

Minutes for The Community Association of Portsmouth (TCAP) Forum held 01 June 2004,
in Columbia Cottage, 4339 N. Lombard, Portland, OR
www.portsmouthneighborhood.com

Called to order by past Board Chair Susan Landauer at 7:10 p.m. Those attending signed into the attendance sheet, and everyone introduced themselves. Susan then handed over the meeting to Scott Jensen, who was elected as Board Chair at the May 2004 Annual Meeting.

Senior Neighborhood Officer Jason Christensen distributed the May map of reported crimes for the Portsmouth neighborhood. Jason encouraged residents to use the www.portlandonline.com web page to seek resources offered through the City of Portland, and distributed information cards from Resolutions Northwest, which offers free mediation services for residents in Portland. Jason reported that North Precinct Commander Scott Anderson has gone to Liberia, which is in Western Africa, bordering the North Atlantic Ocean, between the Ivory Coast and Sierra Leone, to work for Mark Kroeker (former Portland Police Bureau Chief). North Precinct needs a new commander. A suggestion was made that a TCAP member be included on an interview panel for that hiring process by the Portland Police Bureau. Jason answered questions about certain types of crime and the differences between robbery, burglary and larceny.

Minutes of the April and May Forums were available at the meeting. Albert Hanson made a motion to accept the April 6, 2004 minutes as presented, Susan Landauer provided the second. **VOTE: Aye:** Unanimous; No abstentions. Susan Landauer made a motion to accept the May 4, 2004 minutes as presented, Lisa Horne provided the second. **VOTE: Aye:** Unanimous; No abstentions.

Ken Dodge from Portland Community College ("PCC") described PCC's expansive system and encouraged people to call or e-mail him (kdodge@pcc.edu) with ideas for outreach. Ken gave an overview of the PCC Portsmouth Partnership program, which is available to residents and business owners. The services available include:

- Recruitment for bi-lingual interpreter program;
- ESL, GED and/or high school completion classes;
- Small business development for existing businesses including four hours of free business advising; and
- Start-up classes for people interested in starting a new business.

Issues or questions included PCC's dislocated workers' program, materials available in Spanish, and if PCC has seen an decrease in their enrollment since they stopped printing and mailing the quarterly class schedule booklet to all households in Portland.

Jason Hatch, a resident from Kenton gave a presentation about the new North Portland Tool Library that is a program being developed by Jason and others to provide a community pool of tools for home or yard maintenance and improvement projects. The North Portland Tool Library is focused on residents from St. Johns, Portsmouth, Kenton and Arbor Lodge neighborhoods, and was recently awarded a Community Initiatives Grant from the City of Portland Bureau of Housing & Community Development. The plan right now is to have the lending Tool Library in the basement of the Kenton Firehouse, open one week and one weekend day each week, staffed with volunteers, and is tentatively scheduled to open July 31st. A fact sheet about the program is available on TCAP's web page, www.portsmouthneighborhood.com. A concern was raised about the 4-day lending period after which time a late fee may be assessed, and whether this would be prohibitive to residents who might only be able to get to the Tool Library on a Saturday for both pick up and return. Praise and encouragement were given to Jason Hatch for his initiative in establishing a needed resource in the community. Jason Henshaw volunteered as TCAP's representative to the North Portland Tool Library steering committee.

Rev. Dr. Jeanne Knepper announced an upcoming free camp for low-income families. Creation Vacation will be held in July and Jeanne is seeking volunteers to serve as "Family Friends". The time commitment is July 6 – 10 for "Family Friends" and July 7 – 10 for campers.

The Forum adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Lisa Horne, Board Secretary