

December 4, 1007 PNA Forum Meeting Minutes

Our December 2007 Forum Meeting was a holiday party at Columbia Cottage. Friends of Columbia Park had laid a magnificent fire in the fireplace, and guests brought potluck dishes to share. Co vice-chair Jeanne Knepper called the meeting to order about 7:30. Board member Greg Wilhelm prepared an excellent Power Point presentation about the neighborhood association and our goals and activities. Jeanne narrated because Greg was away on vacation. Go to ----- to see the show!
Our other co vice-chair, Susan Landauer, presented the

2007 Spirit of Portsmouth Awards. Recipients are:

Ali and Evan for the Red Bike Café, Most Exciting New Place to Eat

Nicola's, Classic Italian food.

Dave Schleiger at Copy Pilot, Most Needed Business

Lisa Horne for creating and hosting Sunday Afternoon Games Events

Michelle Elder for making the St Johns Sentinel readable.

Friends of Columbia Park, a beautiful park and a cozy cottage. Thank you.

The Cunningham Family for baking and donating six Thanksgiving turkeys for the needy.

Jonathan and Tanya for The Orleans Candle Company, a bit of New Orleans in the Pacific Northwest.

Julie Mainwaring Varona, Best Garden with Chickens.

Laura Day for her superb volunteer services at Astor Elementary School and Roosevelt High School.

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Jeanne adjourned the meeting about 8:00, and guests continued to party until 8:30.

Special thanks to the party planning committee: Kandy Giles, Renee Jensen-Reinhardt, Susan Landauer, and Greg Wilhelm. Kandy Giles, an artist, created the beautiful award certificates.

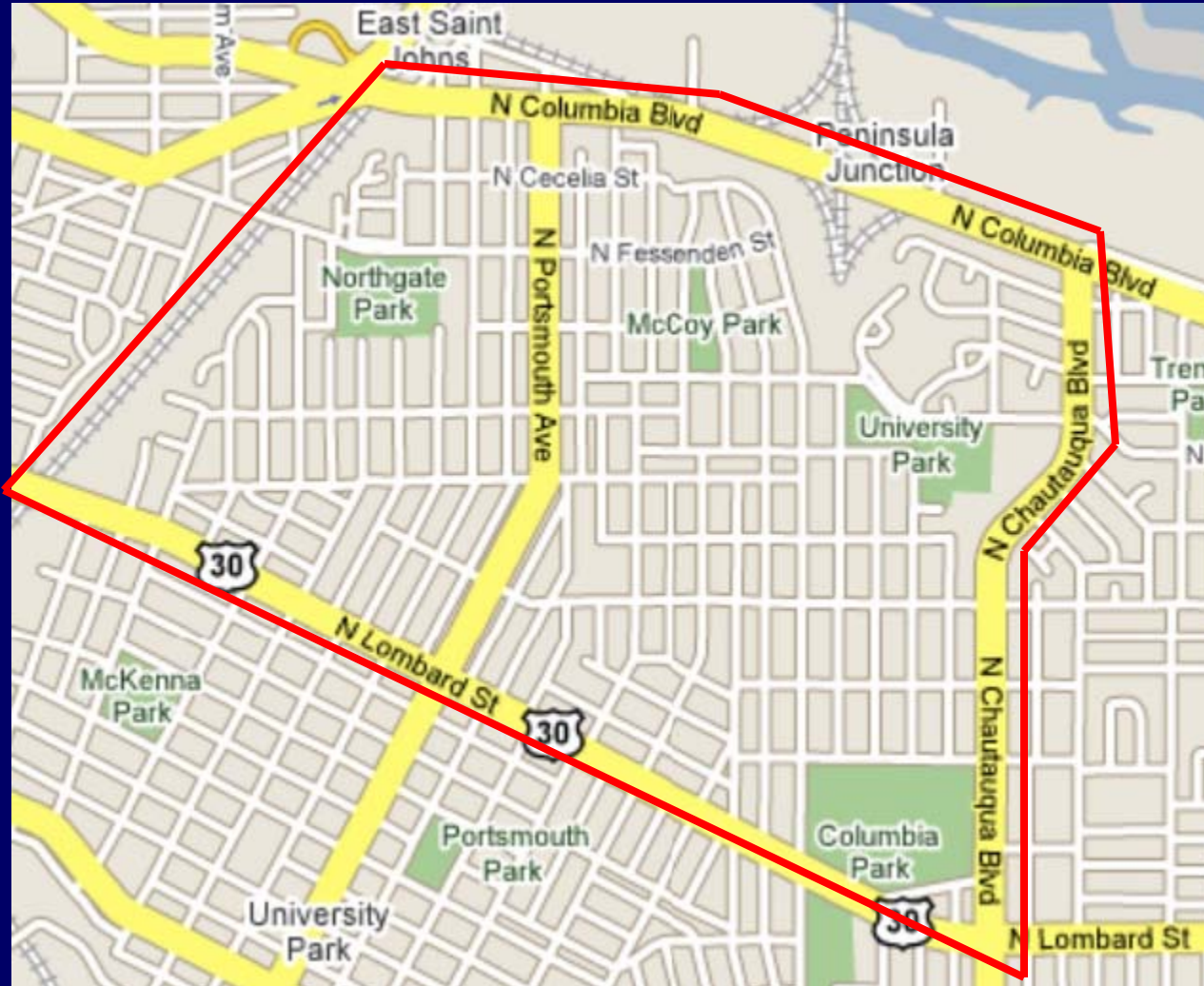
PORTSMOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Holiday Party
December 4, 2007

