

Minutes for the The Community Association of Portsmouth (TCAP) Forum held 06 April 2004, in Columbia Cottage, 4339 N. Lombard, Portland, OR
www.portsmouthneighborhood.com

Called to order by Board President Susan Landauer at 7:05 p.m. Those attending signed into the attendance sheet.

Minutes of the March Forum were both sent in advance to board members and were available at the meeting. Jason Henshaw made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Susan Franks provided the second. **VOTE: Aye:** Unanimous; No abstentions.

Jason Henshaw, Treasurer reported the balance in the TCAP checking account is \$1,236.88.

Lisa Horne presented proposed Bylaw changes to the membership that the TCAP Board is recommending to the TCAP membership. Copies of the proposed changes were distributed and are also available on TCAP's web page, www.portsmouthneighborhood.com. The TCAP membership will vote on these recommended changes to the Bylaws at the annual meeting May 4, 2004.

Nikki Thompson, Parole Officer with Multnomah County Parole & Probation gave a report on activities in North Portland and encouraged any residents to contact her with questions or concerns.

A presentation by outreach volunteers (Jim, Keith and Starr) from Portland's Homelessness Working Group was made. TCAP members were asked to provide their perceptions, experiences, and ideas about homelessness issues in Portsmouth and Portland. The Homelessness Working Group is gathering information to develop a 10-year plan on addressing homelessness.

Susan Landauer presented a resolution requesting that the City of Portland providing funding for Increasing Diversity in Neighborhood Associations. Rev. Dr. Jeanne Knepper proposed modifying the resolution to reflect support by TCAP for the resolution. Patt Opdyke made a motion to adopt the resolution with the suggested modifications by Jeanne, Scott Jensen provided the second. **VOTE: Aye:** Unanimous; No abstentions.

Leslie Esinga gave a construction update for the New Columbia project and distributed the "Construction Alert." As construction impacts neighboring streets representatives from Walsh Construction distribute flyers door-to-door (usually on Saturdays). As the new roads are finished the Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) will start van tours of the site. Neighbors are encouraged to go on a tour if they are interested. The housing construction will start in early May and HAP and Walsh Construction are concerned about the potential for construction theft, therefore additional lighting is being installed in the interior of the site. Leslie also reported that there are two food vendors now on site. Susan Landauer noted that TCAP's request to name a street in New Columbia McCoy Court was approved by the City of Portland.

The St. Johns Parade will be held May 8, 2004. The St. Johns Parade theme this year is "Enjoying the Arts." Jeanne Knepper suggested a theme for TCAP's entry of "Making a Joyful Noise – Together!" with folks marching in a group playing kazoos, harmonicas or other instruments, ringing bells and/or singing. Susan Franks made a motion to adopt the theme of "Making a Joyful Noise – Together!" for TCAP, Lisa Horne provided the second. **VOTE: Aye:** Unanimous; No abstentions.

TCAP needs a new storage place for the TCAP Cap which has been used in the St. Johns Parade entry. Lisa Horne offered basement storage at her office space in St. Johns if a local source does not step forward.

Susan Landauer thanked Scott Jensen for his advocacy for improvements to Trenton Park in Kenton, a few blocks east of Portsmouth.

Earth Day is April 24, 2004 and there are several events planned in Portsmouth. A flyer was distributed about the landscaping project for Portsmouth Middle School.

TCAP's 501 (c) (3) application to the IRS was mailed in. Scott Jensen was listed on the application and signed a resolution as the Secretary of TCAP. Patt Opdyke made a motion to ratify the appointment of Scott Jensen as Secretary, Lisa Horne provided the second. **VOTE: Aye:** Unanimous; No abstentions.

A Housing Fair is planned for May 22, 2004 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on the playground at James John Elementary School in St. Johns, on N. Lombard & N. Charleston. Peninsula Community Development Corporation and St. Johns in the 21st Century are coordinating the event that will focus on information for renters, homeowners and homebuyers. TCAP will consider hosting a booth at the Housing Fair and will assist in publicizing the event. People interested in volunteering should contact Susie Law at 503-283-1096, ext. *21.

There are two part-time outreach internship positions available through the City of Portland for the eVolvment project. Links to the position announcements are available on TCAP's web page.

The Forum adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Lisa Horne, Board Member