

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Portsmouth Neighborhood, 7pm, Sept 25, 2007. Meeting at University Park United Methodist Church, 4775 N Lombard.

Present were: Jeanne Knepper, Susan Landauer, Matthew Denton, Greg Wilhelm, and Betty Johnson. Tom Griffin-Valade joined us about 8 pm. Absent were Lisa Horne, Kandy Giles, Lorna Urry, and Renee Jensen.

Minutes were not reviewed.

First item: Susan offered to serve as co-Vice Chair with Jeanne. Neither she nor Jeanne wants to be Chair, and leaving the Chair position open will allow someone else to assume that leadership position, as he or she feels ready. The vote for appointment was unanimous.

Motion to send a letter of thanks to Scott Jensen, who resigned from the board.

Motion to send a card to Lorna who is getting married on Saturday.

Motion to appoint Greg Wilhelm to the Board. All three motions passed unanimously.

Agenda for October 2 meeting to be held at Columbia Cottage:

Crime Prevention Report by new NRT Officer Jeff Morris.

David Sheern of the PDC will make a presentation about planning for the land of the Sharff Armory on Chautauqua after the Army Reserve moves out.

Proposal to rename Interstate Avenue "Cesar Chavez."

We talked about setting goals for the next few months. Some ideas:

Betty wants to network with other North Portland neighborhoods about land use issues. She will attend the October first meeting of Neighborhood Chairs.

Susan wants to look into getting signs to get motorists to slow down.

Greg wants to engage with neighborhood business leaders about neighborhood improvement.

Susan and Matt want to see graffiti removed.

Greg wants more trees planted.

All want better relations with New Columbia.

Holiday party with Spirit of Portsmouth Awards approved.

Tom Griffin-Valade arrived from another meeting to advise us on land use issues. On our hearing scheduled for October 10, on LU 07-128566, the flag lot at 4852 N Vanderbilt, to be built by Phoenix Redevelopment, Tom advised us that city policy favors developers, and we probably won't win, but there may be a benefit in having many appeals throughout the city. Susan brought up the newer case, at 5228 N Willis, (LU 07-150166 AD.) A double lot has been divided, and there is a proposal to build a home with eaves that extend to within one foot and two feet of the west property line. The main building will be three feet from the west property line. Code requires a five-foot setback. Unanimous vote to have Susan write on behalf of the NA to deny the proposal.

A motion was made that PNA plans to oppose all waivers in the case of lot divisions in circumstances that violate the character of the neighborhood. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Portsmouth NA does not believe that renaming Interstate Ave for Cesar Chavez is an appropriate way to honor Cesar Chavez. Yes, 3, no 1. Jeanne wants a deliberative process, not a reactive one.

Susan asked for \$32 for part of a ½ page ad in the Sentinel for Friends of Trees. (The ad costs \$208, to be divided among four neighborhoods. Portsmouth already has \$20.) Approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Acting Secretary, Susan Landauer