



Grant Park

Neighborhood Association

GPNA Board meeting June 8th, 2021- This was a ZOOM meeting (APPROVED)

Attendees: Ron Laster, Stacey Tipp, Lois Okrasinski, Neon Brooks, Jessica Decker, Linda Burch and Mary Cal Hanson. Those board members not in attendance include Laurene Mullen, Vivek Kothari and Marion Horna.

Guests: Libby Winter, email @ WinterLi@trimet.org, Ben Sturtz and Fiona Cundy from the NE 42nd Avenue Hollywood transit center for affordable housing update.

Ron started the meeting and requested a roll call of officers.

Next was a call to approve the agenda. Linda moved to approve the agenda as presented. Neon seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved unanimously.

The meeting minutes from April 6th, 2021, was approved as presented and seconded Linda.

Ron made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the May 6th, 2021, Emergency meeting. The motion was seconded by Lois and approved.

The Treasury report was the next item on the agenda. The expenses were shared with the board via email and showed the gifts recently presented to both Ken Peterson and Jane Comeault from the April meeting. This position will be being taken over by Jessica Decker. Thank you, Jessica!

Lois gave an overview of happenings at the recent Central Northeast Neighborhood (CNN) meeting that she and Ron attended via ZOOM on June 2, 2021.

Land Use issues were presented by Neon who did an excellent write up in the latest neighborhood newsletter.

Primary items of interest were the CVS store on NE 33rd Avenue and the ongoing Gordon's Fireplace building.

The guest speakers for the Hollywood transit center, Libby, Ben and Fiona regarding the affordable housing project were up next. Libby Winter started the group off with updates on the studies being conducted for traffic changes that are in the works. Safety is a real focus going forward for NE Halsey and NE 42nd Ave.

Ben followed up with new changes to the actual building specifications. The plan is now for a 13-floor complex whereas in October of 2020 the plan was to only have 7 stories. This change will result in a total of 201 new units from studios to three-bedroom apartments. The tenants must meet some financial criteria to obtain an apartment. Prices run from \$451-745 for a studio, \$953-1160 for a two bedroom and \$1337 and a bit more for a three-bedroom space. There will be 40 parking spaces much like the lift assisted spots nearby at the 24-hour fitness building. This number of parking spaces is very similar to these types of apartments in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The breezeway/Paseo area was next on the list of project improvement possibilities. Fiona shared several slides of possible options to allow for movement through the buildings over to the Max station. These included an elevator + stairs, a compact ramp + stairs and a fully inclined ramp + stairs.

This group is still working with several different groups and businesses in the area for input before any finalized information will be available. There is a potential starting date which is slated to be in the fall of 2022 and should take about 12- 18 months to complete. This is not a solidified timeline or start date yet. If you'd like to give some feedback go to the email @hollywoodHUBpdx.com or trimet.org/TOD.

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NEW BUSINESS: Ron mentioned the need for the board members to complete a Conflict-of-interest form. These forms need to be signed by all the board members and sent to CNN. There is also a CNN/OCCL contract for review and there will be updates to the officers of the board job descriptions.

Ron then took some time to have a discussion of how board members felt that the previous GPNA Emergency meeting went. Everyone seemed to agree that it went better than expected. Vivek was singled out as doing a great job at this meeting and as one of the members of the Grant Park High School Fields improvement committee. Stacey Tipp brought up the thought of getting the Grant High School (GHS) more involved with the GPNA board. Lois Okrasinski mentioned that students can get volunteer hours which they do need for graduation. There are some mentorship options that Lois is also aware of. And then it was decided to deliver some newsletters to GHS.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm

Minutes by Mary Cal Hanson GPNA secretary

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