

**Minutes of The Community Association of Portsmouth FORUM, 04 February 03,
held in Columbia Cottage, 4339 N. Lombard, Portland, OR**

Pre-meeting activities began at 6:00 p.m. This included a potluck supper with members of the Columbia Villa Resident Council and TCAP joining in an enjoyable get acquainted social hour. Food and drink was still available as other members and visitors arrived at the meeting place.

Attendance included 18 members and 10 visitors. Sign in sheets on file.

The Forum was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Susan Landauer, Chair. She welcomed all visitors and members, and asked that we circle the room giving our names and reasons for attending. She reviewed the agenda items for the evening and asked that after the presentations, additional items could be addressed, as time allowed.

Minutes of the January 03 Forum were not available.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was available to all attending. No questions or concerns were voiced.

Update and review of plans for HOPE VI: Primary presenters were Mark Smedley, of Methun Architects, and Julie Livingston, from HAP. Using several large wall charts, an overhead projector and slides, Mark summarized the stages and processes used in community decisions and commentary for streets and trees. Questions were raised and answered during his presentation about items important to individuals attending. Most included concerns about relocations and tree removal where necessary. The audience was informed of the upcoming community meetings open to the public and handouts included time schedules and specific dates and places of the meetings.

Questions about placing a school on the site were covered by Julie. She explained that the Portland Public Schools are currently faced with many issues about funding though the school board still indicated interest. At this point, no decision has been made. Hence, plans need to include holding 3.5 acres for probably a two-story school, or placement of homes in that space. Because the plans for specific house/building designs are not determined, a little more time is available for the school district to make a final decision. She indicated the subject appears to be a hot issue in the community, and frequent updating will be provided.

At this point, the Chair asked Mark if he would yield the floor to Officer Jason Christensen and Jason Henshaw, co-presenters working on the eVolvment web site. Officer Christensen had a very tight schedule and needed to leave for another assignment.

eVolvment Project Officer Jason Christensen, the www.portlandonline.com/portsmouth, web master, and Jason Henshaw, TCAP member, briefly reviewed the history of this project. With a portable screen and overhead projector, they showed images of the several pages used in the web site, explained some of the ways to use it, and urged everyone to check it out. They explained that the idea of this project is to begin communicating with the city via electronic means. Plans for the near future include other bureaus and segments of city government seeking input from citizens and sending data to us. Q&A occurred during the presentation.

HOPE VI resumed: Mark continued with his presentation involving the street grids, their effect on the accessibility of the parks, Village Square, and homes for both residents and people coming from bordering streets. Mark and Julie talked about minimum density and various formulas available to plot relationships of house sizes, yard sizes, and city blocks. Using an overlay chart, Mark showed some of the phasing plans they are currently developing to make the process as smooth as possible. The plan is to begin demolition in early September.

Minutes of the November 5, 2002 Forum: These had not been available earlier. They were read individually, with question time available. **MSP** to approve the minutes as presented.
VOTE: aye, unanimous; no abstentions.

St Johns Town Center/Lombard Main Street Project: Patt Opdyke, Land Use Chair, reviewed some of the segments to be included in the application for this important project for the peninsula. She said that two million dollars had been set aside to implement ideas from the transportation study and the remainder of the project. She also explained that placeholders are included in the plans, when specific decisions have yet to be made. An example of this would be indicating a pedestrian crossing on Ivanhoe, though it may be actually placed elsewhere. Patt explained that there are specific costs per item, and listed dollar amounts for 4-way stops, traffic lights, tree-lined sections, and traffic calming systems, among others.

She asked that TCAP consider writing a letter of support for this application. Brief discussion followed with comments indicating interest in a letter of support. Patt was asked to draft a letter indicating support from our neighborhood association, to be ready for the next Board meeting, 25 February 03.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Helen L. Warbington, secretary *pro tem*

tcap.fmin Feb 03.doc