



Grant Park

Neighborhood Association

GPNA board member meeting. June 28th, 2022, via Zoom @ 7:00 pm (UNAPPROVED)

Boards members in attendance: Ron Laster, Mary Cal Hanson, Stacey Tipp, Neon Brooks, Laurene Mullen, Linda Burch, Tom Fawell, Gary Stamps and Marion Horna.

Those board members who have an excused absence include Jessica Decker, Mary Artz and Kara Caselas. Peter Maxwell from the Grant Park NET was also not in attendance this evening.

The meeting was called to order by Ron at 7:03 pm once a quorum of board members was available on Zoom.

A review of the latest version of the agenda was put forth as a motion by Mary Cal and seconded by Neon. Unanimous approval of the updated agenda stands.

First item on the agenda was roll call/introductions: completed

We had a new neighbor joining the meeting tonight. Jake Wicks arrived in Grant Park from Kenton last year and is interested in the neighborhood association in Grant Park. Welcome Jake.

The previous two meeting minutes were next up on the agenda. The dates of these meetings were April 12th, 2022, and May 12th, 2022. Everyone received a copy of the meeting minutes for review by email prior to this meeting. Linda made a motion to approve both the April 12th and May 12th meeting minutes. Neon and Tom seconded and with a vote by hands raise they were both approved unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Also sent to all board members via email. This information was reviewed by the board members in attendance and Marion made a motion to approve the Treasurer report as presented with a second by Laurene. Unanimous approval was met by a show of raise hands.

Neon Brooks was up next with a quick overview of many of the recent Land Use issues in the Grant Park neighborhood and beyond. The Grant High School softball field is nearly complete, and work is underway at the Aircraft building. The former Burger King has a possible completion date for the Food cart pods sometime in August. Transportations changes have been completed at the corner of NE Hancock and NE 39th through NE 41st. This has been changed to two bike lanes (East and West) and only one lane for car traffic. It looks great! There will be an upcoming safety study of Broadway. This is to try and get some actionable safety issues addressed. Grant Park swimming pool is open for business.

GPNA email methodology is the next item on the agenda. At the previous orientation meeting it had been discussed as there being a need to come up with some sort of guidelines regarding the access and distribution of emails. These could be emails to the GPNA or to a specific board member depending on the issue of the email. Neon has created a seven-point page which seems to cover how to proceed as a neighborhood association, as a board member and/or as a community member. One idea was for each board member to create and maintain a GPNA email address. This could be shared on the website and in the newsletters. Neon will share this document with all board members and

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any edits can be shared with her or the group. The hope will be that we can finalize these actions at the October 11th, 2022 general board meeting.

New business: Stacey wanted to let everyone know that the deadline for the next newsletter is September 1st, 2022. Linda has been working with Ron to try and increase the number of local advertisements in our newsletters. Tom is frustrated with the removal of the US Post box on NE Cesar Chavez Ave. He tried to get information from the postal service with little success. The USPS blue letter box has been replaced at the corner of NE 33rd and NE Knott street. There was some discussion re: the removal of these boxes to try and stifle voting by mail. There is also some connection with the removal and the reduced number of mailed items in these boxes.

Up next was an overview of what an Executive Session is and how it must follow the statutes and cited city codes. It gives organizations the ability to discuss issues of importance behind closed doors. These issues are usually related to personnel or contract problems. These meetings and the information shared within these executive session's minutes are kept separate and out of the public eye. If there are any issues that come out of the sessions, they would go to a parliamentarian.

The one visitor Jake was offered a choice of being sent back to the waiting area or to log off of the Zoom call and relog in after being contacted that the session is completed. Jake offered to sign off for the evening and we hope to see him at future meetings.

The executive session began at 8:06 pm

The executive session finished at 8:27 pm.

At 8:28 pm Marion made a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting. This motion was seconded by Neon. With unanimous support the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm

Meeting minutes recorded by Mary Cal Hanson

GPNA secretary