

The Community Association of Portsmouth (“TCAP”) doing business as Portsmouth Neighborhood Association (“PNA”)

Annual Forum Meeting, Tuesday, April 4, 2006

Columbia Cottage, 4339 N Lombard

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Chair Scott Jensen called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Introductions were made by those in attendance. A sign in sheet is on file in the Corporate Record book.

Scott Jensen gave the **public safety report** for Officer Jason Christensen, North Precinct who is at training this week. Items covered in the report included:

- Rape of a teenage boy in an alleyway of the 4200 block of N. Kilpatrick. The perpetrator was arrested and will be charged with Measure 11 crimes. The media has been covering this crime.
- An attempted kidnapping of two female students near Portsmouth Middle School. The suspect who was arrested lives on N. Juneau.
- A drug house in the 8400 block of N. Fiske should be getting closed down with the removal of a resident who has warrants out for him.
- The Police are doing missions that target mobile drug dealing where buys are set up using cell phones and people meet up on public streets, often near parks. The buyer gets into the car that then goes around the block or for a short drive where the transaction takes place and then the buyer is dropped off. This is hard for the Police to address, but they are targeting drug dealers. If suspicious activity is seen people should call the police non-emergency number at 503-823-3333. Havilah Ferschweiler also has log sheets that she can distribute to people for recording suspicious activity.
- Jason suggests that PNA sent a letter to the owners of the Lucky Mart on N. Portsmouth & N. Lombard requesting that drug paraphernalia be moved from the front of the store to a less prominent location so youth are less likely to see it.

Susan Landauer made a **motion to send such a letter to the owners of the Lucky Mart store**. Tatiana Xenelis provided the second. The motion carried 5-0-0.

March Forum minutes were reviewed. Susan Landauer made a **motion to approve the March 7, 2006 Forum Minutes as corrected**, Lisa Horne provided the second. The motion carried 4-0-1.

#### **Old Business:**

PNA, St. Johns Neighborhood Association and the University Park United Methodist Church (“UPUMC”) will be co-sponsoring **Candidates’ Forums**: April 18<sup>th</sup>: County Commission District #2 candidates; April 25<sup>th</sup>: State House of Representatives District #44 candidates; and May 2<sup>nd</sup>: City Council candidates. The Forums will be held at UPUMC, 4775 N. Lombard. Childcare will be provided.

PNA will host a community meeting to answer the question of “**what should happen with the old John Ball School site** (4221 N. Willis) once the new school is opened in New Columbia”. The community forum will be held Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at UPUMC, 4775 N. Lombard.

PNA will have an entry in the **St. Johns Parade** May 13<sup>th</sup>. The Parade theme is “Lift Every Voice”. The PNA group decided on a theme for Portsmouth’s entry, which is “Singing Our History, Singing Our Future”. Five songs will be chosen to reflect the history and future of our neighborhood. Lisa’s pickup truck is needed to transport the sound equipment in the parade. Jeanne is working on song selection and will make copies of the chosen lyrics. Lorna is working on t-shirts that would feature the PNA logo. Susan will be making banners featuring photographs of people, places and events from the neighborhood. These banners will either be carried in the parade or attached to Lisa’s truck. Susan will contact Portsmouth Middle School to see if students will participate and to give them the selected music for rehearsal. Volunteers are needed for all of these activities.

### New Business:

Lisa described the election process and criteria for voting. **Ballots for the annual elections** were distributed to those eligible. Requests were made for nominations from the floor for all officer and board member-at-large positions, none were made. Susan Landauer made a **motion to close nominations**. Lisa Horne provided the second. The motion carried 6-0-0. Members voted and Tom Griffin-Valade (North Portland Neighborhood Services) picked up the ballots and tallied them.

Scott Jensen brought up the issue of quorums for Board meetings. A longtime neighborhood resident and current PNA Board member Edna Riddle has moved out of the neighborhood to SW Portland (but still owns her home in the neighborhood) to recover from a broken hip. Scott suggested that we remove Edna from the Board since she has been unable to attend and it becomes an issue for quorums if she remains on the roster. Susan Landauer made a **motion to remove Edna Riddle from the PNA Board**. Tatiana Xenelis provided the second. The motion carried 6-0-0. Rev. Dr. Jeanne Knepper made a **motion that PNA send a letter to Edna Riddle thanking her for service to PNA, recognize her contribution to the neighborhood, and that it be sent with a gift of Susan Landauer's choosing**. Lisa Horne provided the second. The motion carried 6-0-0.

### Guest Speakers:

**Donna Kelley** from the Housing Authority of Portland's Asset Management Department gave a report on the status of the **New Columbia** project. A chart was distributed that shows the phases of the rental housing that has already opened and what is planned for the future. To date, 319 rental units are open with 230 of those occupied as of April 4, 2006. Donna reported that 61 homes have sold so far with 106 expected to be completed and sold in 2006, and a final 30 in 2007. All new residents receive a welcome basket. PNA's flyer is included. Members asked that voter registration cards be included as well. The Lifelong Learning Center, which includes Oregon Employment Department, Portland Community College and the Housing Authority of Portland's GOALS Program will open in May. HAP is negotiating with Big City Produce to open a small market in the main street area. HAP is reviewing proposals for a coffee shop as well. Susan Landauer asked about the return of Head Start. Donna stated that services are planned, but, a Head Start is not currently anticipated. The on-site property management office will open in the North Trenton building May 1<sup>st</sup>. The new John Ball school will open in the fall of 2006 with the Boys & Girls Club expected in spring of 2007. HAP will name a pocket park for Penny Rose who passed away in March. Penny was an active community member, former resident of Columbia Villa, and co-chaired the Citizens Advisory Committee for the New Columbia project. Tatiana suggested that we ask someone from HAP to come to an upcoming Forum to discuss services.

**Havilah Ferschweiler**, Crime Prevention Coordinator from the North Portland Neighborhood Services office described her activities in the Portsmouth neighborhood including **block watch organizing**. An Introduction to Neighborhood Block Watch will be held April 6<sup>th</sup> with a session in Spanish scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>. Scott asked Havilah to forward information to Lisa so an e-newsletter from PNA could go out on these sessions. The North Portland Neighborhoods **Clean Up** is scheduled for Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. A Shred-It truck will be available that day at McCoy Park in New Columbia for residents.

### Election Results:

Tom Griffin-Valade reported the following election results: Tatiana Xenelis, Chair; Rev. Dr. Jeanne Knepper, Vice-Chair; Lisa Horne, Secretary; Lorna Urry, Treasurer. Scott Jensen, Board Member-at-Large for term ending May 2007. Rachel Burdon and Lorna Urry, Board Member-at-Large for term ending May 2008. Everyone thanked Scott Jensen for his service as Board Chair these past few years.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Horne, Secretary.