What is a neighborhood association?

- Group recognized by the City of Portland to represent their citizens
- Given a small budget from the city for communication
- All volunteer group; no compensation
- Has a board of elected personnel
- You have to live or work in the area to be eligible to join the association

Portsmouth Neighborhood



PNA Mission Statement

In order to create and maintain safe, healthy and productive neighborhoods, we, as an association, agree to: Promote activities which encourage neighbors to work and play together; Plan meetings that welcome citizen commentary, resource information, and creativity; Create a welcoming association for our diverse population.

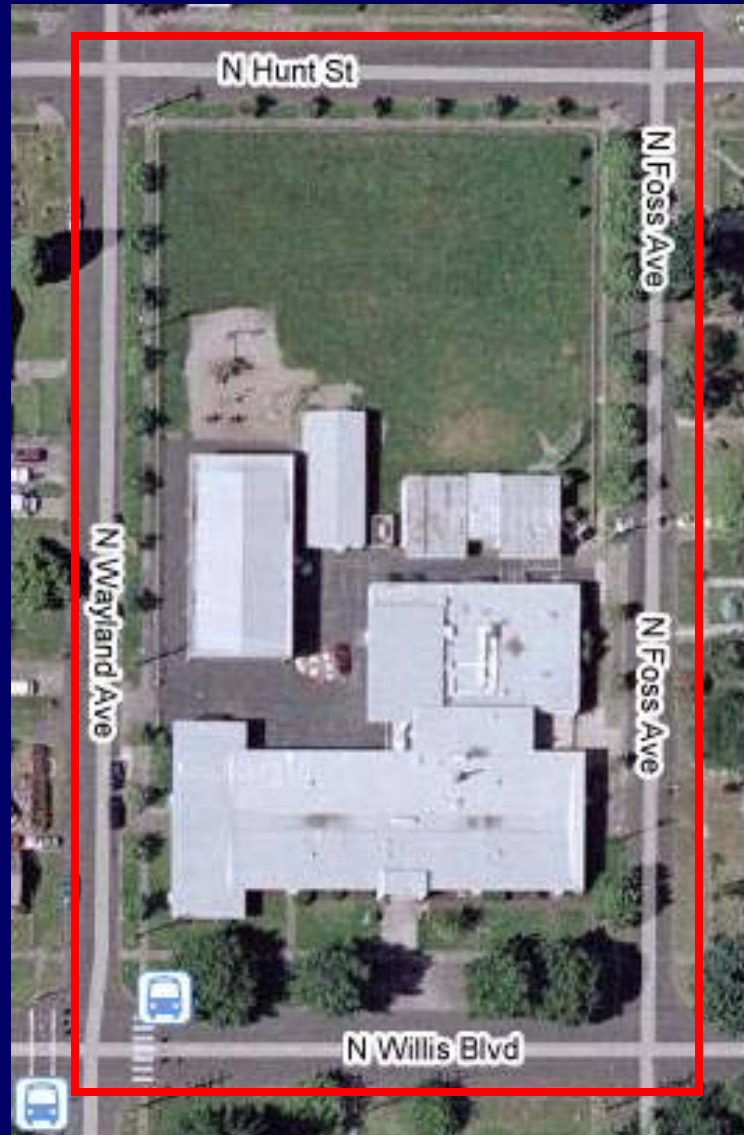
PNA Board Members

- Rev. Dr. Jeanne Knepper (Co-Vice Chair)
- Susan Landauer (Co-Vice Chair)
- Betty Johnson (Treasurer)
- Renee Jensen-Reinhardt (Secretary)
- Lorna Reardon
- Kandy Giles
- Mathew Denton
- Greg Wilhelm
- Stephen Leiker
- 3 member vacancies

Current Issues

- Portland Hope Meadows
 - Proposed location at the former John Ball School on Wills and Foss
 - Subsidized housing for 8 foster families (maximum of 32 foster children)
 - Subsidized housing for “foster grandparents”
 - Modeled after a Illinois facility that is much bigger

