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Portsmouth Neighborhood Association
General Meeting May 6, 2009
Community Education Center in New Columbia
4825 N Trenton

Neighbors were informed about the meeting by the second edition of the PNA Newsletter, which was hand delivered to 3000 Portsmouth homes. At 6:30 a light supper featuring lasagna was served.

About 7:05 Chair Greg Wilhelm called the group to order. There were 39 people in attendance.

The first item was a report on Neighborhood Public Safety by LaShanda Hurst, our Crime Prevention person, and Steven Jacquot, our NRT (Neighborhood Response Team) officer. North Precinct will be closed effective in June. Crime statistics are lower than usual. There have been problems in and near Northgate Park. Asian gangs are becoming a serious problem. We need to follow up on lighting around the old Clarendon School.

Next we had annual elections for officers and board members. Renee Jensen Reinhardt, Erin McGovney, and Virginia Scott resigned. Candidates took a few minutes to talk about themselves and their goals for the PNA. Jeanne Knepper wasn't present, but she told us that she was willing to continue on the board. 30 ballots were cast. Greg was reelected Chair, and Matthew Denton was re-elected Treasurer. There were no candidates for Secretary, so that office remains empty. The only contested position was Vice-chair, and Rachel Burdon won over Ryan Schera. Mary Wheeler and Diana Bartlett were newly elected to the board, and all existing board members were re-elected. They are Jeanne Knepper, Susan Landauer, Stephen Leiker, Ryan Schera, and Sam Thompson. Doretta Schrock from North Portland Neighborhood Services and Erin McGovney handed out and counted ballots.

Sara from the Fruit Tree Project made a short presentation. They encourage the owners of fruit trees who can't handle all their crops to contact them. They get volunteers to glean. Part of the harvest goes to the pickers, and part to food distribution agencies that help the poor. The Project also offers classes in preserving food, and in tree care.

Greg introduced the Bridge Meadows issue, and gave a short history of the PNA's involvement. There is a request for a Conditional Use Permit. Bridge Meadows' Executive Director Derenda Schubert talked about the request, and also about her removal of a sign from the Bridge Meadows property because it didn't comply with the City's sign codes. Matthew Denton, our Land Use Committee chair, said the PNA does not have the resources to question the CU Permit effectively. Susan Landauer made a motion to appeal the CU permit. By a voice vote, the motion was overwhelmingly defeated.

Stephen Leiker, our Livability Committee chair, reported on recent projects, and announced a clean up project for Clarendon School for May 17th from 1 to 3, and another Dumpster Day at the Eagles' lot from 10 to 2.

Greg described the "Lombard Branding Process." PNA would like to see the commercial strip of Lombard Street bounding our neighborhood enhanced. We feel that a more dynamic business district would be good for our community. A group with representatives from PNA, University Park Neighborhood Association, North Portland Business Association, the University of Portland, and the Alliance of Portland Neighborhood Business Associations met to try to come up with a name for the district. So far the group's top name is University Place. This meeting considered the options and by a clear voice vote chose University Park District. Greg will be working with the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Agency (ICURA) to have the commercial strip on the south side of Lombard included in the ICURA, and to obtain storefront improvement grants. We also plan on banners and street sign toppers.

The meeting adjourned about 8:45.