a motion made, seconded and approved to the addition of the Treasurers report and then the agenda was also approved.

The Nov 15, 2016 and Nov. 29, 2016 meeting minutes were reviewed for approval. The motions were made, seconded and approved. There were two abstentions for the Nov 29, 2016 meeting minutes.

Ron presented a quick overview of the Treasurer's report. There is currently \$8,872.32 in the GPNA account. This includes the recent addition of \$2250.00 from the CNN coalition. This amount is for our fiscal year 2016-2017. Brian inquired about any criteria for reporting on the use of these funds. Ken is on top of those reports and requirements and has to complete an action plan. These reports are then sent to the city of Portland for review and completeness.

Patrick Schmidt is a Grant Park neighbor who has been assisting the off leash dog area (DOLA) subcommittee, but who is not formally a member of the committee. He is interested in becoming an at large board member. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to have Patrick join the GPNA board as an at large member. Welcome Patrick.

Alan Bates is here to inform the NA about a company by the name of ReachNow® car sharing program. Portland is the second city to have this exciting idea come to town. Seattle was the first city in April and ReachNow® (RN) started in Portland in September 2016. Portland Bureau of Transportation makes it a requirement to inform all of the NA because there may be company cars parked for a period of time in any given neighborhood. This company has a variety of vehicles to rent on a short term basis as another option for mobility in the city. These vehicles can carry four or five people. Alan mentioned that for every one car used for car sharing purposes seven to 11 vehicles leave an area. The current area that RN serves in Portland reaches north to Columbia Boulevard, south to West Moreland, west to Goose Hollow and east to 182nd Avenue. To find and pick up a RN vehicle you would need to add the app to your phone. There is also a number to call if you feel that a car has been parked in a neighborhood for too long. That phone number is 1-877-732-2466 and the car will be removed from the parking spot. This is a pay as you go service which comes to about \$0.49/min of use. This works out to about ½ the cost of either Uber or Lyft. The types of cars include: Mini Coopers, Mini Clubman, BMW models include the 3 series, x1 and I-3 which are an all-electric option. There are approximately 30 vehicles in the Portland area. RN has no vans/trucks. And lastly, when you use a RN vehicle you don't have to pay at a parking meter. Alan was also asked about writing a brief overview of this service for the next newsletter.

Update on the Dog Off Leash Area (DOLA): Ken reported that there have been two meetings. The first meeting was for "get acquainted" and goal setting. The second meeting was a field trip to Wallace Park to see how the

DOLA there was set up. This information may be used to assist in the set-up of a future DOLA in Grant Park. There were some things at this DOLA Park that the group liked and some things that wouldn't be used/set up for our DOLA. Ken has also written and sent a letter to the Portland Parks and Rec (PPR) which has acknowledged receiving the letter. A phone call was then placed to PPR by Ken to the commissioner's administrative assistant who verified that there are "things in the works". Going forward there will need to be a review of a potential new area to verify the feasibility of this area with PPR. Once that step is completed there would need to be a public meeting and notification to the adjacent neighbors. Ken will keep the board members informed as these things get rolling.

Next up is a Grant High School (GHS) Modernization and BDS hearing update. A question regarding the removal of the bleachers at the GHS track was brought up and after a bit of discussion it became clear to the group that this seemed very odd. Ken will follow up and attend the next planning meeting on the 25th of January and report his findings back to the board. GPNA is in favor of the GHS modernization project overall.

Ron and Ken gave the group a brief overview of a recent subcommittee meeting on the newsletter and some of the issues related to that process. Ron gave an overview to the group of all of the steps involved in the process to create, edit, print, collate and distribute the GPNA newsletter. Each step was discussed and a set schedule was agreed up for the newsletter timeline. The main people involved with this process seemed to come to an understanding and agreement on this process. Jane brought up the question of how to go about increasing the newsletter ads. The ad rates are on the GPNA website but should we add a one page insert into the newsletters that go to the various businesses in the neighborhood? Brian volunteered to create a draft insert for review. Ken mentioned that it would be nice to have additional people write some of the articles. He is happy to proofread and edit any articles for the newsletter.

Clean Up Committee: Stacey Tipp and Mary Cal Hanson have agreed to be co-chairs for the 2017 Clean UP. Jane has also offered to help in this endeavor. The first meeting will be in early February at CNN and both Stacey and Mary Cal will be attending. Then a date will be firmed up. Preferably the 20th of May is the first choice while the 6th of May could be the second choice. Stacey will check with the GP Baptist Church to make sure the parking lot would be available to the group for this fund raising event.

Emergency preparedness Update: Ron wanted to give a big thank you to Jane for being such a great coordinator of this very successful community event last week. Great job Jane! This event drew 64 people to the GPBC with nine of those in attendance volunteering to be on the GP Neighborhood Emergency teams (NET). The feedback was mostly very positive with 12 out of the 16 comment cards giving the event a 10. The next event will be on February 8th, 2017 and will feature Eric Hovmiller from the Irvington NET and Ian Timm from the Rose City Park NET. There is a possibility that these next two events will be videotaped somehow and be available to the public but that hasn't been finalized. There may also be another round of these events in the summer. Jane will keep the GPNA updated on this topic.

Central NE Neighborhood Coalition update: there haven't been any meetings recently due to the inclement weather.

Broadway-Weidler Alliance (BWA) update: the next meeting will be on the 30th of January. Ken will be attending. Ken has drafted a letter on behalf of the BWA regarding a request for a feasibility study of the Portland Streetcar. Dan Bower, Streetcar Executive Director, has mentioned that the BWA corridor may be the first in line for the next expansion of this service.

New Business: Ron requested that any newsletter articles be sent to Kate Davenport by March 17th, 2017. Bottle deposits for the Beverly Cleary- Fernwood School will be increasing in price from 5 cents to 10 cents in April. There was a question to see if there could be a more available option to drop off these items vs just at QFC on Saturdays from 4-8 pm. Brian will look into options and report back to the group. The money goes to the PTA.

Mary Cal presented a very large and nice thank you note from the children who put together the newsletters for distribution.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn this meeting at 8:15 pm

Minutes provided by Mary Cal Hanson