

The Community Association of Portsmouth
Board Meeting
April 23 2004

Present: Susan Landauer, Lisa Horn, Susan Franks, Bill Vuch, Scott Jensen, Edna Riddell, Patt Opdyke, Jamie Komro, Jeanne Knepper, Jason Henshaw, Leslie Esinga

Guest: Mitch Gould

7: 05 pm Called to Order.

Minutes: Add Susan Franks to Feb. 24 Board minutes. Approved as amended.

Grievance Committee: Susan said that administrative rules require that the TCAP Grievance Committee consists of one TCAP member (not a TCAP Board member) and four other people. The objective is have neutral people hearing the grievance.

Scott Jensen: Suggest nominated Clint Speth as the TCAP member. Board consensus was that Susan Landauer would choose five persons to be nominated at the April Board meeting which will then be brought forward to the TCAP May 2004 Annual Meeting. Jeanne Knepper suggested that a slate of alternates is offered at the same time with two persons residing outside the TCAP neighborhood and one TCAP member.

It was noted that language for TCAP administrative rules need to be amended to read that one member should be eligible for TCAP membership and not a member of the TCAP Board and the remaining four persons are from other North Portland peninsula neighborhoods.

There was considerable discussion on apparent inconsistencies and/or ambiguities between the TCAP Bylaws and the Administrative Rules relating to whether the Board has the authority to nominate members of committees and to appoint members to fill a vacancy. Lisa Horn volunteered to develop amendments to the bylaws and administrative rules to clarify the process for standing administrative committees.

Email Voting Process: Quorum of an email or telephone vote by the Board members is 50 % plus 1. It was moved and approved unanimously to support the TCAP letter drafted by Patt Opdyke delivered as testimony on the St. Johns Lombard Plan to the Portland City Council. Opdyke received a majority approval vote via email by a quorum of Board members prior to submitting the letter to Council.

McCoy Court name change was approved: Landauer reported that HAP has changed the name of Houghton Court to McCoy Street at the request of TCAP. The name change was to eliminate confusion of street names and to honor of Gladys and Bill McCoy who were very involved with Columbia Villa.

Trenton Park: Kenton neighborhood, has been funded for improvements. Advocacy came from the Interstate Urban Renewal Parks committee. \$38,000 in levy funds will be matched by ICURA.

April 24 Earth Day celebrations and clean-up. There will be a drop-off site at St. John's Lutheran Church. \$5 for car load or \$10 for pick up load. No household garbage, hazardous materials, sod or concrete, construction materials are accepted. There is a need for volunteers. TCAP gets share of \$\$ collected based on the volunteers.

Portsmouth Middle School – On April 24 there will be a landscaping project that runs from 9 a.m. to 1:00 pm. PMS has received a \$300 grant from North Portland Trust fund and \$300 grant from Portland Nursery for the project. Eileen Stark, landscape designer, is drawing up a plan pro bono.

Portsmouth Middle School and Hands On Portland are doing project on May 1st painting, cleaning inside the school and some landscape work outside the school with mulching and laying soaker hoses in the new landscape areas.

April 16 Forum topic: Jeanne Knepper is interested in a presentation on homelessness. She said that although some folks say that there is not an issue with homelessness, from personal experience, she knows that there is homelessness in the neighborhood. Jason Henshaw questioned whether homelessness is on the TCAP priority list. Given the limited amount of time available, he questioned whether it is worth devoting a TCAP Forum. Scott Jensen said that he doesn't see that homelessness is a huge problem in the neighborhood and feels that the Board should spend time identifying topics that are either of interest to the neighborhood or are in line with the priorities in the TCAP strategic plan. Henshaw agreed. Knepper said that one reason homelessness is an important topic for her is that if her church should decide to do something in the future to serve the local homeless population, then TCAP needs to be aware of that. She emphasized that the church has not made any decisions to do outreach to homeless however did feel that it would be good to have a conversation about this early on. Knepper suggested that maybe TCAP could have someone from Sunnyside Church to speak about the tensions that were raised in that neighborhood when the church started a homeless-serving program and how the neighborhood association can be involved in making those decisions and how the church and neighbors reconciled the conflicts.

Mitch Gould, Board visitor, said that he would like to have a presentation by Albina Community Bank to learn what the bank is doing to encourage economic and community development.

Jensen said that he would prefer a very short presentation followed by a discussion on what community members would like to hear.

The Board decided that the Forum agenda will be:

- Homeless advocate to speak for a shorter time as well as the pastor of the Sunnyside church.
- Announcement of bylaw changes
- Discussion of block party
- Discussion of topics of interest

Announcements - Leslie Esinga announced that Sojourn Theater has a focus on North Portland and Roosevelt HS.

Adjourned - 8:15 pm