



Grant Park

Neighborhood Association

GPNA General meeting January 18, 2022, via ZOOM starting at 7:01 pm

Stacey Tipp has been requested by Ron Laster to oversee this meeting. Stacey opened the meeting at 7:01 and had the board members currently in attendance introduce themselves. This in attendance included: Stacey Tipp, Laurene Mullen, Vivek Kothari, Lois Okrasinski, Linda Burch and Marion Horna. Neon Brooks joined the meeting a bit later. Jessica Decker and Ron Laster were not in attendance.

Guest speakers tonight include Libby Winter and Fiona Lyon from TriMet, Scott Cohen from Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) and Peter Maxfield from the Grant Park NET team.

There were several neighbors also in attendance. Katherine Weyer, Sean Gillen, Morgan West, Stacy Falwell, Matt Morrissey and Per Olstad.

Stacey then requested a motion to approve tonight's agenda. This was first approved by Lois and seconded by Marion.

The November 9th, 2021, meeting minutes were next to be approved. Motion made by Laurene and seconded by Marion. One change was to correct Linda Burch's last name. Done.

Stacey then read the Treasurer's report that Ron has shared electronically with all board members. The final tally was \$8,252.20. Linda made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented and Marion seconded the motion.

Newsletter was up next. Stacey wanted all to know that the deadline for articles is March 1, 2022. She also made a request for neighbors and board members to please consider writing and submitting an article for this newsletter. Linda piped up that if neighbors and board members could also try and encourage businesses to purchase some advertising space in the newsletter.

Central NE Neighborhood coalition (CNN) report: Ron was unavailable to give an update on the previous CNN meeting. Lois was unable to attend that meeting but shared that Alison Stoll shared a wonderful synopsis of all CNN neighborhood Associations (NA). This information included all the NA meetings on a shared calendar, newsletters from the NA's. Neighbors can sign up to get this newsletter via email. Also of note CNN has free notary services.

Libby Winter and Fiona Lyon from TriMet were once again in attendance to share an update of the Hollywood Transit center apartment project. To get more information and updates you can go to www.trimet.org/hollywood.tod@trimet.org or call at 503-962-2190. The TriMet group has worked with a variety of groups to adjust the flow of auto/bus traffic in addition to bike and pedestrian traffic in this area. Nothing is firm yet, but the group recently won a \$28 million award for this development. TriMet will be using a local design firm and building team. There will be 201 affordable apartments and 40 parking spaces. The number of parking spaces prompted several questions from neighbors and board members. There is consideration for using no car ownership as possibly part of the renter agreement (no confirmed yet).

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The trees that are currently in place in this area will at all costs try to be preserved and/or expanded upon. Trees will be in ground not in planters. Portland does have a Tree code that will be followed.

There will also be bike runnels. This term was clarified as a trough like area in plans to more easily have bikers push their bikes up a ramp or staircase.

Winter and Fiona were invited back and agreed to attend the next GPNA April meeting to present another update of this project.

Scott Cohen from (PBOT) was next on the agenda. Scott's focus this evening was an update on the traffic changes/improvement on NE 33rd and Hancock. This action was prompted by an accident in 2021 between a car and a Beverly Cleary student at this intersection. PBOT has made some modifications in the flow off auto and bus traffic at this intersection. Engineers from PBOT have remove the option to turn left?? All of NE 33rd will be resurfaced in the spring of 2022 so there may be additional traffic, curbside and sidewalk changes coming. Scott has a very small and limited budget to make traffic improvements currently for the whole city of Portland. A flashing light signal, like the one on NE 33rd and Klickitat costs between \$500, 000 and \$1 million dollars. Several attendees voiced much concern with the speed limits and small traffic improvements that they feel will not improve pedestrian, children and others safety. Improvements are currently backlogged due to budgets and staffing issues. Staff is having to complete projects with weekend and overtime hours when possible.

Scott will forward most of the concerns onto the appropriate transportation director, but he has reached his ability to do much more traffic improvement at these intersections at this time.

Stacey requested Scott or another PBOT representative who could possibly expound on traffic improvement in the neighbor hood for the April 2022 GPNA meeting. Scott agreed to pass this request along to the appropriate department manager.

Neon Brooks popped into the meeting at this time for a Land Use update. She shared with the group that several development projects have had their permits approved and the neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods should start seeing some activity. For instance, there will be two new food cart areas between NE 35th and NE 37th on NE Broadway. There is also a new architect working on the redesign for the former Gordons Fireplace store (aka the Aircraft building). The permit for remodeling this building has also been approved. Look forward to activity starting to improve on that corner.

Neon next brought up some additional traffic issues for Scott to know about. There is a misplaced stop sign at NE Hancock and NE 36th. And another issue re: parking on NE 38th & NE Hancock.

Neon has also updated the letter from GPNA to PBOT re: speed limits and safe crossing on NE Broadway. A motion was made by Neon for GPNA board approval to send this letter. The motion was seconded by Laurene. All board members voted to approve the letter and have Neon send it to PBOT.

New Business: April 12th, 2022, is the next GPNA scheduled meeting. This meeting will be full of administrative activity for the board. Including the first review of the Bylaws and board member elections.

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Peter Maxfield the GP NE Emergency Team (NET) representative declined any member of NET becoming a GPNA board member, but this group will rotate members to attend the GPNA meetings and give the group updates on the group.

A neighbor requested getting the ZOOM meeting information to log into the meetings placed on the GPNA website. Ron is already working on this issue.

Mary Cal made a motion to close the meeting at this time. Seconded my Marion. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm

Addendum: Ron made a motion via email to approve a \$500.00 donation to the Grant High School senior party. Stacey seconded and all, but two board members agreed to this request. The two members did not reply to the email.

A second motion was made by Ron via email to purchase a ZOOM membership for GPNA. Again, Stacey seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously with two abstentions.

Neon has agreed to be the controller of the new GPNA Zoom account.