

Powell Valley Neighborhood Association

Membership Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2016

Officers Present:

Peter Showler, President

Jeff Muceus, Vice President

Tom Griffith, Land Use Chair

Treasurer-absent

Brooke Field, Secretary

7:02 PM called to order at Greater Gresham Baptist Church, “The Rock” room.

A quorum was verified by Peter. Approximately 20 members, including board members, present.

MOTION: Accept minutes from Member Meeting on January 28, 2016.

Moved/Seconded/Passed without corrections.

Presentation:

Tera Cleland from East Metro Mediation and the Second Home program presented on the services and volunteer opportunities that the mediation program provides. Handouts were given and Tera spoke about mediation training offered and services provided to the community to mediate conflict.

Tera also spoke about the Second Home program that works to match homeless youth over the age of 16 with community members that volunteer to house the student. The program offers students a safe place to live while attending school, and helps them to establish rental history.

Treasurer’s report – Presented by Peter Showler due to the Treasurer being absent. The current balance is \$284.91 including an outstanding check for \$200 that was made out to Greater Gresham Baptist for last year’s National Night Out. Peter reported that he has spoken with the church and they are looking into the matter.

Land Use Report – Overview of several projects that have obtained permits in our area. All projects application status’ are now closed.

- New building site on Williams has been retracted. No new information on what will be built there in the future
- Shopping center being built on the south side of Lusted road off 282nd.
- The lot on the north side of Lusted Rd, off of 282nd, is being divided into 19 lots with a new street leading off of 282nd.
- On 1st street, a lot that currently has one home and a garage has been slotted to be divided into two lots, each with a 4 plex.
- Development at Kane and Powell Valley Road – community members voiced concern over impact on traffic in an already busy intersection
- Nursing home on Powell Valley and 282nd has plans to add another building on the other side of Powell Valley rd that they will use for physical therapy. Concern was brought up as to whether or not the Red Store on the opposite side of 282nd would be affected. The owner of the Red Store spoke up and said will remain as is and open.

Question arose about a traffic signal going up on 282nd and Lusted. Tom wasn't sure and stated that he would look into it. Jef Kaiser reported that the PVNA had previously testified to the City for a signal there, and the City stated they would look into it.

Chuck Dempsey, the owner of the Red Store, stated there is an overflowing dumpster off of 282nd and Orient. He has contacted the City but was told that it was an unincorporated area and not within city limits. Suggestions were made to call Multnomah County, Tom Griffith said he would help look into the matter.

President's Report – overview of the past year's activities of the NA:

- Overview of Nextdoor for communicating with our members. 349 members are using Nextdoor, but we have 2,500 members in our association, please talk to your neighbors and help get more people signed up
- Mailchimp, the email system, contact us if you would like to be added
- East Gresham Park Cleanup planned for April 23rd 9am-12. We will be clearing invasive species. There is a \$1500 grant available to use for this area through East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District. It has been suggested we use any grant money toward a goat rental service, to help with the invasive plants. Brooke Field asked for the community to contact her with other ideas as well. Stella Butler brought up concern about the amount of debris that was found in the creek at the last clean up. My Gresham was brought up as a way to let the City know of needs in our area, whether a garbage can for the park or potholes. If we think of some projects there are other ways to get grants as well through Walmart and other companies
- National Night Out is August 2nd this year. The board suggested smaller neighborhood gatherings, each with an area captain, rather than one large one.

A large amount of work and planning was required of the board last year for the big NNO party. Smaller gatherings would spread the work out amongst several areas and possibly would engage more members. Winco and Fred Meyer have expressed willingness to donate food. Grant through the City of Gresham can help go toward costs as well. Concern was voiced over the safety of this and logistical difficulty it may bring. The board will contact Kelly Creek NA which has had success with smaller neighborhood parties in the past.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Board Position Elections:

The person elected President at the last member meeting doesn't live in the Powell Valley neighborhood, so his position was vacated. To fill the vacancy, the board temporarily appointed Peter Showler to the position of President, and Jeff Muceus to the position of Vice President. Brooke Field stated that the board nominates Peter Showler for the position of President and asked if there were any other nominations. There weren't any. Stella Funk seconded the nomination. It was voted on and passed unanimously. Peter then stated that the board nominate Jeff Muceus as Vice President and asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. Brooke seconded the nomination, it was voted on and passed unanimously.

President: Peter Showler

Vice President: Jeff Muceus

Safety issue on Powell Valley:

Susan Ainsworth gave a brief overview of the safety issues that occur on Powell Valley, more issues will arise with the new apartments being built on the corner of Powell Valley and Kane. The City moved some of the school zone signs around and said they will increase police surveillance in the area. Susan passed around pictures. One of the signs is almost completely obstructed by foliage. She would like to see a flashing school zone sign, the City stated that the school board would have to be involved in such a decision. With the increase in accidents in that area the community strongly supports the idea that we need flashing school zone signs for that area. It was suggested that the NA write a letter in support of this idea to the City. It was pointed out that Kelly Creek and possibly the Neighborhood Coalition be involved in this as well.

Safety issues along Kane and 1st street were also brought up. Jef Kaiser reported that the City previously held meetings about widening Kane, that 1st street was supposed to

be improved as well. He suggested that the NA testify to the City Council, strongly urging them to fund this project.

Several members expressed interest in working in a committee to address these traffic and safety issues. A subcommittee called the Powell Valley Neighborhood Committee for Traffic and Pedestrian Safety was suggested. Melissa Bledsoe moved that we form this subcommittee, Susan Ainsworth seconded. The motion was voted on and unanimously approved.

2017 Information Fair:

Kelly Creek NA has asked PVNA if we want to partner with them to put on the Information Fair in 2017. Whether or not we partner has an affect on a grant they are submitting. At the Information Fair, booths with information from local businesses and government programs offer information about resources available to the community. In previous years we have helped and been a part of the Information Fair, but we haven't officially partnered. Sue brought up that the fair has had a really positive response in years past. No one had any objections to the PVNA partnering or being involved with this project.

Peter thanked the Gresham Fire department for attending the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM

Submitted by Brooke Field

Secretary - Powell Valley Neighborhood Association