

MINUTES FOR THE TCAP FORUM

9/2/03

Columbia Cottage
4339 N. Lombard
Portland, OR

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Susan Landauer, Chairperson.

Attending: Sixteen members and six visitors.

Elizabeth Halley, visitor from Write Around Portland, asked to briefly mention the Creative Writing Workshop, scheduled at Portsmouth Middle School on 22 September 03, from 4:00-6:00 p.m., with childcare to be provided.

Introductions by individuals attending included giving their names and reason(s) they were attending. The Chairperson then indicated that the major agenda topic may be perceived as a controversial one, and that on behalf of the TCAP Board, she was pleased to see everyone.

She then announced that she had appointed Bill Vuch as keeper of documents, and indicated he had agreed to keep the Spirit of Portland Award and related documents.

Minutes of the June FORUM: Copies were available for all attending. Susan, Chairperson, reminded the group only registered members should vote **MSP** to accept the minutes as written. **VOTE:** Aye, 8; No, none; Abstain, 3.

Gary Ott, Bureau of Environmental Services, and Tim Dabareiner from Barney and Worth, were introduced to present a review of the Master Plan for the Columbia Boulevard Waste Water Treatment Plant. Gary explained that due to a new Big Pipe coming from Swan Island, there is a need to expand the capacity of the plant. The city owns property across Portland Road and new facilities will be built there. The plan is to convert to a different form of chlorine because it is safer to transport.

Questions were asked regarding how and when to report smells, and what happens to that information. Odors can be reported by phoning 503 823-2466, or using the web site: portlandonline.com/portsmouth. There is a site on the home page. Mr. Ott described new bio filters made from ground up bark. He also said they are planning to use new ideas for odor controls, or modification. Regarding odor reporting, he named Pam Arden, Kenton Neighborhood, as someone who is active in the odor testing, and suggested we could contact her to help with the testing at six-month intervals, or other related concerns. He further described the action to be taken at Triangle Lake, the holding pond on the Plant grounds, and how they will drain off the top water, put lime on the silt remaining to kill bacterial action, scrape off the sludge, then lay a plastic lining. He stated that disturbing this current holding pond may result in possible odors/smells.

He concluded by saying when he will has met with all the involved neighborhoods, he will get back to us with a combined report of our input.

The order of the agenda was changed here to allow our North Precinct Senior Neighborhood Officer, Jason Christensen to present his report and get back to his other duties.

Officer Jason Christensen, Senior Neighborhood Officer, stated he regretted missing so many meetings but there had been considerable changes in the department structure requiring his time. He said Don Lee Motors purchased the site previously used as a tire sales business, an eyesore and probable drug dealing location. The new owner will replace the structure and clear the surface for additional auto sale activities. Comments from the attendees included references made to the increase of buses on Dana and their speeding, all due to the rerouting from University Park to Willis because of the New Columbia construction. He said Tri Met Supervisors may be able to clock the speeds, and make changes. He ended by saying the role of the Senior Neighborhood Officer in North Precinct may change, but he hoped it would continue in a similar way to enable connections with TCAP.

Barry Manning, from St. Johns/Lombard Plan, and Rich Newland from Portland Department of Transportation, reported on the progress of the plan. Lombard Street will take on a new character with different segments being named for mixed use, residential and business. Barry indicated St. Johns downtown area would not

change much. Current low population is the challenge and with additional housing, more people will move into this general area. He indicated with narrow streets, more people would walk or bicycle. Bike lanes will be going to side streets. "Smart Signals" will be installed which change according to the number of cars waiting to turn. He said the plans do not take out all center turn lanes.

Sharon Nasset, a realtor from Farrell's, came to present an opposing view for many of the planned changes. She stated there will be more traffic congestion and the proposed traffic calming plans are mostly ineffective. An example is the curb extensions that she stated would be problems for bus and/or auto turns. She had concerns about the lack of safety of the proposed street lighting for pedestrians, and poor marking for pedestrian crossings.

Patt Opdyke, Land Use Chair for TCAP, indicated her extensive experience working with the planning groups provided many opportunities to have input over the past many months. She reviewed a draft letter, and opened a discussion with those attending. Each person had a copy. Minor changes were edited into the opening sentence to better identify our TCAP group, plus a statement regarding more off-street parking to be edited into the segment "Incentives for increasing residential opportunities....." **MSP** to accept the letter as edited. **VOTE:** Aye – 9; No – 2; Abstain: - 2. (A copy of the finalized letter will be attached to the minutes that are archived in the ONI office and secretary's file.)

Columbia Park Playground Project: Lisa Horne announced the painting of specified park equipment, bench and table repairs, and bench additions in Columbia Park had been completed as planned.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Helen L. Warbington, Secretary

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