

GPNA Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2024
DRAFT Submitted by Kara Caselas

Attending: Mary Artz, Neon Brooks, Kara Caselas, Jill DeRosa, Molly Hamill (NET), Tom Fawell, Ramona Perrault, Stacey Tipp, Miro Wesener, Jake Wicks, Bikram Vaidya

Absent: Linda Burch, Laurene Mullen

Guests: Sergeant Greg Moore, Lieutenant Chuck Greulich, Neil Mullane, Lynne Kennedy, Kyra MacIveen, Meganne Steele, Colleen Pittenger

Call to Order: Molly Hamill called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Approval of Agenda/Minutes: Ramona Perrault motions to approved agenda, seconded by Neon Brooks, all in favor.

Minutes need to update attendance - Mary Artz and Kara Caselas were not present. Land use statement about bowl should refer to student athletes, not just athletes. The reporting of the email vote should be updated so that the vote was unanimous, and Stacey abstained. Motion to approve the minutes by Ramona Perrault, seconded by Stacey Tipp, all in favor.

Email Votes Between Board Meetings:

- Stacey Tipp motioned to request additional general technology funds from CNN. Board had 11 votes in favor and 2 did not respond (Jill DeRosa, Bikram Vaidya).

Treasurer's Report:

- Wells Fargo bank
 - Starting balance: \$5,133.90
 - Income: \$ 918 (newsletter ads, donations)
 - Expenses: \$0
 - Ending balance: \$6,051.90
 - Motion to approve report by Jill De Rosa, seconded by Mary Artz, all in favor.

Guest Speaker – Portland Police Bureau

- Questions regarding Narcan:
 - Narcan helps reverse drug overdosing
 - Information on how to use you can get on www.CDC.gov
 - Not recommended for public to help administer for people on the streets potentially overdosing. If you believe you see someone who is overdosing it is best to call 911.
- We are a part of the North Precinct – south boundary is Hwy 84, east boundary NE 184th, north boundary is Saint Johns and west boundary is the Willamette River. This area is divided into 20 patrol districts.
 - North precinct is understaffed by about 50 people
 - Minimum staffing for North is 19 officers, but due to staffing issues this threshold is not being met. At the time of this meeting, only 14 officers were on duty for our precinct.

- Securing spots at the Academy in Salem has been challenging and contributes towards the staffing issue. It causes delays in getting potential officers through the system.
- If fully staffed it would be about 40 officers on duty on a given night
- Portland recently reactivated their traffic division, approximately 15 officers within this department (50 staff historically). With the staffing shortages, the only resource available are the officers on duty. It is typical that regular traffic violations do not rank high enough to respond to, but there is a focus on larger street events.
- Street Response can be accessed through 911, but you can also call the non-emergency line.
- When 110 went into place, a majority of the funding for rehabilitation was cut. Now when folks get arrested and hospitalized, they are released and not offered rehabilitation opportunities.
 - In September when 110 approach on drug use will go back somewhat to what it used to be, but once things are taken away it likely wont be as robust as it once was.

Bylaw Changes to incorporate changes to district coalitions:

- We need to update bylaws to remove Central Northeast Neighbors. Three sections where we need to remove CNN and replace with “recognized nonprofit District 2 Coalition” in the language, Article V section 5; Article VI section 2; and Article VIII. Motion as of July 1, 2024, we will make the bylaw changes listed to reflect the change in our district coalition from Central Northeast Neighbors to the District 2 Coalition by Kara Caselas, seconded by Neon Brooks, all in favor.

Technology Committee:

- Starting in June we will be sending the newsletter digitally.
- Sending community updates via email – dumpster day, meeting announcements, etc.
- Moving the hosting of our website away from GoDaddy. Our contract ends in June of 2025. Starting in February 2025, we will need to start making plans for this switch.
- Look into replacing GPNA meeting signs with QR code sending folks to our digital sign-ups

Land Use and Transportation Committee Update:

- Grant Bowl lighting – Lighting estimate came in under \$500,000 and there are no ADA requirements with lights. Investigating the public process for this type of development project. GPNA will reach out to GBCC to see how we can collaborate from the outset so the initial proposal includes the mitigation neighbors want to see.
- PBOT reached out to us letting us know they wanted to restripe the NE Knott. Does not seem that there is capacity to improve roadway for cyclists, pedestrians beyond restriping. When there is a clear demarcation of where to drive, often vehicles drive more aggressively. We are not convinced of the safety benefit to restriping, so we have told PBOT that we are not interested in striping. Still coordinating with PBOT contact to determine next steps, including whether other safety improvements are possible.
- US Grant Place we are waiting to hear back from PBOT about traffic concerns
- Considered inviting Portland Neighbors Welcome to a meeting. We want to notify our community of the proposal they are presenting. Given our meeting schedule, this is probably not feasible, but Ramona may be able to ask them for a quote or comment on our upcoming newsletter story.
- Land Use Committee has voted to send a letter to AT&T regarding the proposed cell towers written by Land Use Committee member Lynne Kennedy and edited by the committee to the board for a vote. This letter proposes moving the proposed locations off of residential streets

and into Grant Park. Motion to approve drafted letter by Stacey Tipp, seconded by Neon Brooks, 8 approved, 2 no (Tom Fawell and Jake Wicks), 1 abstained (Kara Caselas).

Livability Committee/Problem Solver's Meeting Updates:

- \$28,000 lien on Gordons and Mayor's office is seriously considering foreclosure.

Redistricting Update:

- We will be getting an employee identification number (EIN) and to do that we need to close our current bank account and open a new account. We will need two signatories on the account and have two signatures on checks (Treasurer and President).
 - Motion to close current bank account, open a new checking and savings account with our new EIN, with president and treasurer as signers, Neon Brooks, seconded by Ramona Perrault, all in favor.
 - Look to move to credit union with new banking
- We will have insurance from NECN that will start July 1, 2024 (officers and liability insurance)
- Small grants are required for using the remaining budget for this fiscal year (June 30, 2024). Next year's grants are expected to be much smaller than previous years.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 (Stacey Tipp moved, seconded, all in favor)