

Minutes of the Grant Park Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

November 13, 2018

Board Members in Attendance: Neon Brooks, Jane Comeault, Mary Cal Hanson, Ron Laster, Ken Peterson, John Prell

Absent: Greg Nika, Patrick Schmidt

Other guests: Tony Barsotti, Nathan Havner, Emily Schelling

Call to order at 7:01

Introductions around the table.

Review and approve agenda

- Ron moved to approve, Jane seconded. Motion carried.

Review of minutes from September 18, 2018

- Ron moved to approve, Neon seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Ron

- Ron and Greg have not connected for a handover of the Treasurer position yet.
- Current balance is \$7497.66. Had one deposit from NE Village and debits for PrintResults and the newsletter editor.
- Still lacking newsletter advertisers. The balance in our account is continuously dropping. Ron requested that Board members solicit advertisers. 2000 households, four times per year, hand delivered. Ron passed out copies of the ad rates.
- Ken brought up that the Broadway Business Association has advertised in the past. John volunteered to approach Murray at Wine Buys. Ken said December 3rd is the deadline for advertisers in order to get the newsletters to the school in time for sorting.
- Jane suggested that we include the ad pricing into the upcoming newsletter.

CNN Update – Ron

- Ron provided an overview of the CNN to guests.
- The last CNN meeting included a Bob Euland memorial.
- The Neighborhood Infill Project was discussed. Ron highlighted the importance of this policy initiative. There is an upcoming discussion about it at Rose City Park NA upcoming meeting.
- The meetings are not run as effectively as they could be.

Newsletter and Website Update – Ken

- The last issue of the newsletter was favorably received, especially the articles on homelessness. Had a few emails, one potential letter to the editor, and Tony Barsotti emailed with historical context about some land use issues.
- Ken would like to get back on a regular schedule. It will be a short turnaround between the fall and winter newsletters.
- Ken contacted Beaumont Wilshire about modeling our website after theirs.

Grant Park Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) Report – Nathan

- NET is going well. Nathan is personally focused more on Beverly Cleary School emergency initiatives. Peter Maxfield is doing a good job leading the group.
- The scenario village exercise was good practice.
- During the winter months, NET does a lot of weather related work, e.g. downed power lines, and also at homeless shelters. There is an upcoming training on that for NET members, but community members are also welcome. Other examples of NET volunteerism includes suicide prevention walks.
- Ken asked about the status of block by block preparedness. Nathan: There was a program called Map my Neighborhood that is being redone but seems to have stalled out. It is easier to achieve on a grassroots level. This is not necessarily priority of the NET team. Ken wondered if there could be an outline of “how to get started” such as an Excel spreadsheet or checklist.
Jane asked if something along these lines could be an upcoming newsletter article. Another article could be about how to use the OK and HELP signs.
- Ron received and shared with the Board via email a report about emergency preparedness of Not for Profits.
- Nathan said that the Grant Park NET is planning some mini trainings and could offer them to the Grant Park community. Nathan suggested that he could talk to Jeremy about a mini training. Board would be supportive of this.
- People on the Board suggested that we would benefit from very practical “how-to” information and practices.
- Ken heard about discussion at CNN about a one-day event where folks could come out and pick up everything they need to put together home supplies. Things could be ordered in bulk. It might help people overcome barriers of getting prepared. There was discussion about the effort to organize something like this versus newsletter articles that provoke people to start with something - each newsletter could pick one item off the Red Cross list.
- GPNA perceives a need in the community for people to be prepared. They are not. With the expertise of NET, the Board suggested a newsletter article on bare minimum supplies, and how to get started. Very straightforward and concrete.
- John asked about the status of an emergency supply cache for Grant Park NET.

Land Use Report – Ken and Neon

- No changes since last meeting on the Gordon's site or the Jackson's site.
- Old Burger King might be a new Super Deluxe, as published in last newsletter.
- Neon said there has not been a CNN Land Use and Transportation meeting since our last Board meeting.
- Tony Borsetti shared some comments first about the Residential Infill Project (RIP), the Irvington NA newsletter regularly publishes information about this. And Dean ?? in Irvington is pretty much a resident expert. Tony has been monitoring this, and feels that it deserves more attention by GPNA.
- The other item Tony wanted to discuss is the history of the local service streets and the zoning changes that allowed Fred Meyer to be built where it now stands. There was significant study on how to design traffic flow and development in terms of collector streets and arterial routes. The cut through traffic, if you took away the mitigation west of 33rd, it would have a significant impact. Especially in today's time of Waze etc., traffic would likely be diverted on service streets. He has prepared a newsletter article on this topic and will email it to Ken.
- Tony agreed to write an article on the RIP for a future newsletter. Neon might be able to do something like a fact sheet for the December issue – we might even be able to reprint Dean's article from the Irvington newsletter.

Beverly Cleary Request for Emergency Supplies Donation (item moved ahead of Selection of Dates) – Nathan and Emily

- A grant request for \$500 was submitted to the Board on November 7, 2018 from the Beverly Cleary School Safety Committee (BCSSC).
- Nathan provided some context about today's reality of school safety. Locked interior doors have been proven to keep people alive. For those people inside the locked door, emergency supplies are life-saving.
- Emily on behalf of the safety committee researched "bleed kits" to find the best fit for safety materials for serious emergency situations such as a school shooting. A \$500 grant from GPNA would be a good start towards putting bleed kits in strategic locations in the school. The BCS Safety Committee plans to seek additional funds elsewhere for more kits as well as other necessary safety items.
- Neon asked a question about prioritizing the \$500, and if there is a different and higher priority place to spend the money; will people be adequately trained to use them?; will they be adding unnecessary trauma by having them in the school? if kids are locked in classrooms, will the kits even be accessible?
 - BCSSC has a package of initiatives and purchasing these bleed kits is just one of many including emergency supplies for earthquakes (cache, storage, masks, crowbars, etc), locks for classroom doors, basic supplies for each student and teacher.
 - Yes, teachers and staff are going to receive training. It is pretty simple.

- There was discussion about the awareness of kids about these issues and likelihood of events happening.
- John made a motion to approve the request for the grant. Mary Cal seconded. Jane abstained as a member of both committees, Neon also abstained. Motion approved
- Emily asked if the GPNA would like to make a request of the BCSSC? The Board invited an article about this grant for the newsletter. Emily and Nathan agreed to do this for the December issue.

Selection of Dates for 2019 Meetings

- The following dates were agreed: 1/15-Board; 4/16-Annual; 6/11-Board; 9/17-General; 11/12-Board.

New Business

- No new business.

Adjourn

- Jane made a motion to adjourn. John seconded. Time was 8:52 pm.