

The Community Association of Portsmouth (“TCAP”) doing business as Portsmouth Neighborhood Association (“PNA”)
Forum Meeting, Tuesday, February 7, 2006
Columbia Cottage, 4339 N Lombard
<http://www.portsmouthneighborhood.com>

Chair Scott Jensen called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Introductions were made by those in attendance. November Forum minutes were reviewed. Lisa Horne made a **motion to approve the November 1, 2005 Forum Minutes**, Tatiana Xenelis provided the second. The motion carried 6-0-1. December Forum minutes were reviewed. Lisa Horne made a **motion to approve the December 6, 2005 Forum Minutes**, Tatiana Xenelis provided the second. The motion carried 5-0-2.

Officer Eric Zajac, North Precinct reported about recent criminal activities throughout the neighborhood including an increase in thefts of metal throughout North Portland, including catalytic converters out of vehicles. Residents raised questions about sex offenders and reporting problems at a liquor outlet, especially in the evening or weekends. Officer Zajac was asked to forward the contact information for our inspector assigned to North Portland from the Oregon Liquor & Control Commission.

Havilah Ferschweiler, Crime Prevention Coordinator introduced herself as our new staff person assigned to North Portland. Havilah is working with Portland Police Bureau and the Housing Authority of Portland to pilot a program called **Enhanced Safety Patrol** at New Columbia, and has started with introductory sessions on how to start a block watch with the current residents.

Visions for the John Ball Elementary School site at 4221 N. Willis:

Lisa Horne gave an introduction to this topic and why the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association wanted to have residents discuss their vision for the block where John Ball Elementary School is currently located.

Lisa is the Executive Director of Peninsula Community Development Corporation (“Peninsula CDC”), the local community organization that builds affordable housing in North Portland. Lisa distributed information about Peninsula CDC and described a vision of **mixed income and types of housing** for the block, which is roughly 86,000 square feet and currently residentially zoned R-5, which could allow for 17 homes.

Deborah Johnson, HOST (Homeownership One Street at a Time) Development distributed a brochure and discussed HOST’s history of providing ownership opportunities for first-time homebuyers, and that they would like to be a part of building more housing on this block.

City Commissioner Dan Saltzman announced that the City of Portland has the first right to purchase the soon-to-be-old John Ball School site. Commissioner Saltzman described his vision for the site that would include **8 foster care homes for children and 32 senior housing units, a community center and open space**, which is modeled after a program

called Hope Meadows outside of Chicago, Illinois. Seniors would earn a stipend for volunteering 6 hours/week, and the foster parents would live rent free. Commissioner Saltzman said that the effort will take significant private funding, and he had a DVD of the Hope Meadows project if anyone wanted to borrow it. Questions were raised about the cost to build and for ongoing operations, timing, size, services, program development and testing of the concepts, deed restrictions to ensure adequate long-term funding, and interim uses for the site.

Seth Truby from **Portland Village School** shared that their **new charter, public school** using Waldorf methods is looking for a site in North, NE or outer SE Portland to be opened by Fall, 2006. Seth suggested that their charter, public school be considered to use a portion of the existing John Ball Elementary School if it is feasible.

Announcements:

The Portsmouth, Kenton, Arbor Lodge, and University Park neighborhoods' **Tree Planting** held January 28, 2006 went quite well, thanks to all involved.

Susan Landauer had been working with the owner of the **Lucky Mart** on N. Lombard & N. Portsmouth to **improve the bad exterior paint** job. Susan arranged for free recycled paint through Metro and free painting services through Stubblefield Painting, but the project fell apart after Metro discovered that Lucky Mart sold water pipes and other drug paraphernalia.

Lisa Horne announced the **Portsmouth Neighborhood Association's Annual Meeting will be held April 4th. Officer and Board Member elections will occur at the Annual Meeting.** Interested people should contact Lisa to be added to the ballot.

Jeanne Knepper announced that PNA and the University Park United Methodist Church will be **co-sponsoring candidates and issues forums: April 18th: County Commission District #2 candidates; April 25th: State House of Representatives District #44 candidates; and May 2nd: City Council candidates and voter-owned elections issue.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Horne, Secretary.