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

**Attendees:**

Board Members: Diana Bartlett (Secretary); Rachel Burdon (Vice Chair); Matthew Denton (Treasurer); Susan Landauer; Stephen Leiker; Sam Thompson; Mary Wheeler

Absent: Greg Wilhelm, Ryan Schera, Jeanne Knepper

New Board Member: Vicki Ezell

Quorum: Yes

The meeting started at about 7:05 PM with Rachel Burdon presiding.

**Committee Reports**

Treasurer's Report: Last report off by \$188.16 and \$25.80. The PNA owes \$10 in taxes.

**Land Use:**

New Member for Land Use Committee: Matthew made a motion that Mitch Gould added to Land Use Committee. Stephen Seconded. The motion passed.

Air Pollution Group: Mitch will lead the North Portland group on Air Pollution. They will be holding a meeting on Dec 1st. They are working on getting other neighborhood associations involved.

Concordia Neighborhood Zoning Issue: The Concordia Neighborhood Association is making an appeal to the State of Oregon over zoning violations in their neighborhood (at 6138 NE 32nd). The Concordia board is not asking for the house in violation to be torn down, but is asking for corrective action. They have requested support from other Land Use Board of Appeals Neighborhood Associations to cover legal fees they will need to challenge this case. Matthew announced that there is money available from a neighborhood "landfill" fund for land use-related legal fees. Susan made a motion to pledge \$50 drawn from the land fill pooled fund. Stephen seconded. The motion passed.

In addition, they have requested that other Portland neighborhood associations sign an Amicus brief in support of their position. Susan made a motion to sign the amicus brief in support of Concordia. Matthew seconded. The motion passed

**Livability:**

No new business. Outreach & Livability Committees will schedule a meeting to coordinate a follow up for the Clarendon School site. Rachel will be meeting with Suzanne Briggs with the HEAL Coalition on Monday November 30th to talk more about the Clarendon site.

A description of the last Clarendon site cleanup is needed. Stephen will provide one to Greg.

**Events:**

Holiday Party: PNA Holiday Party is December 8th at 6:30 PM. For the raffle Sam has secured donated items from the Trail Blazers. Please contact Susan if you have any connections with local businesses, or ideas for other raffle items. Susan will make flyer and send out e-mail to list. The party will be organized much like last year. There will not be a presentation by local organizations, but no one was opposed to having information available from interested organizations/services for community members. Name tags are needed.

Spirit of Portsmouth Awards: Please send nominations to Susan. Greg has nominated LaShanda Nelson for the Award.

Friends of Columbia Park: Susan requested PNA board support for Friends of Columbia Park. Their next meeting at Columbia Cottage is a November 19th potluck at 6 meeting at 7. Holiday Party for Friends of Columbia Park on December 6th at 8 PM

**Outreach:**

No new business. The Outreach Committee will determine future action at next meeting with the Livability Committee. Need to address issue of "Board Development" at the retreat.

**New Business:**

Board Member Resignation: Ryan Schera has resigned from the board.

New Board Member: Vicki Ezell attended the meeting to introduce herself and express her interest in joining the board. Mary moved to appoint Vicki Ezell. Rachel seconded. The motion passed.

North Portland Business Association (NPBA) Alliance: NPBA has requested that one person from each North Portland neighborhood associations join a NPBA-neighborhood alliance and asked for feedback on the proposed alliance. The board recommended that at least one member of the board attend to find out more specifics about the proposal and bring new information back to the board for feedback. Stephen volunteered to attend NPBA Alliance meeting. He will follow up with Greg to work out if one or both of them should attend.

NPBA Request for a letter of support for graffiti removal project: Susan made a motion to write a letter of support for NPBA grant for a graffiti removal project. Mary seconded. The motion passed. Susan will write the letter.

PNA Opportunity to support New Columbia adopt-a-family holiday program: The board discussed whether it would be appropriate to allocate "extra" income from this fiscal year to benefit an individual family in the neighborhood. Those present determined that the PNA should focus on projects that benefit the entire neighborhood. Sam will discuss with New Columbia staff (Leslie and Molly) ways to promote the holiday adopt-a-family opportunity at PNA holiday party. It was suggested that the issue of charitable giving be added to the retreat agenda to give the board an opportunity to discuss whether charitable giving/community support should be incorporated into 2010 plans.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM

Next Board Meeting – the Holiday Party on December 8th

The PNA Board Retreat is scheduled for January 12th 2010, 6 – 9 PM.

Notes prepared by Diana Bartlett