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Minutes of the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association Board Meeting, August 18, 2009

Due to a scheduling error, the Community Education Center (CEC) was not available, so we held in the meeting in the garden of Café Cubano, 5223 N Lombard. A PNA board member posted a sign on the door of the CEC indicating the location change. The meeting started at ~7:05 PM.

Attendees: Greg Wilhelm, Rachel Burden, Matthew Denton, Sam Thompson, Stephen Leiker, and Susan Landauer.

Quorum: Yes.

Steve Weir and Bonnie Gill from the North Portland Business Association visited to tell us about the October 3rd Casino Night, a fundraiser for the Lester Viles Trust Fund. More information is at www.np-ba.com. The Lester Viles Trust Fund provided the PNA with enough money for one newsletter printing at Copy Pilot.

Jimmy Moore from the Census Bureau also made a presentation. Info at www.2010census.gov. He asked the PNA if we would be interested in informing our community about the Census. The board informed him that we would decide our level of involvement at a later date and report back to him.

Matthew reports that the treasury is the same as last month, minus \$50 to renew our State corporate listing. We discussed our 501-c-3 status, and new changes for reporting.

The Shell station at Portsmouth and Lombard is planning to remodel. There was a suggestion that we write a letter to ask that the air pump be moved to a more convenient place.

The Lombard Branding campaign is still stalled between the names "University Park District" and "University Park Village." The University Park Neighborhood Association lost their chair and has not weighed in on the decision. Greg plans to attend a North Portland Business Association meeting to possibly bring closure to this issue.

We discussed ICURAC politics and the North/Northeast study, which may merge the Interstate Urban Renewal Area with the Oregon Convention Center Urban Renewal Area, which loses funding in 2013.

There is a \$600 ONI grant that Erin McGovney got for computer upgrades. Current opinion is that we can manage with the computer resources we have. The money has to be spent on something that will benefit many neighborhoods. Mary wants to do a bilingual brochure. The group was positive about that. Also, we could purchase a copy machine for printing newsletters.

Sam's goal is to publish a newsletter by September 25 to publicize the October 6th General Meeting. The main topic will be the old Clarendon School. Stephen is leading planning for that meeting. Other possible articles are about Lombard Branding; Renters Rights (Mary); NPBA Casino Night; thank you to the NPBA Lester Viles fund for grant money; services for kids at the University Park Community Center; Portsmouth clean-up projects (Stephen); tree Planting (Susan); Bridge Meadows; and Carl Grimm's nature article.

We talked about a newsletter distribution system with Captains responsible for finding distributors in their area and dividing up the turf. Susan mentioned using the email list that we have to ask for volunteers.

Minutes by Susan Landauer