

GPNA Board Meeting,
Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2023
Submitted by Kara Caselas

Attending: Mary Artz, Neon Brooks, Linda Burch, Kara Caselas, Aaron Druck, Tom Farwell, Molly Hamill (NET), Laurene Mullen, Ramona Perrault, Stacey Tipp

Absent: None

Guests: Don Evans (Oregon Shines), Jake Wicks, Kendall Gallagher, John Walden, Walt Della, Kylie Della, Rebecca and Bruce Teborek, Veronica and Gian Lozano, Dave Leland, Stephen Haber, Tom Reider, Jill DeRosa,

Call to Order: Neon Brooks called the meeting to order at 7:07pm
Stacey Tipp explained the rights of non-board members of GPNA to vote in board elections, on changes to the bylaws, and on the minutes of general membership meetings.

Approval of Agenda/Minutes: Agenda approved, motioned by Stacey Tipp, seconded by Tom Farwell, all in favor.
January minutes approved, motioned by Linda Burch, seconded by Stacey Tipp, all in favor. February minutes approved by Ramona Perrault with the amendment noting quorum issue, seconded by Stacey Tipp, all in favor.

Vote to officially approve Kara Caselas as Treasurer and Ramona Perrault, Molly Hamill and Aaron Druck as members-at-large:

- Motion to approve individuals listed above by Steve Haber, seconded by Gian Lozano. 16 in favor, 1 abstained.

Oregon Shines:

- Oregon Shines (OS) mission is to make solar energy accessible to all Oregonians.
- OS works on behalf of solar developers who are registered through the Oregon Community Solar Program.
 - Connect individuals, businesses, municipalities, and other organizations to community solar projects in their utility territory.
 - You can subscribe to a solar project if you have a utility account with Portland General Electric or Pacific Power, and it doesn't matter if you rent or own.
 - The program is free to join and participants can expect to save about 5% annually on your electrical bills. Participants can cancel their subscription at any time without penalty.
- More information provided in the Spring 2023 Newsletter

Treasurer's Report:

- Wells Fargo bank
 - Starting balance: \$7,256.88
 - Income from newsletter advertising: \$45

- Paid five checks: \$855.47
- Ending balance: \$6,446.41
- Motion to approve report by Neon Brooks, seconded by Stacey Tipp, all in favor.
- Discussion of Grant constitution team donation
 - February the GH Constitution Team won the Oregon State championship. Team now can compete at the national finals at the end of the month. Parents need to raise \$95,000 to send team – 29 students and 12 coaches – to Washington DC
 - Continuous need to support various groups within schools, making it hard to justify the funding ask, unclear if it is within our capacity. Limited budget of GPNA would be better spent on neighborhood focus. Motion to not donate to GH Constitution team, seconded by Linda Burch, all in favor.
- Discussion of Grant senior all night party donation
 - An event we have sponsored in the past. Sponsorships help secure event space, transportation and activities for event.
 - Request to see what percentage of students attend event and how money is spent. Motion to provide \$250 in support contingent on the event being free by Kara Caselas, seconded by Linda Burch, 9 in favor, 1 against.

CNN Report:

- Portland's Community and Civic Life promotes the common good by providing a forum for residents to participate in community life in a way that reflects their needs and aspirations. This neighborhood network is made up of 95 neighborhoods and 7 coalitions.
 - We are in the Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN) coalition consisting of the 9 neighborhoods East of NE 33rd to I-205 and North of I-84 to the Columbia River.
- We have two board members that serve on our CNN committee and attend monthly meetings – Mary Artz and Stacey Tipp
 - Currently we have a vacancy within this committee for an alternate attendee in the event Mary or Stacey cannot attend.
- Within the meetings, CNN offers neighborhood associations with general support and funding, associations can discuss what is occurring in our neighborhoods, report out on our board meetings, etc.
- LUTOP – Land use, transportation and open space planning meetings
 - An additional group within CNN that focuses on the issues defined by the group's name
- CNN has an OWL unit that can be used at association meetings to help facilitate hybrid format
- Upcoming trainings:
 - April 24th – Anti-Racist Behaviors and Allyship
 - May 4th – Financial Records Keeping
 - April 26th and May 4th - New board member trainings
- CNN Resiliency Grant:
 - Each association could apply for these funds.
 - Motion to apply for Resiliency Grant on behalf of the special education students to assist them in the construction of a sensory/calm down space for special education students at BCS by Stacey Tipp, seconded by Kara Caselas, all in favor.
 - There could be more money available, depending on how many other associations apply, so if there are additional ideas on potential needs within our neighborhood/community, let Stacey know.

Land Use Report:

- Gordons Fireplace
 - Discussed at most recent Problem Solver meeting with CNN
 - Includes members from the City – police, fire, waste management, graffiti responders, building department, etc.
 - Top 5 of all the current problems with the City, officials are aware of the issues
 - The challenge is it's private property and the City cannot go without the permission or seizing of the property
 - The City can deal with dangerous activity and 911 issues
 - We need more voices contacting the City to continue to put the pressure on the City and owners to show it's a larger community concern

Livability Committee Report:

- Hollywood Neighborhood and Boosters are having a Spring Clean Up Event, Sunday, April 16th from 9-10:30am. Meet at 42nd Ave Station, 2000 NE 42nd Ave

Review and vote on changes to bylaws:

- Correcting the error in previous version of bylaws regarding quorum has been corrected.
- Proposing to eliminate one of the principal officer roles – communications chair – divide former responsibilities between Secretary and Newsletter Editor roles
 - Newsletter Editor will now be a principal officer position, along with President, one or more Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer
- Proposing to add Web Manager role to the board, this would not be a principal officer position
- Correcting the error that there are two (2) not one board delegate on CNN committee
- Motion to approve changes to bylaws by Kara Caselas, seconded by Linda Burch, all in favor.
- Board responsibilities were reviewed and adopted with minor changes described by Stacey Tipp

Election of Officers and At-Large Members:

- Officer Slate:
 - President: Stacey Tipp; Vice President(s): Molly Hamill and Ramona Perrault; Secretary: Kara Caselas; Treasurer: Kara Caselas; Newsletter Editor: Stacey Tipp
- Motion to elected GPNA slate of officers by Neon Brooks, seconded by Stacey Tipp, all in favor.
- Veronica and Gian Lozano and Jake Wicks nominated for at-large members, motion to approve new members by Neon Brooks, seconded by Kara Caselas, all in favor.

Discussion/Formation of Subcommittees:

- Motion to create a land use committee by Neon Brooks, seconded by Kara Caselas, all in favor. Neon Brooks to be committee chair.
- Motion to create events/fundraising committee by Stacey Tipp, seconded by Linda Burch, all in favor. Veronica Lozano and Stacey Tipp to be committee co-chairs.
- Motion to create technology subcommittee by Mary Artz, Neon Brooks seconded, all in favor.
- If folks are interested in participating on a committee, email Kara at kara.caselas@gmail.com

Local event and tabling opportunities:

- There are two opportunities for us to participate in local events with an informational table
 - Oregon Wild event at Grant Park – May 20th
 - Hollywood Farmers Markets – dates to participate are TBD

- Seeking volunteers to help table these events and connect with our community about the work we are doing, recruit new members, explore community interests, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm (moved, seconded)