

Minutes for The Community Association of Portsmouth (TCAP) Forum
Held September 7, 2004, in Columbia Cottage, 4339 N Lombard, Portland, OR
www.portsmouthneighborhood.com

Chair Scott Jensen called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm. Those attending signed the attendance sheet.

June Forum minutes were not available, nor was a treasurer's report.

Officer Jason Christensen reports that staffing at North Precinct is low. His unit has been renamed the Neighborhood Response Team (pronounced "nert".) Jason is assigned to Portsmouth and Kenton, Officer McGuire to St Johns and Cathedral Park, and Officer Sejak to Overlook and Arbor Lodge. Jason says identity theft is a big problem these days. He passed out copies of a book on the subject of how to avoid identity theft. He also showed us a baggie full of various items of drug paraphernalia he had seized as evidence that evening. He has visited the problem rental at 4779 N Girard practically every day, and other agencies are involved to help relocate the elderly resident. Jason suggests that neighbors try to find appropriate tenants for the house, because the landlady seems to rent repeatedly to problem tenants. Scott talked about how much we appreciate Jason's work. All agreed.

Walter Garcia is our Crime Prevention Specialist at the North Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement. He has been covering a much larger area, but two people have been hired so Walter can concentrate on North. All are invited to the PSAC (Public Safety Action Committee,) meeting, held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 pm at the Kenton Firehouse, 2209 N Schofield. The topic for September is the "Time, Place, and Manner" Ordinance which has to do with alcohol abuse out in public. For more information you may phone Walter at 503-823-4098.

Casey Moffett-Chaney attended as a guest and asked to make a brief introduction to the Vote No on 36 campaign. Measure 36 would amend the Oregon Constitution to specify that only a man and a woman can be legally married. More information is on the website www.NoOn36.com.

Scott asked us to think of questions to ask at The Mayoral Candidate Forum we are co-sponsoring with the University Park United Methodist Church. Tom Potter and Jim Francesconi have accepted our invitation. Two questions: How can North Portland get more direct public investment by the city? What is your commitment to maintaining North Precinct? We need more questions. Thanks to Scott for his hard work. He tried to get Nick Fish and Sam Adams, the City Council candidates, but there were no open dates for all four.

Leslie Esinga made a report on progress at the former Columbia Villa. HAP wants a volunteer with a lot of time (20 hours) to be on the panel selecting the Onsite Management Company.

Portsmouth will plant trees with Friends of Trees on March 19th, 2005. The four neighborhoods of Arbor Lodge, Kenton, Portsmouth, and University Park will plant and celebrate together.

No motions or votes were made at this meeting, except to adjourn at 8:27.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Landauer, acting secretary.