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Meeting Minutes for the Board of Directors of the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association
June 15, 2010, 7:00-8:30 PM at New Columbia Community Education Center 4625 N. Trenton.

Attendees:

- **Board Members:** Greg Wilhelm (Chair); Diana Bartlett (Secretary); Matthew Denton (Treasurer); Sam Thompson; Vicki Ezell
- **Guests:** Debbie Caseton, Community Relations City of Portland BES
- **Quorum:** Yes

Treasurer's report:

The PNA spent money on business cards, A-Frame signs, and refreshments for the last cleanup. Matthew submitted for the annual reimbursement to the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) last week. The current balance of non-ONI money is over \$2000. Matthew stated that we should plan to keep \$1300 in checking account until the amount is reimbursed by ONI.

Committee reports

- Land Use:
 - Bridge Meadows Ground Breaking – Greg attended the ground breaking ceremony. Commissioner Dan Saltzman and Multnomah Co. Chair Jeff Cogen were present. Senator Wyden sent an aid with a letter of support. The construction is projected to take 11 months. They are expecting it to be ready by March or April 2011. Greg and Bridge Meadows will work on a Good Neighbor Agreement.
 - North/North East Economic Initiative – The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) has recommended adding the south side of Lombard bordering the Portsmouth Neighborhood into the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area (ICURA) boundary. Additionally, the CAC recommended including St. Johns into the ICURA. The Portland Development Commission needs to approve the recommendations and present them to City Council for a vote in April 2011.
- Outreach:
 - Mary is continuing to work on the translation brochure.
- Events:
 - Vicky went to North Portland Graffiti Cleanup and cleaned up trash and graffiti along Lombard. It was sponsored by Crime Prevention Unit and a North Portland Church. They would like to have involvement from Neighborhood Livability committees next year.
- Livability:
 - Had a successful Clarendon School site cleanup. However, Portland Public Schools did not provide the dumpsters for trash and green waste as they said they would. Without a dumpster, volunteers piled weeds and yard debris in front of the turnaround on Clarendon. As of the June meeting, the pile of debris were still there.
 - Greg asked the group if we should plan another dumpster day. Those present thought it was a good idea to hold one in the fall. Diana will ask Susan to find out about trash dumpsters (and the Metro voucher availability) for the fall.



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- Communications:
 - Business cards will be ordered.
 - The A-Frame signs are in the design phase. Sam needs an updated/improved logo before they can be finalized.
 - Possible date for next newsletter is the week following Labor Day.

New Business:

Does PNA need to hold another community forum? Idea for forum: Neighborhood Crime Update and Community Crime Watch. Greg and Sam reported that they had heard from police that there is a problem with metal thieves in the neighborhood after Greg had metal pipes stolen from his property.

Vicky went to last Public Safety Action Committee (PSAC) meeting. Representatives from Bureau of Emergency Communications were there (both 911 and non-emergency response). People identified non-emergency call response as a problem. Too often information from these calls is not being passed on to police. Online reporting is a new option for non-emergency situations. The police are encouraging people to use the new system. This could be another possible topic for next Newsletter and/or Community Forum.

Debbie Caseton from the Bureau of Environmental Services came to the meeting to give an update on the Portsmouth Force Main project. In particular she talked about an odor control facility that will soon be constructed at Columbia Court near the Water Treatment Plant trail head. The facility will be on Water Treatment Plant property. Pam Arden (Kenton Neighborhood) and trail proponents are against the proposed location of the odor control facility, primarily because the space is frequently used as a meeting spot for people using the trail. Debbie explained that there would be no odors associated with the facility. The odor treatment will not involve chemicals and the building will include a green roof and walls.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.