

GPNA Board Meeting Minutes: January 14, 2020

Grant High School, 2245 NE 36th Avenue, Room 199, 7 p.m.

Board members present: Neon Brooks, Jane Comeault, MaryCal Hanson, Vivek Kothari, Ron Laster, Laurene Mullen, Lois Okrasinski, Ken Peterson, Stacey Tipp

Board members absent: none

Guests: Marion Horne, Pete Maxfield, Kelliann Amico, Ricky Huyah, Emily Becking, Jeremy Assein, Barry Manning, Marisa Morby

1. Call to Order, Introduction of Board Members

2. Review and approve agenda

- The agenda was approved.

3. Presentation by Barry Manning, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS)

- Barry gave a presentation about Montgomery Park to Hollywood Transit and Land Use Development Strategy.
 - The Hollywood district was one of several priority potential new streetcar lines identified back in 2009. In 2019 the City of Portland together with Portland Streetcar began a study of the east side of the proposed Hollywood - Montgomery Park streetcar line.
 - Streetcars have many benefits, one of them is economic benefits to the area they serve. They tend to attract development as they are seen to be a long term/ permanent investment that is attractive to developers. They are also effective at linking key destinations.
 - Key question: how to get to Hollywood? There are a few routes under review including Broadway-Weidler corridor, NE Sandy, and NE Irving to NE Sandy.
 - There are zoning challenges along each route. Ideally the route would have commercial zoning with a depth of 100' minimum - 200' is better - to support the level of development that would make streetcar viable.
 - This current study will: evaluate urban design and key development opportunities; identify land use and transportation needs for alignment alternatives; identify top alignments for further study. It will not look at in-depth engineering questions at this phase.
 - BPS is embarking on community outreach and engagement starting now. The east side will not have a committee, it is not as far along in study as the westside process. BPS will use neighborhood associations and other established channels at this stage.
 - The east side line is about 7-15 years away from fruition.
 - Anyone who wants to be kept apprised of this work can email mp2h@portlandoregon.gov or visit the website www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/79953

4. Presentation by USTA PNW ([United States Tennis Association Pacific Northwest district \(USTA PNW\)](#))

- USTA's mission is to promote tennis. One way to do this, is via the RecTennis program. They operate in Grant Park and have summer camps and after school programs. RecTennis provides all equipment to reduce barriers to participation.
- This year RecTennis will offer all of their summer programs at Grant Park including: youth summer camp, HIT tennis, friends and family (sign up as a foursome), and Next Level program (to take you from beginner to match play).

- USTA partners with Parks and Recreation as RecTennis.
 - Rally and Eats is a new program they started in Spokane and are looking at Grant Park as a potential site to launch this program in Portland. They are looking for local food vendors (could be a food cart or local restaurant, about three), entertainers (musicians), and a photo booth as partners for the event. USTA provides equipment, no prior tennis experience required. It would be a one time event, looking at Saturday June 13th to kick off summer season. Rally and Eats would be a chance for families to “sample” the program and hopefully engage people in participating in other programs running through the summer. And it is free!
 - Asking for input about food vendor, communication to community, volunteers, entertainers. Grant High band was suggested. They invited GPNA to set up a table at the event and potentially operate/host the photo booth. Ricky Huynh, Director of Marketing Operations and Communications is the contact person rhuynh@pnw.usta.com any suggestions are welcome.
 - Ken invited them to write an article for our March newsletter.
5. **Review and approve minutes from November 12, 2019, Board Meeting**
 - Minutes were approved
 6. **Treasurer’s Report**
 - Ron presented a report. We have \$6520.75 in the bank. The Treasurer’s report was approved.
 7. **Clean-up Discussion**
 - Kate Davenport is meeting with the representative from Beaumont Wilshire next week. They seem keen to partner. Mary Cal will be out of town for the event in May, but she will liaise with Kate to keep the Board apprised.
 - There is much confusion about how the event would be funded/ the cost due to funding changes from the Office of Civic Life at the City of Portland.
 - There is a neighborhood coordinator meeting in February.
 - Ron made a motion that making a decisions related to the clean up via email would be acceptable to all. It was passed unanimously.
 8. **CNN Update**
 - Ken shared that the main discussion at last week’s meeting was about the spring clean ups.
 - Ron has been keeping Board members apprised via email about discussions at the Office of Civic Life.
 9. **Newsletter and Website Update**
 - Deadlines for the next newsletter issue are: Monday, 3/9, all articles to Ken; Monday, 3/16, newsletters to Fernwood. Stacy has recipe ideas. Ron may have a Code 3.96 update. Laurene has an idea related to leaf blowers.
 - This organization has requested a link: <https://www.help.org/drug-and-alcohol-rehab-centers-in-portland-or/>. There was discussion about whether the Board needs to establish criteria for adding web links for organizations/individuals to our website. We decided not to spend time discussing criteria and instead wait to see if more requests arise.
 10. **Neighborhood Emergency Team Report**
 - Pete Maxfield, GPNA NET leader, had to leave early. He mentioned there was nothing major to report.
 - Lois offered to reach out to Pete and offer to write an article for the upcoming newsletter about NET team activities and upcoming events.
 11. **Donations/Reimbursements**

- Grant High requested a donation for their annual graduation party. Neon made a motion to approve a \$500 donation, Vivek seconded and all approved.

12. **New Business**

- No new business.
- Ken welcomed new neighbor, Marion Horne, to our meeting and invited him to talk about himself and what brought him out. He is new to the neighborhood and a retired engineer, generally interested in being involved in the community.
- Marisa Morby, who has attended several past meetings, shared that she is interested in eliminating speeding on NE Knott.
- After they both expressed interest in joining the GPNA formally, Jane made a motion to add both Marissa and Marion as a Board members-at-large. It was seconded by Laurene and approved by all.
- We will include a welcome new members article in the newsletter.
- Ron had a few updates about the potential speed radar sign regarding insurance. The discussion was tabled due to time.

13. **Adjourn**

- Ron made a motion to adjourn, Laurene seconded and meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.