

**GPNA Board Meeting**  
Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2026  
Submitted by Ari Grubner

**Attending:** Miro Wesener, Stacey Tipp, Eldo Varghese, David Richardson, Jake Wicks, Ari Grubner, Jill DeRosa, Tess Ipsen

**Absent:** Molly Hamill, Daniel Hoyer

**Guests:** Debbie Richardson

**Call to Order:** Miro called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

**Welcome, Sponsor Thank-You and Announcement, Introductions**

We began with board and guest introductions as well as a thank you to our sponsor COOPER Design Build.

**Approval of the agenda\* (Molly)**

- One change was presented: adding short discussion regarding Trimet after all other business was completed.
- \* David motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Miro, all in favor.

**Approval of last meeting's minutes\* (Ari)**

- \* Stacey motioned to approve the November meeting minutes, seconded by Eldo, all in favor.

**Treasurer's Report, YTD & Status on Nonprofit Filing \* (David):**

David Richardson provided an overview of December's revenue and expense activity. On a YTD basis, GPNA's increase in net assets is \$1,262, and the 12/31/25 cash balance is just under \$15,000. He also compared FY 2026 YTD results with FY YTD 2025 and the full year FY 2026 budget.

David announced that the Form 1023 application to gain 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status for the new GPNA entity was approved. He shared that remaining steps include: 1) Registering the entity with the Oregon Department of Justice, Oregon Department of Revenue, and local agencies such as NECN; 2) Obtain Grant Park Neighborhood Association member approval to transfer assets from the current 501c4 entity to the new 501c3 GPNA entity; 3) dissolve the current 501c4 GPNA entity; and 4) rename the new 501c3 GPNA entity (Grant Park Neighbors Entity) to Grant Park Neighborhood Association.

Stacey suggested that we keep the new 501c3 entity name, citing difficulty in accessing the Facebook account for the current name. David suggested that the pros and cons of utilizing the new GPNA name be discussed in a future board meeting.

- \* Eldo motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Miro, all in favor.

#### **Newsletter Editor's Report (Stacey):**

- The new deadline for the spring newsletter is February 21.
- Jill, Tess, David, and Eldo expressed interest in writing particular articles for this upcoming newsletter.

#### **NECN Update (Miro):**

- Miro has continued consistently attending meetings held by NECN.
- Updates on holds on federal grants NECN are working with. Upcoming initiative with Pacific Power. More updates to follow.

#### **Safety & Security, Livability, PEMO (Eldo):**

- PEMO hosts regular online meetings for 30 minutes each week that Eldo has been attending. With a new baby on the way, Jill expressed interest in taking up attending those meetings as Eldo hands off that responsibility.
- Short discussion was had around the neighbor emails regarding the CVS on 33rd. The group discussed what our appropriate role is. The group was also cautious to not overstep that role.

#### **Events Committee (Miro, Stacey):**

- Discussion was had around the timing for rescheduling the neighborhood cleanup event. Discussion included next steps for increasing better communication between the neighborhood association and the neighbors. Tess expressed willingness to take next steps on a GPNA Instagram account.
- \* David motioned to table making a decision on the rescheduled date of the clean up event until our next GPNA meeting, seconded by Eldo, all in favor.
- Stacey highlighted a potential GPNA event and fundraiser, a partnership with a plant nursery on Sauvie Island. Discussion was had about the details and possibilities of the event and whether the group could see it landing well within the neighborhood. There was positive reception to a one-day event.

#### **Slate of Officers for Annual Meeting including addition of NET Representative:**

- The proposed slate of officers set for the annual meeting in March was a continuation of our current slate of officers plus the addition of a NET Representative to the board. As such, the slate included:
  - President: Molly Hamill
  - Vice President: Miro Wesener (GPNA rep. to NECN)
  - Secretary: Ari Grubner
  - Treasurer:
  - Land Use Chair:
  - Newsletter Editor: Stacey Tipp
  - NET Board Representative: Steve Baines
  - Member at large: Tess Ipsen, Grant High School rep. until June graduation
  - Member at large: Jill De Rosa

Member at large: Jake Wicks

Member at large: Daniel Hoyer (pending confirmation)

- \* David motioned to approve this slate of officers, seconded by Miro, all in favor.

**Trimet:**

- Discussion was had about Trimet budget cuts related to transportation funding legislation. GPNA received an email re: signing on to letter among an alliance of neighborhood associations expressing dissatisfaction related to specific transportation funding legislation. After discussion, the group agreed that this was an important issue to make our voices heard while also agreeing on responses coming from individuals rather than signing on as a board.

**Other Business**

No other business was discussed or conducted.

**Adjourn\***

- \* Eldo motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Stacey, all votes in favor.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm

Next meeting:

March 10

GPNA Annual Meeting

with guest speaker

Shannon Singleton, Multnomah County Commissioner