



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association
January 27, 2009, 7:00-8:30 PM at University Park United Methodist Church, 4775 N Lombard.

Attendees

Board Members: Greg Wilhelm, Chair; Erin McGovney, Vice Chair; Renee Jensen-Reinhardt, Secretary; Matthew Denton; Jeanne Knepper; Susan Landauer; Sam Thompson; Virginia Scott. Absent: Stephen Leiker and Ryan Schera

Quorum: Yes

Guests: Rachel Burdon, Molly Gray (New Columbia Community Builder), LaShanda Hurst (ONI/CP)

The meeting started at 7:00 PM with Greg Wilhelm presiding. He opened the meeting by asking those present to introduce themselves.

Treasurer's Report

Matthew presented the PNA Treasurer's report, its new format, and that the PNA balance is \$1,710.59. There was discussion on the status of paying for the speed bumps. Susan indicated that she has been asking for an invoice, but has not received any to date. She said that she would contact the PDOT office again.

Need Minutes

PNA Holiday Party: It was noted that no formal minutes have been created for the PNA Holiday Party. Greg asked the events committee to send their information to Renee to create those minutes. Renee noted that she did not have the sign-in sheet and that it was being passed around with the membership list and PNA Interest Forms. Erin said that she would see if she had it.

Photos of whiteboard at the PNA retreat: Greg asked those who had photos of the notes written on the whiteboard at the retreat to please send them to him. Jeanne and Virginia said they had photos. Renee indicated that the minutes were drafted and sent out to Greg and Erin for review.

Committee Reports

Land Use Committee:

Matthew noted that the Committee's big goal is the work on Lombard followed by reactionary and ongoing items like infill housing. He said that Ryan is working on the Portland Plan and is a finalist on the Citizens Advisory Committee. Matthew also mentioned that Ryan wanted to know what the time commitment is for Friends of Trees. Matthew also mentioned the State of Oregon Main Street program and that the City has a similar program. Susan will be attending that program and she attended the Main Street program meeting in Salem.

Greg updated the members on ICURAC and what it does. He mentioned that the Lombard streetscape project is in the queue but needs to annex South Lombard, which resides in the University Park Neighborhood Association. There was some discussion on how to achieve this (e.g. working with the businesses on Lombard). Greg said that he would attend a University Park Neighborhood Association board meeting and a North Portland Business Association board meeting to get both of their support.

Susan gave more input on the Main Street program and said that the application is very detailed. She added that the whole community must be involved, such as PNA, University Park NA and N. Portland Business Association. She said the deadline for a declaration of intent is February 20, 2009. Renee asked if there was a plan or one set plan for the project that could be used to apply to multiple funders. Rachel suggested that community organizing could be the project. This was referred to the Land Use Committee. Susan asked to join the Land Use Committee. Matthew would call a Land Use Committee meeting. There was also talk of a name for the Lombard business district. The board agreed that the businesses should be involved in that discussion.

Events Committee: Susan said there is nothing to report at this time.

Communications (formerly Voice) Committee: Sam said there is nothing to report at this time. Susan made a comment that the committee did a good job on the newsletter.

Livability Committee: Stephen is out sick and there is nothing to report at this time.

Board Development Committee: Renee said there is nothing to report at this time.

Combine Livability Committee with Land Use Committee

Greg proposed to the members that the Livability and Land Use committees be merged. He observes that they seem to overlap in activities. Erin suggested tabling the discussion until Stephen, who is chair of the Livability Committee, can participate. The discussion was tabled.

Report from LaShanda Hurst – North Precinct Combined with NE Precinct

LaShanda Hurst presented an update regarding the proposed combination of the North Portland Police Precinct with the NE Precinct. She said this was one of three options and the other two options are not being disclosed. She explained why this was the best of the three options and is likely to be implemented. She gave the perspective in full detail, including the impact this will have on North Portland, including Linton. She also shared what is happening with the other precincts and police facilities.

She highlighted that North Portland was successful in saving the N. Precinct last time and advised the community to be involved in the discussion and to have someone present at the Community Input meeting being held at the Kenton Firehouse. Susan said that she would be attending that meeting. There was much discussion about the topic. LaShanda offered a suggestion that the community fight to keep the same officers working in N. Portland assigned to N. Portland. The PNA members agreed.

Portland Hope Meadows

Letter of Support for Design Process: Greg informed the members that Derenda Shubert requested a letter of support in order to have their variance approved. Greg handed out the design and went over the project. After much discussion about the history of Portland Hope Meadows (PHM) being allowed to lease the property and how the board was not supportive of bringing this project to N. Portland at this time, a motion was made.

Motion: Susan made a motion that the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association declines to write a letter of support for Portland Hope Meadows for their variance hearing. Erin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The board noted that the PNA was involved in the PHM design phase and was thankful to be included. Still, the board is not fully supportive of the project being in N. Portland.

ICURAC Funding Request: Greg informed the members that Derenda Schubert presented at an ICURAC meeting and informed ICURAC that PHM was applying for funding from PDC. This topic was discussed and it was noted that PHM still does not have the funds in place for their project and could potentially take funds away from the Lombard Streetscape project that is in the queue for being considered for funding with PDC funds through ICURAC. After much discussion, Greg called for a motion.

Motion: Virginia made a motion to send a letter to ICURAC and PDC and cc'd to Derenda Shubert at PHM that states that the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association opposes use of any ICURAC money to fund Portland Hope Meadows. And, that Portsmouth Neighborhood Association's priority for all available ICURAC money is to develop the Lombard Business District. Erin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Google Group

This topic was deferred to the next meeting.

Grants – Who is working on them?

Greg asked who was working on the N. Portland Business Association grant opportunity to support the PNA newsletter? Sam noted that he is exploring areas to offset the costs of producing the newsletter, such as working with New Columbia for printing and distribution. Molly from New Columbia said that she would look into the printing idea and offered up the service for distributing the newsletter with their monthly newsletter. She said that it would need to be given to them by prior to the last Friday of the month for stuffing and distribution.

New Business

Susan said that Friends of Trees is planting on Saturday, February 7 and is desperate for drivers of pickup trucks. A couple board members said that they may be able to assist.

Greg thanked Molly for coming the board meeting and noted that the next board meeting will be held at New Columbia Community Education Center at 4625 N. Trenton.

Vote on Rachel Burdon Appointment to the Board to Fill Vacant Position

Greg graciously asked Rachel to step out of the meeting while the board discussion her appointment to the board to fill a recent vacancy. The board discussed Rachel's interests in the board, the neighborhood and her prior experience serving on the board and assisting with PNA activities.

Motion: Sam made a motion to appoint Rachel Burdon to the Board as a member at large. Susan seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Sam volunteered to be the "board mentor" for Rachel.

Adjourn

Susan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Erin seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:20pm.

Minutes prepared by Renee Jensen Reinhardt, Secretary.