

# GPNA Board Meeting Minutes: November 12, 2019

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

Board members absent: Vivek Kothari

Guests: Dave Leland, Ronda Johnson (CNN), Elizabeth Schaller

## **1. Call to Order, Introduction of Board Members**

- The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm, introductions followed.

## **2. Review and approve agenda**

- Ron motioned to approve, Neon seconded, agenda approved.

## **3. Review and approve minutes from September 17, 2019 Board Meeting**

- Mary Cal made a motion to approve the minutes, Ron seconded, minutes approved.

## **4. Treasurer's Report**

- Ron presented a balance report: December 2019. Current balance is \$7301.75  
Report was accepted.

## **5. Central Northeast Neighbors Update and Discussion of Code Change 3.96**

- Ron circulated a conflict of interest form from CNN for all Board members to sign and return.
- Ron presented several documents: a letter from CNN to the City of Portland Office of Community and Civic Life (OCCL) requesting a five-year contract with funding, an updated process from OCCL for the proposed code change 3.96, testimony from Lizzy Caston, information update from Allen Feld, and a letter by T. DeRidder and E. Gorman titled "How RCNPA Benefits the Neighborhood". See attachments for detail.

- There will be a hearing concerning Code 3.96 on Thursday, November 14, 2019 from 5:30pm - 8:00pm (doors open at 5:00pm) at Self Enhancement, Inc (SEI), 3920 N Kerby Ave, Portland, OR 97227. It appears no vote will be taken to approve or disapprove, and that Commissioner Eudaly will present a report to council concerning the issue. Testimony will be received based upon a sign-up list.

## **6. Newsletter and Website Update-preview of new GPNA website**

- Proposed deadlines for the next newsletter issue: All articles to Ken by Monday 12/2; newsletters to Fernwood by Monday 12/9. Ken will use the bones of Peter Maxfield's NET update for an article. We have one letter to the editor that was a response to Neon's article in the last newsletter. Marissa Morby indicated she would write an article about the speeding problem on Knott St. Ron will try to craft something about the code change 3.96. Stacy has a chili recipe. Ken has an update for the Grant Park bowl. Laurene suggested there could be an article in the changes to finding of neighborhood clean-ups (*this suggestion came up after the presentation from Ronda at CNN under new business but putting it here for ease of reference*).
- Website update from Jane, the action items from last meeting: PO Box and NET Team link were added to the website. **Jane will follow up with Sharon about getting her free ad content to Ron. And Ron will send Jane the contact info for the graphic designer so we can use the new masthead on the newsletter.**
- Training on website to take place in next few weeks, Sharon suggested waiting until we had new minutes to upload. **Jane will arrange the training for Ken, Ron, Neon and Jane to participate with Sharon.** The plan is to do it via a Zoom, with each of us at our own computers remotely.
- The Secretary and the President will have "gatekeeper" status for the website. The Secretary will post minutes once they are approved and the President will upload the agenda in advance of meetings.

## **7. Selection of dates for 2020 GPNA Meetings**

- Proposed dates of January 14 (Board), April 14 (Annual Meeting), June 9 (Board), September 15 (General), November 10 (Board)
- Jane moved to approve the dates. Ron seconded, it was passed.

## 8. Neighborhood Emergency Team Report

- Peter sent an email update earlier on 11-12-2019 since he was unable to attend the meeting.
- We are still interested in the “Map Your Neighborhood” type tool that Peter is familiar with.

## 9. Land Use Report

- PBOT is struggling to identify the correct person to discuss safety related issues on Knott Street, and the intersection at 33rd and Broadway. Ken’s contact has promised to find someone to work on both of these issues, and for someone to attend our next meeting. PBOT’s representative stated that Knott is not a designated emergency route, bike route, or greenway so it doesn’t have options for funding. **Ken will continue this conversation with PBOT.**
- Ken spoke to PBOT about the proposed radar speed sign. PBOT said that in the past they have been reluctant to allow neighborhood associations to purchase the units and there is concern about maintenance from both sides. **Ken will continue this conversation with PBOT.** He is keeping concerned neighbor, Marissa Morby, copied on all correspondence. Ron called the GPNA insurance agent to find out about things like theft, who are the responsible parties? Are homeowners who house the unit responsible for anything? Should we consider renting it out? **Ron will continue to converse with the insurance agent.** We are working on getting a left turn signal heading west on Broadway to turn south on 33rd.
- Report on Grant High bowl modification plans. Ken attended a meeting last week, with about 100 other stakeholders. Lighting in the bowl was proposed, and not much vocal opposition. With new technology, it is possible to light only the area intended with very little spillover. The main concern was from parents of current students that want new lighting to be installed ASAP, when the process is likely to take two years or more. The softball field is proposed to continue to be in the bowl. **A second meeting is going to take place on December 3, 2019 from 6-8 pm in the library at Grant High.** PPS is funding the master planning process, but no construction funding is in place.

## 10. Donations/ Reimbursements

- No requests.

## 11. New Business

### Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN)

- Ronda presented information for small grants available through Central Northeast Neighbors. The applications are due on January 2, she would like GPNA to post on the website. **Ronda will email the information to be included.** This grant cycle could be a last chance opportunity, depending on what happens with code changes. Neon asked if the radar sign would be eligible for a small grant, Ronda said yes. The Board agreed that we would need approval by PBOT in advance. There is an informational meeting about small grants on 11-14-2019 at 6:00 - 7:30 at CNN.
- Changes for neighborhood clean up. The boxes (dumpsters) and tipping fees paid for by the City (haulers/ box rentals) and Metro (tipping fees) in support of Neighborhood Association clean ups has been dramatically reduced. So we would potentially be looking at only two boxes for GPNA; we used six last year for reference. The CNN Board is going to discuss options for how to manage this, they may go with one or two big clean ups or seek other funding options to allow each NA to carry on as in previous years. Each box/ dumpster costs \$500 for hauling and tipping. There are 20 haulers that are approved but each hauler can only give out 20 boxes. If we contracted a hauler directly it would be \$200 per box plus tipping fee. Grant Park, Hollywood/ Rose City Park, Roseway, Beaumont-Wilshire are among the NAs in CNN who plan to host a clean up event. B-W could be a partner given they are a neighbor. **Ronda will email the relevant contact at B-W as well as the PTA person at Beaumont School.**

### Public Use of Building at Grant High

- Ken spoke to the Principal at Grant and she was very amenable to GPNA holding our NA meetings in the new school. Lois mentioned that GPNA meetings were previously held at Fernwood many years ago. **Ken will get more details from Carol and hopefully firm up the commitment.**

## 12. Adjourn

- Mary Cal moved to adjourn, Lois seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.