

Minutes for The Community Association of Portsmouth (TCAP) Board Meeting held on
22 April 03, in Columbia Cottage, 4339 N. Lombard, Portland, OR
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The meeting was called to order by Susan Landauer, Chairperson, at 7:08 p.m.

Attending: Bill Vuch, Susan Franks, Susan Landauer, Barbara Larsen, Leslie Esinga, Melody L. Velez, Jason Henshaw, Helen Warbington. Sheila Redman, member, was a visitor. **A quorum was present.**

Susan reviewed some of the agenda and welcomed members to make additional topics, if desired.

Susan then introduced Sheila Redman, TCAP member, who had requested agenda time to express her concern about the **increasing number of large tractor-trailer trucks** using Chautauqua Boulevard. She said she had been making tallies of the numbers of vehicles and, when possible, the name of the companies operating them. She wondered why these huge vehicles were traveling this route, said the hours they seemed most frequent were between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m., and often traveled very fast even past the swimming pool area when children were coming and going. She asked for ideas on how to go about determining whether trucks of this nature could legally use that street, and what people might do to begin reversing this current use pattern. A recommendation was made that she and other interested members attend Public Safety Action Committee (PSAC), 4th Wednesdays, at Kenton Firehouse, and bring it up as a safety issue. Members of PSAC might be able to immediately determine if truck traffic is legal or illegal, and advise her on further action. We welcomed Sharon to her first TCAP meeting.

The Elections process for Board Membership was reviewed by Susan. She indicated that since we had not created a nominating committee, nominations from the floor could be made at the annual meeting, with prior permission of the nominees

St. Johns Parade participation was briefly discussed. Susan indicated that it needed some preparation but that it was worth it to keep our presence in the community. She and Jeanne Knepper had agreed to work on ideas that could be carried out without major work parties. They agreed to use “diversity,” involving such areas as ethnicity, employment, individual heritage, and participants would wear hats indicating their individual status. We could use hats or caps to indicate this as part of the official parade theme, “1803 – Rollin’ on the Rivers – 2003,” and as before, carry TCAP’s paper mache hat on the trailer.

Metro Grant: Susan asked if anyone had any project ideas for which TCAP might apply for funds from the North Portland Enhancement Fund. None were suggested at this time.

North Portland Cleanup: Barbara Larson volunteered to be added to the list of helpers from TCAP. Susan explained that there would be two major sites this year, the dumping area in the church parking lot and at Portsmouth Middle School, where workers would clean ivy from the planted areas, and do as much other work as time and volunteer personnel would allow.

Summer Forums: Our practice has been to cancel the July and August Forums due to the conflicts with the July 4th holiday and National Night Out. They either come too close to the 1st Tuesdays or are actually the same dates. **MSP** to cancel these meetings and so indicate in all publicity regarding our Forums. **Vote:** Aye – eight; no abstentions.

Future Forum topics: Susan stated that Mark Wigginton, PIR director, called to ask for time to present his request to hold a drag race which involved much noisier cars, and would be in the noise variance category. Susan had called offices of both Senator Margaret Carter and Representative Gary Hansen, as possible Forum guest presenters. Senator Carter’s staff indicated she would want an entire meeting for her presentation. After brief discussion, we agreed to hear the PIR issues and Rep. Gary Hansen at our May Forum.

Cleaning up on Lombard Street is the project chosen by David Argast and Carole Newvine, TCAP members. They especially are working with AutoZone as well as adjacent areas.

Minutes of the January Board Meeting: These minutes had not been available to members at the time of the February Board meeting. **MSP** to accept the 28 January 03 board minutes as presented. **Vote:** Aye – eight, no abstentions.

Minutes of the March Board Meeting: The minutes were reviewed by attending members. Corrections noted: In the eVolvment segment, paragraph two, it should read: “A calendar of events from all parts of the peninsula in addition to Portsmouth would be good to add to our web site www.portlandonline.com/portsmouth.” In the AutoZone Concerns segment, it should read “Jason said he had serious concerns....” **MSP** to accept the minutes as corrected. **VOTE:** Aye – eight, no abstentions.

eVolvment: Jason indicated our neighborhood web page needs information that will keep interest alive by having important TCAP information. We should immediately begin sending minutes to Aaron Abrams. Susan Franks said she is having difficulty getting into the web page. Jason will pursue a remodeling of our TCAP web site. It was suggested that the secretary should transmit minutes of the last two Forums as soon as possible. Helen, secretary *pro tem* indicated she would do this.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m..

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

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