

Minutes for the The Community Association of Portsmouth (TCAP) Forum held 04 May 2004, in Columbia Cottage, 4339 N. Lombard, Portland, OR
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Called to order by Board President Susan Landauer at 7:05 p.m. Those attending signed into the attendance sheet.

Minutes of the April Forum were not available at this meeting.

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

Lisa Horne presented proposed Bylaw changes to the membership and distributed ballots for voting on those changes. Tom Griffin-Valade tallied the votes, and the changes passed 10-0.

Election of Officers and Board of Directors were opened. Bill Vuch was nominated from the floor for a two-year director-at-large term, and accepted the nomination. Lisa Horne made a motion to close the nominations with the ballot presented with the one write-in, Clint Speth provided the second. **VOTE: Aye:** Unanimous; No abstentions.

Tom Griffin-Valade tallied the ballots with the following results: Scott Jensen elected President, Jason Henshaw elected Vice-President, Lisa Horne elected Secretary, and Jamie Komro elected Treasurer. Leslie Esinga, Mitch Gould, Patt Opdyke, Bill Vuch and Mary Wheeler were elected for two-year Board member-at-large terms. Rev. Dr. Jeanne Knepper and Edna Riddle continue their two-year terms, which end May 3, 2005 as Board member-at-large.

Patt Opdyke made a motion to recognize the contribution that Susan Landauer and Susan Franks have give to TCAP over the years, Jeanne Knepper provided the second. **VOTE: Aye:** Unanimous; No abstentions. Kind words and comments were echoed by many.

Leslie Esinga, HAP employee, gave an update on the New Columbia project. A Wall Raising event will be held May 18th to commemorate the start of housing construction. The event will be held on the basketball court on the corner of N. Woolsey & Trenton. HAP selected two builders for the 1st phase of ownership units, Legends and HOST. Of the 76 total homes to be built in the first phase, 7 will be affordable to households at 60% of median family income. HOST will build 27 of those 76, with Legends building 49. There are numerous subsidies and programs available to first-time homebuyers including several just for the 7 affordable ownership units onsite in New Columbia. HAP will begin outreach to identify potential buyers of accessible units and then would encourage a build-to-suit option for them. Lisa asked whether HAP would be making forceful requirements of these builders to follow the Design Guidelines that have been adopted for New Columbia. Leslie assured us that HAP would, but Lisa suggested something with more teeth, such as the contract between HAP and the builders to spell out financial consequences for not following the design guidelines. NW Housing Alternatives was selected as the developer of the Senior Housing project consisting of 66 units. Scott Jensen mentioned the phone call he received from Jacob Fox about a donation that Bank of America will be making to TCAP. HAP recently closed a round of financing with Bank of America, and the HAP Board of Commissioners suggested to B of A that they make a donation to TCAP rather than spending the money on a closing party.

Tom Griffin-Valade led a thoughtful discussion about neighborhood involvement and community building. Themes of this discussion included communities are more strong when neighbors know each other, nurturing people to their full potential promotes living by connection not fear, sense of belonging, action and assets orientation, TCAP is an empowered organization, opportunity for rich ethnic and racial diversity, and intermingling of ideas.

Senior Neighborhood Officer Jason Christensen distributed April crime statistics for Portsmouth and answered members' questions. An exchange of ideas and concerns about the shooting of James Perez by a Portland Police Officer was held. One member suggested cameras be installed on police vehicles.

Patt Opdyke reported that the City Council adopted a change to the land use zoning in the Lombard Main Street St. Johns Town Center Plan for the south side of N. Vanderbilt Street to R2.5 instead of the proposed R1 zoning.

The Forum adjourned at 9:00 p.m. and was followed by a celebration of TCAP's anniversary.

Respectfully submitted by
Lisa Horne, Secretary