

GPNA MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 2013

DATE: [NOVEMBER 19, 2013](#)
TIME: [7:35 PM TO 8:41 PM](#)
LOCATION: [ARC BUILDING, COCA-COLA WORLD THEATER, ZOO ATLANTA](#)
OFFICERS PRESENT: [LAUREN ROCERETA - PRESIDENT](#)
[JEFF ROGERS - VICE PRESIDENT](#)
[MICHELLE BOTWINICK - TREASURER](#)
[KRISTIN ANDRIS - SECRETARY](#)
[CHRIS NEWMAN - PUBLIC SAFETY](#)
[RICK HUDSON - LAND USE AND ZONING](#)
[LOUIE INGLE - TRANSPORTATION](#)
[PAUL SIMO - HISTORIC](#)
[ANGELIQUE EDWARDS - GPPN CHAIR](#)
[KATIE HOWARD - GPPN VICE CHAIR](#)
[JASON PARKER - TECHNOLOGY VICE CHAIR](#)
[KELLY TENEDINI - FUNDRAISING](#)

7:35 pm Meeting Commenced

President, Lauren Rocereta

- Welcomed everyone, explained the agenda and open floor rules, and voting eligibility
- Thank you to the zoo for allowing the use of the building
- Next meeting is Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 7:30pm
- New member welcome and introductions
- Welcomed Ed Gilgor to conduct 2014 GPNA NPU Rep elections
 - Motion approved unanimously to elect following reps:
 - Rick Hudson
 - Louie Ingle
 - Eric Nankervis
 - John Newcomb
 - Chris Newman
 - Paul Simo
 - Susan Walens
 - Paul Zucca
- Welcomed Principal Caitlin Simms, who provided an update on Parkside Elementary
 - Career week at Parkside, all are invited to share information on their careers with students
 - Volunteers are always welcome
- 2014 GPNA elections. The following were elected by paper ballot:
 - Lauren Rocereta, President
 - Jeff Rogers, Vice-President
 - Michelle Botwinick, Treasurer
 - Kristin Andris, Secretary
 - Chris Newman, Public Safety Chair
 - Rick Hudson, Land Use and Zoning Chair
 - Louis Ingle, Transportation Chair
 - Paul Simo, Historic Chair
 - Angelique Edwards, GPPN Chair
 - Stephanie Warner, Technology Chair
 - Public Safety, Chris Newman
 - Economic Development, Rob Bernier
 - Parks & Recreation, Marie Mower
 - Kelly Tenedini, Fundraising Chair

Vice President, Jeff Rogers

- Passed around sign-up and volunteer sheet, make sure info is correct
- Advised new members to check in or sign in.

Treasurer, Michelle Botwinick

- Updated Treasurer's report
- Reminder that donations to GPNA are tax deductible

Secretary, Kristin Andris

- Minutes from October 2013 meeting were presented

Public Safety, Chris Newman

- Zone 6 update
 - Zone 6 will receive 15 new police officers
 - 9 burglaries have been stopped
- Reminder to register your home security alarm by visiting <https://www.crywolf.us/oss/atlantaga/>
- New GPSP website: grantparksecuritypatrol.org. Please join!

GPPN, Katie Howard and Angelique Edwards

- Katie Howard: School Updates
 - ANCS football is third in its league
 - ANCS will have a Holiday Program on December 12
 - December 14 is ANCS day at Barnes and Nobles. A portion of sales will go to ANCS on that day.
 - Parkside Elementary received a Captain Planet grant for their garden/outdoor learning center
 - King is conducting a needs assessment survey, which can be found on their Facebook page
 - King is starting a bike club
 - Maynard Jackson held a successful Pumpkin Chunking Challenge fundraiser on November 10th
 - Maynard Jackson will open new school in January. It will have a roof top garden.
 - November 23 is Barnes and Nobles day. A portion of sales will go to Maynard Jackson.
 - 22 Maynard Jackson students were nominated for Governors Honors Program
- Neighborhood Events Update
 - Pajamas & Puppets is 2nd Thursday of each month from November through April. 5:45 pm, Park Ave Church
 - Winter Wonderland is December 14.
 - Volunteers are needed for Tour of Homes on behalf of GPPN
 - The Halloween Parade and Picnic was a success.
 - Brownie Troop 3107 won the scarecrow contest
 - GPPN will have a new playgroup for children born Sept 2013 – Feb. 2014

Economic Development Committee

- SEABA Soiree: Thursday, 11/21/13, 5:30 pm, Agave

Fundraising, Kelly Tenedini

- Thank you to Cullen Boudreaux for work with Grant Park Mothball

Land Use and Zoning Committee Chair, Rick Hudson

- 800 Glenwood
 - Smart Growth Atlanta has filed an appeal of BZAs opinion in Fulton County Superior Court
 - Go to www.smartgrowthatlanta.org to sign up, learn and DONATE to the lawyer fund
 - Community wide meeting on November 21.

Historic Committee Chair, Paul Simo

- Committee will attempt to focus more on history, so it isn't all about COAs
- Grant Park is a dual historic district, which provides opportunities for grants. Email historic@gpna.org to learn more.

Transportation Committee Chair, Louie Ingle

- The Grant Park will obtain some bicycle racks, as part of a bicycle rack grant

Technology Committee – Report given by President, Lauren Rocereta

- Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GrantParkGPNA | Twitter @GrantParkGPNA
- Create account at www.gpna.org to receive neighborhood news and security alerts
- Local Business Directory: www.gpna.org/directory/partners

Open Floor Discussion:

- Many are experiencing delays in receiving mail. Concerns may be addressed at post office on Pryor Street.
- Motion to support the neighborhoods of Summerhill, Peoplestown, and Mechanicsville and the NPU-V in their efforts to support smart growth and equality at the area where Turner Field currently stands. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion for meeting adjournment made, seconded and approved without opposition.

8:41 pm Meeting Adjourned