



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association

April 21, 2009, 7:00-8:30 PM at New Columbia Community Education Center 4625 N. Trenton.

Attendees

Board Members: Erin McGovney, Vice-Chair; Renee Jensen-Reinhardt, Secretary; Matthew Denton; Stephen Leiker; Susan Landauer; Sam Thompson; Rachel Burdon; and Virginia Scott.

Absent: Greg Wilhelm, Chair; Jeanne Knepper, and Ryan Schera.

Quorum: Yes

Guests: Mary Wheeler, PNA neighborhood resident, and Doretta Schrock from North Portland Neighborhood Services.

The meeting started at 7:00 PM with Erin McGovney presiding.

Treasurer's Report

\$300 remaining to spend after all expenses.

Committee Reports

Events Committee:

The St. John's Parade is Saturday 5/0/09. There was enough support to for PNA to plan to participate. Group will meet in front of Roosevelt for line up at 11:15.

Land Use Committee:

There was discussion about the Lombard branding plan. The board prefers University Park Place, but will seek more input from residents at the May forum.

There was discussion about the Rose Quarter expansion plans and use of ICURAC funds for the work. Susan made a motion that PNA draft a letter opposing the use of ICURAC funds for Rose Quarter expansion. Stephen seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Matthew will compose letter on behalf of the North Portland Land Use group.

Matthew briefly presented a Bureau of Planning study that looked at Lombard business use along Lombard (Interstate to the 'Cut'). Businesses surveyed indicated that the least important things were building renewal and pedestrian safety.

Communications Committee:

Sam reported that he has submitted an application with a NPBA sponsor (Copy Pilot) to pay for the cost of publishing the newsletter three times yearly. Announcement will be near the end of June.

There is also grant money to be used for purchase of design software for the newsletter. There was discussion on the floor about whether design software or a laptop might be a better purchase. We need to investigate and discuss further.

Livability Committee:

Stephen summarized the committee meeting. There is a Clarendon School clean-up 5/17/09 and another dumpster day at the Eagle's parking lot on 5/30/09. In August (date TBA) there will be a Peninsula Crossing clean-up with the U of P students. There is a possibility that the Metro dumpster Voucher program will be cut from the budget. Susan made a motion to write a letter/make statement that the PNA enthusiastically supports the Metro Voucher system for dumpster acquisition. Stephen seconded the motion. All were in favor. Stephen will write the letter.

Stephen made a motion for Diana Bartlett to join the Livability committee. Matthew seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Board Development Committee:

Nothing to report at this time.

Elections

Sam, Matthew, Susan, Stephen, and Jeannie will run for members at large. Greg will run for Chair. Rachel may run for vice-chair or member-at-large. Renee, Erin, and Virginia will not run for a seat. Mary may consider running. We don't know if Ryan will run for a seat.

Doretta Schrock will oversee and help count ballots.

Columbia Cottage applying for an ICURAC grant to make improvements:

Susan made a motion to write a letter of support for their grant; Matthew seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Susan will write the letter.

New Business**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00pm.

Minutes prepared by Rachel Burdon.