

Minutes – Board of Directors
Portsmouth Neighborhood Association
March 27, 2007

The Portsmouth Neighbor Association Board met at Darcy's, 4804 N. Lombard in Portland, Oregon at 7pm on March 27, 2007. An announcement of the change in meeting site was posted at the Columbia Cottage.

Present: Jeanne Knepper, presiding; Scott Jensen and Lorna Urry, board members. Tom Griffen-Valade of North Portland Neighborhood Services, guest.

Discussion: How to revitalize PNA, making our events attractive and using our volunteer time and energy effectively and wisely.

Decisions:

We plan to move to approximately quarterly PNA meeting/events until such time as we have a full board. The Board may meet more frequently to plan and to conduct necessary business.

The Forum for April 3 is cancelled. The Board will meet on April 24.

Our next public meeting will be a walk in the neighborhood on May 1, to highlight assets, problems, and what we want to preserve in the neighborhood. We will invite our County Commissioner Jeff Cogen and our Portland Public School Board member Dan Ryan to join us. If they agree, we will call the event "Streetwalking with Jeff and Dan." [We decided that a little humor is a good thing as we revitalize—it is more likely to move us away from the perception of *another dull meeting, whoop-de-doo.*]

We will ask Jeff to bring information about the services that Multnomah County provides within Portsmouth neighborhood. What are they? Who can access them?

The walk will end at some public venue, yet to be decided, where people can continue their conversation over food and/or drink.

The next event, to take place during the summer, might be a hamburger feed at a concert to be held in McCoy Park or at the North Portland Pride Festival. We will seek to partner with Police or Fire Bureaus or with other neighborhood partners.

We decided that part of making the Board and its event attractive is to routinely make food a part of the gathering. Board meetings will include dinner together, an incentive for participation and more informal discussion.

As we continue towards the next meeting, we take on these tasks:

Jeanne—write up notes, contact Jeff Cogen and Dan Ryan with an invitation, meet with Tom Griffen-Valade after April 22, ask Lisa to post a cancellation of the April forum; put an e-mail out to Board members asking them to suggest a route and highlights for the May 1 walk.

Lorna—monitor the discussion of site in Jeanne's absence (April 11-April 21) and bring it to a conclusion with a decision about the route.

Scott—participate in the discussion of where the walk might go and where it might end up.

The meeting adjourned at 9pm, with several members continuing the conversation after its close.