

Minutes of The Community Association of Portsmouth Forum, 04 March 03, held in Columbia Cottage, 4339 N. Lombard, Portland, OR

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. **Attending:** 15 members and 3 visitor/presenters. Susan Landauer, Chair, asked for any additional items to be added to the meeting agenda.

Minutes of the February Forum were read individually. **MSP** to approve them as written. **Vote:** Yes—unanimous; no abstentions.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed individually. No comments or questions were offered.

Susan welcomed the group and invited each person to introduce h/herself. She then gave her **Tree Report** in a brief review of the March 1st planting day. Over 250 trees were planted. Volunteers from the University Park United Methodist Church served chili, bread, juice, coffee, tea, chocolate, at the Cottage as groups completed their planting. She indicated everyone had a great time, and the food was good.

HOPE VI: Julie Livingston, Marcy McNelly, and Pamela Kambur, staff persons attached to the project, came to formally ask the association to consider writing a letter of support for the land division application package to be submitted, in early April, to Portland Office of Planning and Development Review. Julie reviewed the basic plan of a Central Park concept, 850 mixed income-housing units, including a variety of housing types, including single-family dwellings, duplexes, townhouses, and apartments for households earning a variety of incomes. She indicated that the April 12 Design Workshop will focus on floor plans. From 9-11 a.m. there will be a workshop segment. From 11:00-1:00 p.m. the Focus Group will meet.

More detailed explanation was provided about the space, parking options, amount of space for commercial development, and many other facets of the plan, as well as concerns voiced by local residents. Concern was expressed about CS zoning now that the "Village Square" has become a "Main Street." Commercial development zoning includes two possible categories: 1) CN covers the smaller commercial, store fronts, some with housing above, and fits well with the main street design idea. 2) CS is the larger commercial and light manufacturing, with larger buildings. Extensive discussion followed, with Patt Opdyke, Land Use Chair, presenting a well researched, detailed description of options for both categories, and questioning whether we could assure that the purposes, which are now described, would be maintained years down the road if we had CS zoning instead of CN. Julie replied that the 3500 square feet available would not likely be used by repair places, such as auto.

At this point, Susan asked if the group would consider tabling this topic until we completed the remainder of the agenda, since it appeared it was a long ways from completion. If we ran over the prescribed 8:30 stop time, those interested and able to stay would complete the topic. The group agreed to do this by consensus.

Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) staff member, Leslie Esinga reviewed the process for the moving of Columbia Villa residents from their current homes while the New Columbia is being built. She stated that 90 day moving notices were going out immediately. Lots of assistance is being given in the process.

eVolvment: Jason Henshaw, TCAP board member and active member of the project, reviewed some of the aspects of this as it now stands. He indicated that Gateway Computers is raising prices, and shipping out lesser computers. Susan indicated she was not pleased with this change in plans.

Land Use Issues: Patt said requests for liquor licenses have been made, and that it was too late to submit letters regarding the requests. The Portland Department of Transportation (PDOT) has requested a letter of support from TCAP in regard to endorsing PDOT's proposal for MTIP funding of traffic and pedestrian improvements in the St. John Town Center and Lombard Main street community planning area. We had agreed to do this in our February Forum, so a letter will be composed and sent.

Humane Society: Scott Jenson stated that a program is being promoted to get more people to take an active role in educating people and funding the activities of this non profit group.. He will keep us posted.

Unmanned Locomotives: Ann Conry briefly described the current situation with remote controlled trains. Railroad engineers have been organizing to get cities and governments to become more informed. She felt we should offer this issue as a forum topic in the immediate future.

McCormick and Baxter, Super Fund Site discussion and update will be held at the U of P Berkley Center, 7-8:30 p.m., 20 March. Many trucks will be involved in the transfer of waste materials from the site.

Clean Up North Portland is set for 26 April. Volunteers indicating they would participate were Lisa Horne, Jeanne Knepper, Patt Opdyke, Helen Warbington, Ann Conry, Susan Landauer.

St. John Parade: This event is May 10, and the theme is "Rolling on the Rivers, 1803-2003." Ideas were offered to consider including wheelchairs, bikes, strollers, and canoes. More discussion will follow in another gathering.

Evovement: Jason again urged us to log on to the web site: www.portlandonline.com/portsmouth. He also said to be aware that someone is posing as a Doernbecher fund-raiser, and to watch for such things in the notices available on the web site as we look for updates on what is happening in our neighborhood.

At 8:26 p.m., the topic of our Letter of Support was resumed. All those who needed to leave did so. Extensive discussion was resumed. Questions and concerns: "How can the needs of people be met? What can the neighborhood trust to be binding? Purposes must be considered." Elizabeth Humphrey said we needed to send a letter of what we want to see happen and what we do not want to see, perhaps a memorandum of agreement. After a great deal of sharing of ideas, **Elizabeth Humphrey moved, and Lisa Horne, seconded, to have TCAP write a letter of support to HAP in support of the New Columbia Project, with the understanding that TCAP and HAP will work together to refine Main Street uses and define the vehicle and parties to institutionalize this agreement.** Much discussion and friendly amending went into the final motion. **Vote:** Aye, 5; No: 2; Abstain: one. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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

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