



Portsmouth Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

February 26, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the University Park United Methodist Church, 4775 N Lombard.

Attendees:

Board Members: Jeanne Knepper, Susan Landauer, Mathew Denton, Steven Leiker, and Greg Wilhelm. Betty Johnston and Renee Jensen-Reinhardt had previously notified the board that they would not be in attendance. Emily Jacoby, a journalism student from the University of Portland came for a class assignment. LaShanda Hurst, our Crime Prevention Coordinator from North Portland Neighborhood Services, also attended. Jeanne Knepper presided.

Minutes:

Susan moved to accept the January 2008 minutes as amended by her. Greg seconded. All were in favor - motion passed.

The board came to a consensus that our new goal is to have the minutes approved and posted on the website in 7 calendar days. The new process is for the secretary to distribute via email the minutes to the board within 3 calendar days of the meeting. The board members will then have up 4 days for comment via email before the chair approves the minutes (and we post them on the website).

Susan made a motion to hold the next forum meeting on April 8th at the Columbia Cottage (pending availability of the building). Greg seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion passed.

The primary content of the next forum meeting is Friends of PIR and Hope Meadows. The elections will occur at the forum meeting in May/June. The board does not feel that a presentation on the Big Pipe project is an appropriate topic for the forum meeting, but we would like to post any information on the Big Pipe project on the website. Susan, Jeanne and Greg will be on the committee to determine the content of the April 8, forum. Steven will post a sign on the Columbia Cottage on March 4, 2008 that states that the forum is being held on April 8th.

PIR is Proposing to change the existing varianced weekend, August 22-24, formerly for historic car racing, to a varianced drag racing event. The hearing for the change is March 12, 2008. Susan will provide more information on the hearing so that we can post it on the website. We also noted that the champ car race in June has been cancelled.

Susan moved that the PNA opposes the Friends of PIR proposal in which the Friends of PIR would manage both the noise variances process and manage the track. Mathew seconded. All in favor - motion passed.

Susan moved that PNA does not support any varianced drag races. Mathew seconded the motion. Two in favor, two opposed, one abstention - motion failed.

A builder is applying for a permit to build three or more row houses on a 72.6x100 foot lots at 7914 N. Fiske. Some of the neighbors raised objection to this and asked the board for assistance. The board would like more information before taking a position on this topic.

On March 22 the children of New Columbia are going to have a parade to promote children's safety. LaShanda Hurst is going to provide the board more information so that we can post it on the website.

New Columbia is trying to organize a neighborhood wide cleanup on March 29. They would like to expand it to include the entire Portsmouth Neighborhood. LaShanda Hurst asked if the PNA would donate money to the cause.

Susan moved to donate \$200 toward hiring dumpsters for the neighborhood cleanup. Steven seconded the motion. All were in favor - motion passed.

[meeting adjourned]

Minutes prepared by Greg Wilhelm and Susan Landauer