

Minutes for the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association (PNA) Board Meeting held August 23, 2005 in Columbia Cottage,
4339 N. Lombard, Portland, Oregon
<http://www.portsmouthneighborhood.com>

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairperson Scott Jensen. **Board Members Attending:** Jason Henshaw, Lisa Horne, Scott Jensen, Susan Landauer, Rev. Dr. Jeanne Knepper and Edna Riddle. **A quorum was present.**

Items of interest that were reviewed or mentioned by the Board included:

1. Joseph Readdy from Urbsworks will be a presenter at the September 5th PNA Forum. The topics will include the **new school** planned for New Columbia to replace John Ball Elementary and **University Park space planning of park property**. Scott Jensen mentioned disappointment that the park space planning was not done when University Park did a master plan of the Community Center.
2. Officer Jason Christensen (our Neighborhood Response Team Officer) will also present at the September Forum. The topic will include the **child abduction and sexual assault** that occurred in the Portsmouth neighborhood. Jason Henshaw mentioned an email that a neighbor of the City of Portland Sewage Treatment Plant sent around that complained about a lack of response to neighbor's concern for the lack of maintenance of the property owned by the City near the Sewage Treatment Plant. This is the same area where the children were taken and sexually assaulted. Jeanne Knepper called attention to the fact that neighbors at the July PNA Board meeting mentioned problem areas along the Peninsula Crossing Trail in Portsmouth.
3. Scott will be sending out an e-newsletter. Board members need to submit any information by August 24th to be included.
4. **Canvassing** is planned for our new neighbors in **New Columbia** Thursday, **September 22nd** from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to go door-to-door and distribute information about our community, PNA, area businesses, etc.

Susan Landauer made a **motion to accept the July 26, 2005 Board minutes as corrected**. Jeanne provided the second, and the motion passed, 5-0.

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5. The planned **Boys & Girls Club** at New Columbia was mentioned and a question about how that would be financed.
6. Susan Landauer reported that **200 University of Portland freshmen** will be doing a service project at **Portsmouth Middle School September 3rd**. Landscaping and a property spruce up are planned. Volunteers are meeting at the middle school at 9:30 a.m.
7. Jeanne reported that she has been reading articles and heard from a Portsmouth resident about "**peak oil**" **concerns** and the potential severe transportation impacts. The City of Portland is conducting an assessment of any agriculturally-able land that the City owns for potential use. Jeanne asked what role would a neighborhood have for local sustainability.
8. Scott asked everyone for their ideas of projects or issues that PNA could do over the next 12 months.
 - o Jeanne – **community festival** for the entire neighborhood that could focus on parks, trees, yards, or local musicians. Another idea she shared was a "**cornucopia table**" or space where people could leave food for others, such as extra zucchini from private gardens. A space for **public art or sculptures**. Any young person from the neighborhood would be helped in their pursuit of **trade school or college**. Examples were mentioned from other cities, such as Kalama and Philomath.
 - o Susan – ongoing connections with **schools** and **small projects**.
 - o Jason – **flower baskets or trash receptacles**.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. Next Board meeting is September 27, 2005.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Horne, Board Secretary.