<http://www.portlandhopemeadows.org>



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Current Issues Cont'd

- Sharff Military base closure
 - Base is closing in 2011
 - The Dept. of Defense tasked the City of Portland with proposing the best use for the site
 - The site must be considered for housing that will relieve homelessness
 - Other possibilities: affordable housing, church expansion, PDOT site, market rate housing



Current Issues Cont'd

- Land Variance Requests
 - Establishing a strategy to deal with land use variance requests
 - Examples of variances
 - Replace 1 house with 2 small houses
 - Build houses with less than a 5 foot margin to property line
 - Flag lots
 - Attend hearings and file objections
 - Work with the newly created North Portland Land Use Committee

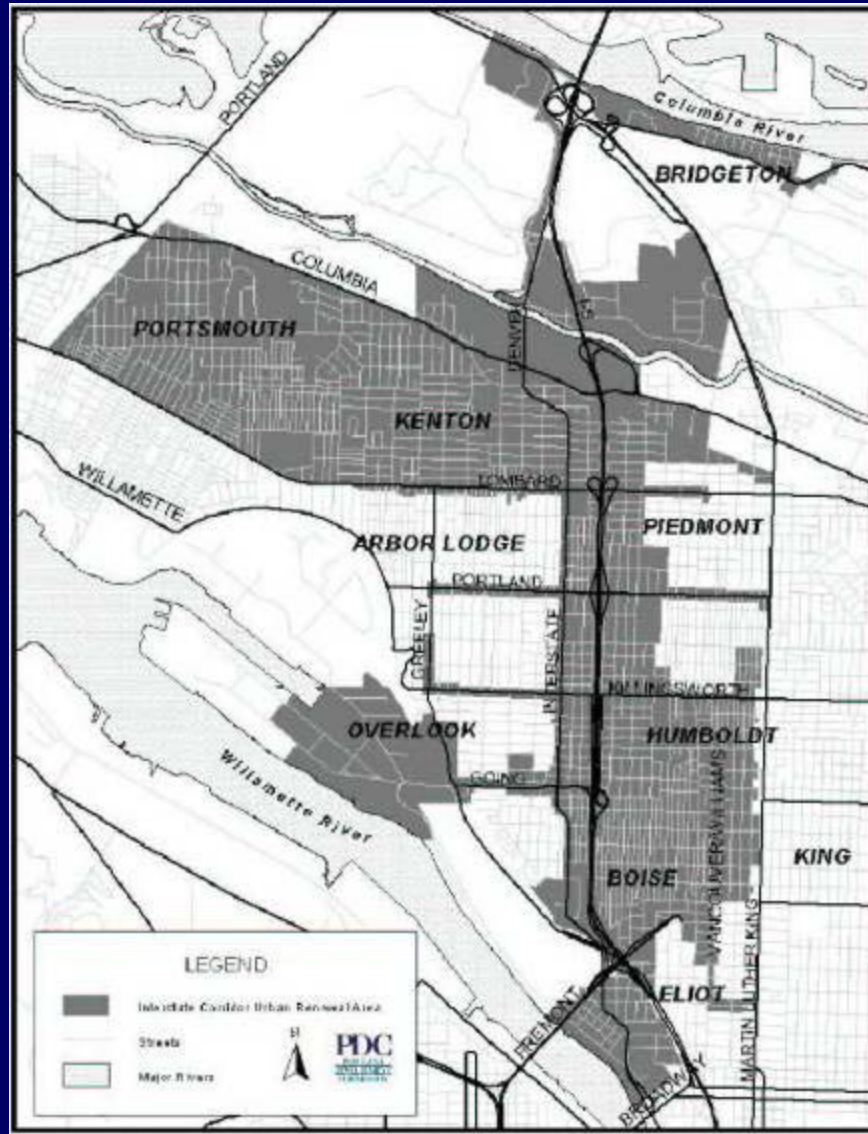


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Current Issues Cont'd

- ICURAC (Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Advisory Committee)
 - Portland Development Commission plans to invest \$335 million from 2000 through 2021 in 10 neighborhoods including Portsmouth
 - Advise the city on the needs for our community
 - Affordable housing
 - Parks
 - Community Centers

<http://www.pdc.us/ura/interstate/default.asp>



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Current Issues Cont'd

- Promote neighborhood enhancement projects
 - Friends of Trees
 - Friends of Columbia Park
 - Holiday decorations for St. Johns
 - Spirit of Portsmouth Awards
 - Neighborhood walks
 - Holiday party
 - Candidate forums
 - Graffiti removal

Current Issues Cont'd

- Make our neighborhood safer
 - Work with the Portland Police
 - Communicate issues to our neighbors
 - Sidewalks and bike lanes
 - Traffic calming
 - Safer Routes to Schools

Want to learn more?

- <http://www.portsmouthneighborhood.com/>
- Board meetings open to the public every 4th Tuesday of the month
- Quarterly forum meetings
- Susan's Neighborhood Newsletter
- Be a board member
- Get active in the PNA