



## **Minutes for the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association Board meeting**

March 17, 2009, 7:00-8:30 PM at New Columbia Community Education Center 4625 N. Trenton.

### **Attendees**

*Board Members:* Greg Wilhelm, Chair; Matthew Denton; Stephen Leiker; Susan Landauer; Sam Thompson; Rachel Burdon; Erin McGovney, Vice-Chair; Jeanne Knepper.

*Absent:* Renee Jensen-Reinhardt, Secretary; Virginia Scott; and Ryan Schera.

Quorum: Yes

*Guests:* Fletcher Trippe, UPNA board chair; Lanette Hadley and Lorraine Petrone, Grammy & Nonna's Toys; Tanya. Scott, NPBA (Orleans Candle Co.).

The meeting started at 7:00 PM with Greg Wilhelm presiding.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The PNA balance is \$2190.60. The March 7<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood Cleanup was successful and added \$594.00 to the PNA account. The amount owed to the City for the speed bumps along Winchell/Woolsey is still outstanding. Per Tom Giffith-Valade we will await invoice/bill from the City of Portland.

### **Erin will conduct the April PNA board meeting in Greg's absence**

Main agenda item: Plan the May Forum agenda

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Land Use Committee:**

- Lombard
  - Branding Fiske to Portsmouth: Ryan is working on this. He is obtaining decorative signs and banner quotes. Susan suggested contacting Cornelius Swart as he has banners.
  - ICURAC: Greg continues to work to obtain money for a Lombard Streetscape and is working on annexing property just south of Lombard into ICURAC.
  - Improvements to Lombard N. Portland wide: There are storefront improvement grants that pay 75% of the costs for improvement activity. NPBA is planning to attend North Portland Land Use Group meeting to obtain funding details and become more involved. PNA will collaborate with Kenton NA as well as UPNA.
  - Streetcar: Lombard streetcar is in The Portland Plan, but likely twenty years out
  - Highway 30: This Interstate is being moved to Columbia and has stimulus funding approved for work. Construction will begin in 2-3 months. This has broad implications for rezoning and business/neighborhood improvements along Lombard.
- Bridge Meadows
  - Matthew Denton is attending the design meeting 3/18.
- Hacienda
  - The goal is to have mural along the bicycle/pedestrian path overlooking the 'Cut.' There is an 8 a.m. meeting to discuss this plan and process.
- Infill Design Toolkit

- o This is another set of voluntary design guidelines from the City of Portland that affect the neighborhood built environment including transportation. These will hopefully be incorporated in the future Portland Plan and become requirements.
- Bicycle improvements-
  - o ICURAC has designate \$75k to designate "Bicycle Blvds." This includes 15 miles of roadway throughout North Portland.
  - o The route through the PNA (East to West) is West on Kilpatrick, North on Druid and West on Houghton.

**Events Committee:**

Fletcher Trippe representing the UPNA apologized for miscommunication about the March 7<sup>th</sup> Dumpster Day. PNA will keep proceeds from fundraiser. UPNA plans to organize next Dumpster Day in conjunction with PNA for May 30<sup>th</sup>.

The board discussed PNA sponsorship of the McCoy Summer Concert Series. Susan made a motion that PNA contribute to the Series and maintain a table there. Rachel seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. Greg suggested that PNA investigate the possibility of vending at the table as a means to fundraise.

**Communications Committee:**

Due to the overwhelming success of the Dumpster Day clean-up, the pre-clean-up flyer was worth it. The flyer was not distributed through New Columbia due to miscommunication and late delivery. The next Newsletter will be distributed 4/25-26 and will be coordinated with New Columbia staff in order to assure delivery to this section of the neighborhood. Print deadline will be the first week of April.

Greg added a PNA calendar of events to the website. There was consensus among the board that the calendar was helpful. There was also discussion about making web space available for business advertisement.

**Livability Committee:**

Stephen confirmed that the Portland Fruit Tree Project will present (10 min) at the May forum. There is a committee meeting 3/22/09 to discuss next projects. The idea to merge the Livability and Land Use committees was removed from the agenda – they will remain separate.

A neighborhood member contacted the board with a parking/traffic/safety issue around Portsmouth school. It was discussed that Susan will contact Portsmouth school to help resolve problem.

**Board Development Committee:**

Renee is not present; report deferred at this time.

**Google Group**

There was discussion among board members about using Google Group as communication tool. It was resolved that the PNA will not use Google Group, but maintain communication via regular email.

**Bike Empowered Program**

This group contacted Greg to inquire if PNA is interested in hosting and/or sponsoring an event. Greg will forward information to Events chair to investigate potential.

**Local Stimulus Package**

Lanette Hadley and Lorraine Petrone and Tanya F. Scott from the NPBA shared their plan to help promote local business. Several NPBA businesses have produced 500 door hangers including coupons, informational flyers, and advertisements that will be delivered to North Portland residents the week of 3/23/09. In addition the NPBA wants to work with the PNA and other neighborhood

associations and help build community by improving livability, sponsoring events, and increasing business traffic to local business. Grammy & Nonna's has offered to local area schools fundraising opportunities whereby a percent of sales on the sponsor evening go toward the school/organization. Susan suggested that a list of participating businesses (in the Stimulus Package effort) be compiled to post on the PNA website as additional promotion. There was discussion among the board members and NPBA representatives about the effort to remove the ARCO station from the corner of Lombard and Portsmouth. Ideally there would be collaboration between the business association and neighborhood associations to secure funding for a community space in that location.

### **New Business**

Sam made a motion for the PNA to approve up to \$540 (probably less) to produce the next PNA newsletter. Erin seconded the motion. There were no abstentions. There was discussion among the board about the potential fundraising for the next dumpster day with UPNA as a cost offset for the newsletter printing/publication. Fletcher Trippe from UPNA stated that the UPNA would organize and arrange the next dumpster day and split the proceeds with PNA 50/50.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00pm.

Minutes prepared by Rachel Burdon.