



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association**  
February 17, 2009, 7:00-8:30 PM at New Columbia Community Education Center 4625 N. Trenton.

**Attendees**

Board Members: Greg Wilhelm, Chair; Matthew Denton; Stephen Leiker; Susan Landauer; Sam Thompson; Rachel Burdon

Absent: Erin McGovney, Vice Chair; Renee Jensen-Reinhardt, Secretary; Jeanne Knepper; Virginia Scott; and Ryan Schera.

Quorum: Yes

Guests: Caitlin Mell, OHSU Nursing Student (on community health rotation)

The meeting started at 7:00 PM with Greg Wilhelm presiding.

**Treasurer's Report**

The PNA balance is \$1670.59. Matthew presented the PNA Treasurer's report. He described the difference in accounting of donation to versus reimbursement of supplies to the PNA. Greg brought to board's attention the prior commitment of a \$25 donation to the OR Humane Society on behalf of Scott Jensen. Clarification is needed about the \$50 check for Las Posadas (cancelled event) – Was it cashed or returned?

**Need Minutes**

PNA Holiday Party: Minutes need to be created and posted to website. Renee to send to group once complete and sign-in/roster of attendees is available.

PNA 1/27/09 meeting minutes complete and sent to group by Renee 2/5/09.

Photos of whiteboard at the PNA retreat: Jeanne and Virginia said they had photos and would send them to Erin.

**Committee Reports**

**Land Use Committee:**

Matthew announced that PNA will no longer seek funding from the Oregon Main Street program. This decision was made due to the need for hiring staff to coordinate the project and the increased workload to PNA committee members. The PNA will instead pursue funding through the Portland Main Street Program for the same development plans along Lombard.

**Events Committee:** Susan reported that the Friends of Trees planting was a great success with five North Portland neighborhoods planting a total of 200 trees. She is in the process of creating a write up summarizing the event. Susan reported that we were able to use Friends of Trees customers' donations to purchase three Portsmouth trees for neighbors with financial issues.

Susan presented the Events committee draft annual budget (\$1000). There was discussion about whether or not to continue to sponsor the McCoy Park summer concerts for \$250, and the University Park United Methodist Church's annual Pride Picnic, also \$250. The board will continue discussion of what events and groups to sponsor in the community at the next board meeting and possibly look for projects that could better advance our goals in the community.

**Communications Committee:** Sam reported that the approximately 2500 newsletters distributed in December were not quite enough. For the next distribution in early May, the plan is to print 3000. The board discussed printing and distributing a flyer to advertise Dumpster Day (3/7) and the upcoming forum and elections. Sam made a motion to print the flyer. Steven seconded the motion. All were in favor. Sam also discussed potential sources of funding to assist with newsletter printing including KUPL and New Columbia. The North Portland Business Association was suggested as a possible source of funding as well.

**Livability Committee:** Stephen announced that the Clarendon School Clean up was successful with 15 volunteers. Susan has a write-up and pictures for the event. Stephen will invite the Portland Fruit Tree Project to present (10 min) at the May forum.

**Board Development Committee:** Renee is not present to report at this time.

### **Combine Livability Committee with Land Use Committee**

Matthew suggested that Land Use be sub-divided due amount and scope of committee work. Susan suggested that Livability be better defined. The discussion was again tabled for next board meeting.

### **Dumpster Day**

March 7<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Stephen reported that approx. 15 volunteers are needed for this event.

### **UPNA Meeting**

Greg reports that UPNA is amenable to working with PNA on combining dumpster days, annexing UPNA Lombard into ICURAC, and naming/creating the Lombard business district. They requested that PNA board offer 3 business district names. After moderate discussion the top 3 choices are:

- 1) University Park Business District
- 2) Portsmouth Business District
- 3) Peninsula Business District

### **NPBA meeting**

Greg will attend the meeting and collaborate with them on business district naming, annexation of south Lombard into ICURAC as well as explore grant opportunities to offset PNA printing costs. Susan suggested working with University of Portland and will initiate contact for collaboration opportunities.

### **Portland Hope Meadows**

Greg had a phone discussion with Derenda Schubert about the reasons that PNA's declined to write a letter of support for Hope Meadows land use permit. Greg will compose a letter to PDC expressing PNA's concern about the use of ICURAC funds for activities that supported by the citizens in the Portsmouth neighborhood.

### **Google Group**

This topic was deferred to the next meeting.

### **New Business**

Greg thanked the OHSU student for attending the board.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00pm.

Minutes prepared by Rachel Burdon.