

# GPNA Board Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2010

Meeting Held at GPNA Center, 1094 East Kentucky Street

Attendees- All board members in attendance

Judy Magre, President opened meeting on time at 6 PM-

Judy noted that there would be no minutes from prior the meeting of March 16<sup>th</sup> to be considered.

Treasurer Tom Bacigalupi gave his report and noted all 3 accounts balanced and GPNA is solvent in its funding of planned events. He stated that the March 2010 LG&E bill was too high on electric usage and that he was working with Steve Magre to obtain a refund from LG&E.

Marcella Moore gave the bingo report. Bingo profits for that morning's bingo came in at \$158 and 28 persons attended.

The Membership Report was made by Helena Redmon. She noted the addition of 1 new business and 1 new family since last meeting.

Judy called on Steve Magre to introduce the guests for the evening and to oversee reports tied to the Activities Committee which Steve chairs.

## Guests-

1. Captain Green of 4<sup>th</sup> District Police- Louisville spoke He said the main problems in the neighborhood over the past few weeks were auto break ins, items being stolen from yards (including bicycles and lawn mowers), and broken windows. Board members and others in attendance offered comments and questions. Captain Green noted that people leaving GPS equipment in their cars attracted thieves to break windows to enter cars. The Captain stated he would boost police detail to respond to this recent rash of activity. He noted that they were aware of one youth gang likely being involved in some of these happening and that they had a watch on them.

2. Amanda Cobbs spoke next. She and her family own Studio 2000 and they are currently in the process of working with artist Marty Edelin to place a 75 foot long mural along the wall of their property on Swan Street. This property is directly across from Come Back Inn and faces the private parking lot located there. Steve will continue to work with Amanda and the artist to

help choose a design that depicts the neighborhood. He will keep the board posted as this proceeds. It is possible that the board may be approached by Amanda, Marty and Steve to help with a small amount of funding support.

3. Hallie Jones of Center For Neighborhoods (CFN) was called upon next and brought an update on a few items related to CFN. She shared information and handouts about the upcoming Neighborhood Institute and offered to anyone interested the opportunity to participate at no cost. Board member Tandee Ogburn is a graduate of this program. Association member Nate Pederson has agreed to participate in the 2010 class. It was agreed that GPNA would advertise this opportunity on the GPNA website.

- Hallie also provided a handout on the status of the PAINT Program, which is providing grant \$ through a competitive process that would allow for the winning individual artist to design and place a public art piece on a private property within a participating neighborhood via the OK of the neighborhood association. There is \$10,000 in hand to do the first project and the possibility of other grants and new city money to do all the ones on the drawing board within a short time. Originally 12 neighborhoods expressed interest in the program. The winning selection would be announced by CFN sometime in May. The participant representing GPNA in this process is Nate Pederson. Hallie will keep GPNA advised on the status of this. On a related matter, Steve noted that he would be asking GPNA to support CFN's September 11<sup>th</sup> Gala at the same level the association had done for 2009.

Other Reports were then given as Steve called upon-

- Tandee Ogburn noted that the garden was looking great thanks to the work of Aleve. Indeed Aleve was out watering the plants just prior to the meeting starting. Steve noted that a group from Earth Save, being led by Nate, would be planting a second garden as well.

- Tandy and Zach Fry reported on the planning for Shotgun Festival 2010. Everything is on target. Zach said the Shotgun Facebook site would be used to do a survey on what acts to book for the event. Tandee requested approval for \$1,000 to close an available deal on our renting and placing a professional performance stage for the event. The funding for this was approved by the board. This stage would be placed under the large tent. At this point there are 15 vendors committed with more expected to follow.

- Paul Impellizzeri reported that the Data Card for internet access was purchased and ready to go. He will meet with Secretary Bruce Ewing and Steve to share with them how to use the card. Paul also noted that the draft changes to the website were close to being implemented and he hopes to have the changes completed by the first part of May.

-Bruce spoke and requested volunteers interested to attend a May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting he will be chairing concerning planning for "GPNA's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Month of June Activities Program". The meeting will be held at 6 PM at the GPNA Center. Steve asked Bruce to consider adding 2 events as follows- June 5<sup>th</sup> Kids Main Library Celebration where GPNA will be hosting a booth and for Bruce and the committee to set a date for a Corn Hole Tournament to be held at the Nachbar. Also, Nathan Ivey agreed to bring final draft art work for the newsletter to the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The plan is to finalize the newsletter and distribute it by mid-May with the help of the Sojourners.

-Tandee reported that the Trolley Circle Public Works project had been highlighted in Jim King's 10<sup>th</sup> District newsletter and that the updated plan now targeted July 2010 as the new date to see the project started.

Steve introduced Aron Conaway and Shawn Dellecave to allow them to share their update on the Hope Mills mural. The mural is now in the planning stage and Aron used a slide presentation to show all in attendance what the banner mural would most likely look like and how it would fit. It was agreed that the artists need to proceed in being creative on the look of the design and that they should make sure the phrase "Coming Together" or the word "Welcome" is included in the design. The budget for the mural is \$4,500. Everyone was excited about the prospect of how it might look in the end. We will ask the 2 artists to keep us posted. It was noted that Jim King has also included a short article about this in his newsletter as well.

Meeting was adjourned from the Judy S. Magre Room to the kitchen for the monthly Pot Luck Dinner.

Submitted by Steve Magre (subbing for Bruce Ewing)