

**GRANT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**Thursday, December 11, 2014**  
**7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**  
**American Legion Hall**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Jeff Rowe (President of the GNA), John Comfort (9th District Staff), Aurelio Alba, Richard Bold Gilman, Maria R. Gonzalez, Janet Lugo, Steve Lugo, Dennis Martinez, Ken Osborn

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Rowe called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

**II. POLICE REPORT**

Due to Officer's absence no statement was provided.

**III. DISTRICT 9 REPORT**

Mr. Comfort reported that there is currently an insufficient number of budget delegates participating in the Participatory Budgeting process for District 9.

Mr. Comfort reported on the status of the park on Marilyn Blvd. and South Street.

Mr. Comfort encouraged everyone in attendance to participate in the Daisy Lane Parade scheduled on December 13, 2014.

Mr. Comfort discussed the possibility of having quarterly events at the new District 9 neighborhood office. This will be explored further once tables and chairs are purchased for the office.

Mr. Comfort stated that there is no update on the billboard situation.

Mr. Comfort reported that the Veteran's Day planning for 2015 has started. There are plans to make minor changes to the current event.

**IV. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Rowe reported that the current budget stands at approximately \$1,430. Mr. Rowe added that he is seeking reimbursement for postage of \$36.82.

**ACTION ITEM**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, Mr. Rowe will be reimbursed in the amount of \$36.82 for incurred postage expenses.

## **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **ACTION ITEM**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting minutes of November 13, 2014 were unanimously approved as submitted.

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Alba reported on the status of the community watch. He is currently searching for a community member who resides on Gundry. There was also discussion regarding creating an online community watch board.

Mr. Rowe discussed and presented the current drafts of the GNA neighborhood watch sign.

Mr. Rowe stated that additional help was needed for Cherry Tree maintenance on Saturday, December 13, 2014.

Mr. Rowe discussed the possibility of having a Gala type of event. Mr. Bold Gilman will further explore this opportunity.

Mr. Rowe informed that the new library ground-breaking will take place sometime in 2016. He added that it is important to have a voice as to the old library building.

Mr. Bold Gilman stated that he currently has approximately 70 valid emails from resident of the GNA neighborhood.

There was discussion about working on a community garden.

There was discussion about applying for historic designation for the neighborhood. Mr. Steve Dearheart will attend the next meeting and discuss this further.

There is nothing new to report regarding the Adopt-A-Highway program.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

There was discussion regarding the new community watch signs.

### **ACTION ITEM**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, there two prototypes of each of two signs unanimously selected will be made and presented at the next GNA meeting.

There was discussion regarding available trees for the community. Anyone interested is to ask Mr. Rowe for additional information on how to obtain them.

There was discussion regarding a date for a yard sale. At this time, March 28, 2015 works for the majority present.

There was discussion regarding a community potluck.

Mr. Alba reported on the successful alley clean up off Falcon Avenue.

An announcement was made regarding an electronic waste disposal scheduled at the Target off Cherry Avenue on Saturday, December 13, 2014.

There was discussion regarding an alley restoration. Mr. Rowe and Mr. Alba will explore this further.

There was discussion regarding adding Ms. Maria R. Gonzalez and Mr. Dennis Martinez to the GNA.

**ACTION ITEM**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, Ms. Gonzalez and Mr. Martinez will join the board of the Grant Neighborhood Association.

**VIII. OPEN FORUM**

Nothing further was discussed.

**IX. ADJOURN**

Mr. Rowe adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria R. Gonzalez