

Minutes for The Community Association of Portsmouth (TCAP) **FORUM** held on 04 November 03  
in Columbia Cottage, 4339 N. Lombard, Portland, OR  
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Susan Landauer, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. **Attending:** Fourteen members and three guests.

Susan provided all with printed agendas for the meeting and asked that each attendee introduce h/herself. This done, she asked that we review the minutes, with copies for all, in preparation for voting.

**Minutes of the October Forum:** MSP to accept the minutes as written. **VOTE:** Aye, unanimous; Abstain: none.

**Treasurer's report:** Jason was unable to attend the meeting and provide a report.

**Neighborhood concerns:** Two Portsmouth residents and close neighbors, Sharon KIELTY, and Amy Spunaugle, both attended a Forum for the first time. They had some grave concerns about a drug house close to them. There had been an apparent suicide very recently, currently under investigation by the police, both for drug dealing charges and the death. Sharon asked for ideas of how to handle such things that are very upsetting to the good folk living anywhere near. In this case, it is alleged that the owner of the rental where drug activity is taking place has several arrest warrants, a record of criminal activity, and currently resides in Vancouver, which makes it more difficult for Portland Police to work. Ideas were offered by attending members on ways to organize neighbors for block watch, and/or create rosters for neighbor support for residents living close by. They were welcomed to the association, and encouraged to call on TCAP members if there was some specific assistance needed.

**Information from our Senior Neighborhood Officer:** Officer Jason Christensen reported to Chairperson Susan Landauer that his schedule would not allow him time to attend tonight's meeting. However, he provided us with multiple copies of crime statistics for Portsmouth neighborhood for October 03. Brief discussion was held to allow new members to orient themselves to this map with the symbols and frequency of specific crimes. This service has been greatly appreciated by all for reference and general information concerning Portsmouth.

**Steve Rudman, Housing Authority of Portland Executive Director,** was introduced by Susan. He opened his remarks with updates on the final client relocation status, the plans to save as many old trees as possible, and the planning for a park currently referred to as Central Park, that will be a new city park within the New Columbia boundaries. His review listed the planned resident spaces (units) as 850 total, with 560 for rentals, 60 for seniors, and 230 for home ownership. Some other topics and questions from the floor covered and/or answered by Mr. Rudman included the HOPE VI relationship to Community Land Trust, market rates houses from \$150,00 to \$175,00, and the announcement that the replies from developers were expected to come in during January. Also reviewed were procedures relating to Section VII housing and vouchers, relationship between rentals and sales in other parts of the community and New Columbia. He said lot sizes would average 3000 square feet.

For additional information, as well as questions or concerns, he suggested calling the Construction Hotline at 503-802-8365.

**Erica Martinez, Senior at Roosevelt High School and a resident of Portsmouth,** is yearbook editor this year. She was invited to attend and give us some of her ideas for community support of the school. She read to the group her letter which was printed in the *St. Johns Review* recently, as well as suggesting that the community needs to get better acquainted with what the school offers, attend sports games, and other events. It was suggested that a calendar of events be available to the community so peninsula residents might be able to plan to attend, and especially things other than sports. TCAP members also suggested that if the school's art department has an exhibit in the spring, and if some pieces are for sale, it would be beneficial to get the information out as soon as possible to the community. Erica was invited to come back to meetings of the neighborhood association.

**eVolvment Project:** Laurel Butman from the Portland Office of Management and Finance, and a citizen activist who resides in University Park neighborhood, came to update our group on the eVolvment project. The City Council recently authorized the sum of \$140,000 to expand this experimental project to the rest of the peninsula. Some discussion was held regarding increasing the content, building on what we already have and know to help improve the project, and working to increase participation. Cynthia Strickland, working in the North Portland Service Center, will be doing some of the listings. We need content from the community and city bureaus to make using the web site more meaningful. Laurel suggested that we remain patient and encourage more participation.

**The Chair asked if we would approve seven more minutes** since we were running late. No one disagreed with the suggestion

**Hope VI additional information:** Leslie Esinga, HOPE VI staff member, reported her group was working to answer all questions and that the malfunctioning computers were fixed, and she would continue to try to get back to all questioners using the

Hotline. She further said the pace is increasing on deconstruction and grinders would be brought to the site and begin the job of grinding the concrete and related materials.

**Announcements:** Lisa Horne stated that TCAP Board Member, Elizabeth Humphrey and her husband Kevin, are moving to Walla Walla, Washington, where she will be working in a Community Bank. We will hold an informal potluck dinner for her at the University Park Methodist Church, on November 11.

Jeanne Knepper announced the workshop on immigration and legal issues affecting both immigrants and community will be held at the University Park Methodist Church, December 6, from 5-8:00 p.m. A lawyer, who is proficient in both English and Spanish, and specializes in immigration law, will conduct the workshop.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:38 p.m. Next Forum scheduled for Tuesday, 02 December 03, same time, same place.

Respectfully submitted by

Helen Warbington, Secretary

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