

Minutes of the TCAP Board Meeting

6/24/03

***Columbia Cottage,
4339 N. Lombard
Portland, OR***

Board Members attending:

Scott Jensen, Sheryl Butler, Bill Vuch, Lisa Horne, Edna Riddle, Helen Warbington, Susan Landauer, Patt Opdyke, Jason Henshaw. Guests coming to make presentations: David Argast, Mary Wheeler, Jose Rivera.

Susan Landauer, Chair, listed several topics for discussion, with additional ones added by attendees. This was done while waiting for a quorum. Jose Rivera and a co-worker came into the meeting room, introduced himself to the Chair, and asked for time to talk about his Hacienda CDC housing development project. He indicated he could not call in advance since no phone numbers or email addresses were listed in the *Oregonian* neighborhood meeting article, and it was extremely important to immediately communicate with the association. Susan indicated the agenda was very full, asked for indication from board members, and stated he could have five minutes at the beginning of the meeting. A quorum was present by 7:12 p.m. and the meeting was called to order.

Hacienda CDC:

Jose handed out several large sheets with architect's drawings showing exterior and general layout of buildings and grounds for a housing development intended for large families. His definition of large families was from four to six children, with some children sharing a bedroom. The intended location is at 8917 North Newell, near the Peninsula Crossing Trail, behind a large public storage facility, and near the railroad cut. He stated he needed to get his plans to the City very soon since HOPE VI would soon require considerable attention, probably prohibiting his plans from moving as rapidly as he wanted. He also said his company keeps regular communication with community stakeholders resulting in more program development.

Many questions and comments were made, with over 20 minutes consumed by this presentation. Brief discussion was held about curtailing all discussion at this point, and encouraging TCAP members to come to the next Board meeting to hear specific presentations during part of that meeting. Because there would be no Forum in July or August, informally it was agreed to have a short presentation at the July Board meeting, with Jose presenting. We would try to notify Portsmouth residents and encourage them to attend. No further action was taken on this issue.

Lombard Litter League:

David Argast, Portsmouth resident, described his project to encourage many people to get involved and actively working to keep the neighborhood litter-free. He developed a mission statement to include programs for youth involving local agencies and institutions. He is currently focusing on AutoZone. Photos were routed showing dead or dying shrubbery, and some litter. David had contacted the City of Portland Bureau of Development, and was told the Inspector Kaneshige had not found any code violations, and closed the file while AutoZone was supposed to clean up the exterior. Susan circulated her draft of a letter to the Supervisor of the Code Enforcement Complaints, Bureau of Development Services, on behalf of TCAP Board. It strongly requested that the Supervisor reconsider the inspector's (Mr. Kaneshige) decision. A few changes were requested in one paragraph. MSP to approve the letter, with indicated changes, to be completed and sent to the Code Enforcement Complaints, Bureau of Development Services. VOTE: Aye – six; Nay – none; Abstentions – three.

David also said he was working on a web site for the LLL, plus advertising on Tri Met benches and bus lines. He was thanked by some members for such an in-depth approach to the problems caused by litter.

TCAP Brochure:

Mary Wheeler, TCAP member, had been asked by Susan Landauer, TCAP Chair, to improve the one page, three-fold brochure first issued in January. Mary had made some changes, such as reducing content in order to have space for translations, and updating computer related addresses. Her initial time line was to have something ready for the canvassing being done by HOPE VI and Walsh Construction, July 19. She asked for input from members regarding which languages should be translated. Discussion included possible costs for translators, suggestions of persons who would translate without fees, and related production issues. She suggested that she could email a draft for additional comments, since remaining time during this meeting was getting short. No further action was taken at this time.

July 19 Canvas:

Lisa said she and Scott would like to have more volunteers to help that day. They had been in touch with Elli Work, HAP, who urged us to help recruit, and hopes this will be a partnership activity.

Application for 501 (c) 3 Status:

Helen had provided a report to the group that included information very recently discovered. Portsmouth Neighborhood Association (PNA) had changed its status to a 501 (c) 4, in 1994, which enabled them to participate in more political activities, but were then ineligible for tax-deductible contributions. Two motions were listed. Motion I: I move that The Community Association of Portsmouth authorize \$500 be used to complete the application process for an IRS 501(c)3 tax-exempt status. MSP. Vote: Aye – nine; No – none; Abstain – none. Motion II: I move that The Community Association of Portsmouth authorize \$150 to employ an attorney to review our application for a 501(c) 3 tax-exempt status. Discussion: Comments included questioning whether \$150 would be enough, others suggested we contact TACS's Attorney referral service, 503-239-4001, or the Community Development Law Center, Tad Everhart, and some knew lawyers who might assist *pro bono*. MSP. Vote: Aye, nine; No – none; Abstentions - none.

Land Use Issues:

Patt Opdyke reported that it appears the HOPE VI CS zoning category is now in line with our concerns. Other issues involved: 1) a possible farmer's market providing ethnic foods 2) Noise and what can Portland do to reduce the increasing noise caused by flight patterns over us. A meeting at Concordia College is scheduled for tomorrow night, 25 June, 5:00- 8:30 p.m. 3) Disabled cars on private property. 4) Educating people on the tax system, services provided by Citizens for Oregon's Future. They do not advocate for any particular system, but they do attempt to explain alternative systems during seminars and small gatherings, as they travel around the state. Patt suggested we might want to sponsor a session as a Forum topic.

Playground Project Involving Remaining Funds:

Sheryl Butler, project chair, announced that we were rapidly gathering the supplies and materials and would hold work parties with Friends of Columbia Park and Peninsula CDC as partners, with the Park Bureau a major supporter. We will complete the project by end of August. More specific details will soon be coming on recruitment of volunteers.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Helen L. Warbington, Secretary

Attachments for archives: Copy of the handout on status and motions for 501(c) 3 application.