

Minutes for The Community Association of Portsmouth Forum held October 5, 2004, held in Columbia Cottage, 4339 N. Lombard, Portland, Oregon
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The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm by Chairperson, Scott Jensen.

Presentations

Jason Christensen, N Portland Police Precinct

Presented the past week's crime map for N Portland. Larceny (52%), homicides, burglary and vehicle theft were outlined. He additionally handed out the guide, "**Good Home Security**" and another pamphlet to help individuals identify the behaviors and physical appearances of meth users, as well as addressing that women are the fastest growing consumers of meth because it produces weight loss and increases energy. More than 120 meth labs have been discovered in N Portland this year. Jason additionally talked through **things that are being done to address the meth issue through local legislation and education**. He also mentioned that there has been an **increase in the use of GHP, the date rape drug on U of P campus**, the **reduction in calls to JANUS house** and the **continuing issues with the occupants and landlord at a house on Girard**. Jason Henshaw asked that Eldercare Services reexamine the situation because of questionable care being given to the occupant.

Rex Burkhalter, Metro Council

Gave a **detailed presentation** on:

- The composition of the Metro Council,
- Metro's governing and service district,
- Metro's functionality in regional policymaking as it applies to planning, growth and expenditures,
- The Enhancement Grant Program, a grant awarded for neighborhood projects; its funding cycle and who to contact, and
- The grey areas between the City, the Joint Policy Advisory Council on Transportation (JPAC), ONI, and Metro

Metro's energies are primarily directed towards mitigating pressures on the earth, urban growth, accessibility, livability and transportation issues.

Tom Griffin-Valade, Office of Neighborhood Involvement

Tom provided clarity and his recommendation of the interpretation of ONI guidelines and rules in regards to email voting. Tom stated that **email voting and new guidelines that address proxy voting will be ratified at the next Neighborhood Chairs meeting**. He additionally stated that guidelines are subject to interpretation and that they serve more so as **guidelines for ONI's official use, essentially associations should govern themselves to "do the right thing" once the association's intent has been discussed and stated by their board** (A quorum must be present. The definition of a quorum should be defined by the association) **and presented to the forum to be adopted by all, that the policy is considered acceptable.**

Old Business

Scott suggested that TCAP **nominate Officer Jason Christensen for the Spirit of Portland Employee Award**. Kenton additionally was considering Officer Christensen as their nominee. Jason Henshaw made the motion for his nomination with the second coming from Bill Vuch. The vote was unanimous with no opposition or abstentions.

Jason Henshaw made the motion for the meeting to adjourn with a second from Susan Landauer. Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm. Forum meeting for November was cancelled as the date fell on election night.

Respectfully submitted by Leslie Esinga