

The Community Association of Portsmouth (“TCAP”) doing business as Portsmouth Neighborhood Association
 (“PNA”)
 Forum Meeting, Tuesday, September 5, 2006
 Columbia Cottage, 4339 N Lombard
 <http://www.portsmouthneighborhood.com>

Chair Tatiana Xenelis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. June minutes were not available.

Portland Police Officer Ken Reynolds substituted for Officer Jason Christensen who is on paternity leave. Ken reported that the number of burglaries is up, but a decline is expected with the bad weather of winter. In New Columbia, the two person Safety Action Team will start in November. In the meantime, any extra personnel at North Precinct are assigned to New Columbia. Things seem to be much better now. Ken questioned whether the troublemakers in New Columbia are “authentic” gang members.

A drug house on 8625 N Hurst is for sale after two search warrants. The homeowner might sell to “a friend.” A private lawyer took the case to a civil hearing. If there is any more drug activity at this house it will lead to “abatement,” where the house is boarded up for a year.

Linda Crum, Board Chair of the Peninsula Children’s Center, made a report and asked for support and donations.

Tatiana brought us up to date on the John Ball School Site, and the survey results from 40 respondents. The results are on the PNA website.

Tatiana appealed to the Forum for ideas on how to better connect with neighbors. She asked, “What do you want from PNA?” Suggestions included: movie nights, ice cream socials, pot lucks, candidate forums, door to door canvassing, Foot Patrols and Neighborhood Watches, National Night Out parties, and mini meetings. Tatiana also got a positive response when she proposed exploring the possibility of moving our meetings elsewhere. Mentioned were University Park Community Center, the Trenton Building in New Columbia, and University Park United Methodist Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Susan Landauer, acting secretary.