

GPNA General meeting: April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**APPROVED**

Board members in attendance include: Brian Cefola, Ken Peterson, Kate Davenport, Gregg Sneller, John Prell, Jane Comeault, and Mary Cal Hanson. In addition there were several neighbors in attendance that is reflected on the sign in sheet. And not to be forgotten there are also several guests. There was a guest speaker and politician in the mix too.

The meeting was called to order by Brian Cefola and the agenda was moved as presented, seconded and unanimously approved.

The next order of business was the approval of the meeting minutes from the October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 General meeting. After a motion to approve the meeting minutes, it was seconded and then unanimously approved.

One of the guest speakers tonight is Richard Nudelman from the Portland Food Project (PFP). This is an all volunteer program with approximately 800 volunteers and donors. This is a great system. Green bags were available for the taking to all in attendance and the way it works is you fill up the bag as you can and then you set the bag out on your porch. Every other month the PFP has scheduled pickup days in the various neighborhoods. The pickup days are every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every other month, i.e.; 4/12, 6/14 etc. You can also volunteer to assist this amazing group. The time commitment is minimal. More info can be found @ [www.portlandfoodproject.org](http://www.portlandfoodproject.org) or you can call (503)-775-2110.

Bylaws: the third and final reading of the updated Bylaws was completed. There were a few clarifications in regard to the insurance coverage and some specific voting changes. The final version presented was motioned to be approved, seconded and unanimously approved.

Moving right along into the elections for the members of the board, Brian passed out a ballot but as there were no new members in the audience interested in joining the board either as an officer or an at large member. The result of the vote was as follows: Brain Cefola-President and our Communications officer, Ken Peterson and Ron Laster will be Co-Vice Presidents, Kate Davenport will continue on as our Treasurer, Mary Cal Hanson will continue as the Secretary. John Prell, Jane Comeault and Stephanie Hemstead have also all agreed to continue on as At Large members. Brain present the option of an up or down vote which was agreed upon and the GPNA board members were unanimously approved as presented.

Kate Davenport released a copy of the latest treasury report. The beginning balance was \$7,378.21 and after a few payouts including the Grant Park High School Senior party donation and some bank fees and some incoming payments for advertisements in the newsletter the final balance was \$7181.21.

Jane Comeault was up next to give the group an update on the upcoming GPNA Clean Up on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Again the request went out for more volunteers. The Clean Up hours will be from 9 am until 1 pm. Mary Cal made a financial request for signs and a banner. The request was made for \$250.00. The motion was approved. Brain and Kate also mentioned making up some colored flyers and sending them out around the neighborhood.

Ken Peterson gave the group an update on the North-South Bikeway. In regard to Grant Park the bike route is still under discussion but they are looking at using either NE 26 or NE 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be more meetings to finalize plans and discuss the route, street crossing issues and enhancements for bikes and cars. The big issue is the intersection of NE 29<sup>th</sup> and Broadway.

Ken continues talking but the topic changes over to the Grant Park Off-Leash area. Ken has met with Amanda Fritz whose jurisdiction is Portland Parks and Rec (PPR) and she is primarily focused on completing 2 new parks in the upper NE area of Portland and is not willing to provide any assistance for this project. Ken figures that the Off Leash area

fencing, water and sundries would run approximately \$35,000. He is looking for interested parties to help form an Off Leash sub-committee. John Kirkland and neighbor from Alameda in attendance and is willing to assist Ken for this sub-committee. A motion was put forth to explore the possibilities of this project. The motion was approved.

Next on the docket was a Crime Prevention update from Brian. This is continuing to be on the agenda due to the recent issues in Grant Park and several of the surrounding neighborhoods. Brian met with the police, Crime Prevention staff and neighbors to discuss the recent "flasher(s)" in the area. The emphasis was for neighbors to call the police (call 911) as soon as possible during/after an incident. Also it couldn't be emphasized enough...DO NOT CONFRONT/ASSAULT the flasher. This could lead to arrests of concerned citizens.

Up next: Regional Transportation Planning survey: every 4 years Metro is looking for neighborhood input for potential road development, infrastructure improvements and other transportation project ideas. Just go to the Metro website to complete the survey. Closure date is May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

New Business is the final area of discussion at this meeting. It was mentioned to the group that the businesses on the south side of Broadway from NE 33<sup>rd</sup> to NE 37<sup>th</sup> have been included into the GPNA. This info is reflected in the recently approved GPNA Bylaws. And this was in agreement with the Sullivans Gulch NA (SGNA). Which segwayed to the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Planning Charrette with SGNA will be on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Grace Memorial church on NE 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. There was a mistake in the latest newsletter. Items of discussion will include but not be limited to the streetcar on Broadway and dedicated bike lanes.

There has been no update on last summers tire slashing. No one has been caught and there is no new information. Brian reminded the group to notify the police if these issues arise again this year or at any time.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm

Minutes taken by Mary Cal Hanson