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Meeting Minutes for the Board of Directors of the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association  
July 20, 2010, 7:00-8:30 PM at New Columbia Community Education Center 4625 N. Trenton.

**Attendees:**

- **Board Members:** Greg Wilhelm (Chair); Rachel Burdon (Vice Chair); Matthew Denton (Treasurer); Mitch Gould, Susan Landauer, Sam Thompson; Vicki Ezell
- **Guests:** John Keating (Housing Authority of Portland); Ben Wickham (Housing Authority of Portland); Doretta Schrock (Office of Neighborhood Involvement); Amber Baker (Village Market); Sue Glenn (Portland Parks); Charles Robertson (Village Market); Michelle Hanna (Village Market); Ed Tryon (Village Market); Portland Police Officers Ollenbrook and Snyder
- **Quorum:** Yes

**Treasurer's report:**

ONI reimbursed the PNA approximately \$1300. Depending upon how much the other Neighborhood Associations submit for reimbursement next year, the PNA will probably receive \$1300 again.

**Committee reports**

- Land Use:
  - Greg will work with Shannon Callahan (Dan Saltzman office) to work on the good neighbor agreement with Bridge Meadows
- Outreach:
  - Mary is continuing to work on the translation brochure.
- Events:
  - Friends of Trees – Susan is asking for volunteers for the Feb 2011 planting
  - National Night Out – PNA does not want a table.
  - Tee shirts. The current ones we have are \$550/100. Putting our web site on the back is \$1 more. Sam suggests putting the web address on the front. Rachel and Susan will discuss this further in committee and report back.
- Livability:
  - PPS and the PNA received \$46,890 in grant money to create a community garden on the property of the old Clarendon School. We did not get the full amount, which would have funded new playground equipment in addition to the garden.
  - Yard debris is still present at the old Clarendon School. We will try to notify PPS again.
- Communications:
  - Sam has the new business cards and sandwich boards for the board to review
  - Sam expects a pre Labor Day distribution for the next newsletter

**New Business:**

- Village Market in New Columbia
  - Janus Youth is trying to raise enough money to establish a non-profit grocery store in New Columbia.
  - To goal is to provide healthy food in our neighborhood at affordable prices so that people do not have to go to one of the two Fred Meyers. 30% of New Columbia residents do not have cars, so they could walk to this store.
  - They already have a garden in New Columbia, a garden in St. Johns and a chicken farm on Sauvie's Island.
  - The food will come from local farmers and vendors.
  - The Village Market is using Winco as the benchmark for pricing.
  - An architect has made a layout of the store. They expect to have a staff of 14 people. Their business plan calls for opening the store in six months. They are currently trying to raise needed capital.
  - PNA offered to put their information up on the website. The PNA possibly can include something in the Newsletter.
  - Rachel will be our PNA liaison for this project.
- John Keating (HAP) and Ben Wickham (HAP) discussed crime prevention and the recent shooting in New Columbia.
  - There have been two meetings downtown and one meeting at New Columbia with the mayor to address the recent shooting. The mayor will be here Thursday night at the Boys and Girls Club.
  - New Columbia has Guardian manage the 600 rentals. There is a Home Owners Association for the rest of New Columbia.
  - Formerly there were two community police officers on staff. Due to the recent events, New Columbia will have four officers that will cover most of every day 7 days a week. There is also a professional security firm, Alert, to patrol the community.
  - HAP has increased youth outreach programs in response to the shooting.
  - HAP feels that 10% of the people are causing 80% of the issues for the community.
  - A third party does background checks (financial and criminal) to screen applicants. Close to 50% do not get approved to live here for various reasons.
  - If a person violates the community rules, they get a citation and eventually a notice of eviction.
  - HAP has gotten very aggressive about dealing with problem households. It does take a long time to remove a problem family because of the legal system.
  - There are no gangs that specifically operate out of New Columbia, but the gangs in North Portland do sometimes come to New Columbia.
  - The past two shootings this summer in North Portland (one at New Columbia and one on North Albina) appear to be "gang wanna-be" teens around 15 and 16 years old.
  - The PNA invited John and Ben to come to every other board meeting.



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- Portland Police Officers Ollenbrook and Snyder attended to take questions and report on crime.
  - Talked about the three early morning break-ins one block north of Columbia Park in the past 2 months. Detectives are working on this.
  - Police are now centrally located at Killingsworth and MLK.
  - Crimereports.com has 24 hour old data based on 911 calls and non-emergency.
  - The Police are not seeing a significant increase in gang violence.
- Rachel made a motion to give the Village Market \$250. Mitch seconded. The PNA feels that we need a market in our neighborhood that provides healthy food rather than mini-marts. Sam referred this to committee before we vote. Rachel will make a recommendation at the next meeting.
- PPS has approved Cesar Chavez to replace the name of the Clarendon/Portsmouth School.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.