



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association
June 16, 2009, 7:00-8:30 PM at New Columbia Community Education Center 4625 N. Trenton.

Attendees:

Board Members: Greg Wilhelm, Chair; Rachel Burdon, Vice Chair; Diana Bartlett, Secretary; Matthew Denton, Treasurer; Jeanne Knepper; Ryan Schera; Susan Landauer; Sam Thompson;

Absent: Stephen Leiker

Also Present: Brian Wilga, Devan Anthony, Chaya Stillwater-Lanz

Guests: Karol Collymore, Loie Mead

Quorum: Yes

The meeting started at about 7:05 PM with Greg Wilhelm presiding.

Treasurer's Report

The PNA balance is \$1726.79. Matthew presented the PNA Treasurer's report. Current income has come from an existing balance of \$1538.97, and an addition \$1,300 from an ONI communications grant, \$260.00 from the latest Community Cleanup Dumpster Day (May 30th)

Committee Reports

Land Use: Matt reported that the zoning code for R5 will be updated, prohibiting the subdivision of a lot into three separate lots (i.e. you will not be able to build three "skinny houses" on one lot). Ryan reported that the Citizen Involvement committee for the Portland Plan (the comprehensive long-term plan for the City of Portland) will meet July 8th 8:30 – 10:30 AM. He will attend. Greg announced that he will call a meeting together to move forward with the next steps of Lombard Branding.

N/NE Study: Greg reported that there is a proposal on the table to roll in the Rose Quarter Renewal Area into ICURAC. He attended a PDC meeting on this issue. It was poorly attended and limited comment time was available for those in attendance. Greg will send notes from meeting to Board.

ICARAC Transportation Implementation Strategy: Greg reported that there is good news for N. Lombard street in this strategy. There is over \$1 million proposed for N. Lombard street scape improvements, including lights, curb extension & bicycle lanes, and storefront improvement funds.

Bridge Meadows Appeal update: Greg reported that there had been further communications to elected officials from the "Portsmouth Residents Action Committee" regarding the appeal to the conditional land use decision for Bridge Meadows. Greg reported that he had responded to an e-mail claiming that the PNA has been inactive on the issue.

Matt attended a community meeting with DEQ regarding air quality in NW Portland. The meeting was well-attended and organized by people concerned about air pollution by manufactures in the area.

Events: Susan reported that National Night Out will be the first Tuesday in August (Tuesday, August 4th). It is not the policy of the PNA to organize a large neighborhood event for National Night Out as it is an opportunity to organize smaller events to connect with neighbors on your street. Permits for blocking street traffic are free. Blockades cost \$35. LaShanda Hurst is the person to contact for organizing an event. New Columbia organizes a large event with concerts that all people for the neighborhood are welcome to attend.

Jeanne made a motion that the board set aside \$175 to support National Night Out (may include flyers or cover some organizing costs for people from the neighborhood). Matt seconded the motion. The motion passed by a voice vote (six in favor, two opposed). The events committee will plan next steps with communications.

Communications: Sam reported that Copy Pilot has covered the costs for one of three newsletters budgeted for the year.

Livability Committee: Stephen was not present to report at this time. Susan reported that there were three members of the Portsmouth Neighborhood at the May 30th Cleanup partnership with University Park Neighborhood Association. It was well attended by the UPNA members. Many people brought yard debris. Greg thought perhaps participation from PNA was lower due to the previous cleanup in March (only two months in between cleanups).

Community Outreach: Mary reported that the newly formed Community Outreach Committee had met to define its purpose and identify major goals. Among the committee's priorities will be connecting with New Columbia by offering to attend their meetings/events as PNA representatives. Mary will also be contacting Community Alliance of Tenants to inquire about outreach to renters. Diana reported that she and Mary had met with teachers from Roosevelt High School to talk about ways to get students from the neighborhood involved. The Outreach Committee will create a proposal regarding this effort and bring it to the next board meeting. Mary also requested that the Outreach committee work together with the Communications committee to incorporate other languages into PNA materials (newsletter). Mary will investigate incorporation of "Walking Together" branding. Susan would also like to see neighborhood packets compiled for events. She will work directly with the communications committee on this issue.

Guests:

Loie Mead, a teacher and member of the Bahai faith came to the meeting to distribute information on a Bahai-sponsored children's educational program in the neighborhood.

Karol Collymore – County Commissioner Jeff Cogen's Office: Commissioner Cogen is involved in the Healthy Eating, Active Living Program (HEAL) which has had involvement from kids in our neighborhood. Families involved in the program have communicated a desire to improve the Northgate Park - former Clarendon Elementary School. Karol asked for community support for that effort. There was much interest among the board and PNA members for working on improving the park & school area. Karol agreed to get a follow-up memo to Greg to distribute to the board. The Livability & Outreach Committees will begin talking about ways to gather input from neighborhood on what they would like to see in the school/park area.

New Business:

The Surfrider Portland Chapter approached the PNA to solicit support for their proposal to require a fee for the use of plastic bags in Portland. The board asked that Greg request more information before further discussion on the issue.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Notes prepared by Diana Bartlett