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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association
Sep 15, 2009, 7:00-8:30 PM at New Columbia Community Education Center 4625 N. Trenton.**

Attendees:

Board Members: Greg Wilhelm, Chair; Rachel Burdon, Vice Chair; Diana Bartlett, Secretary; Susan Landauer; Sam Thompson; Mary Wheeler, Jeanne Knepper; Stephen Leiker

Guest: Jason Howd

Quorum: Yes

The meeting started at about 7:08 PM with Greg Wilhelm presiding.

Treasurer's Report

Mathew was not at the meeting, so there is no Treasurer's report for this month.

Committee Reports

Land Use:

At the most recent ICURAC Transportation Committee meeting they reviewed Bike Boulevards. These are family-friendly neighborhood investments, designed for slow moving traffic, not for bike commuting. There were none planned within Portsmouth. However, Mark Lear, PBOT, offered to come to our board meeting and discuss future bike route opportunities.

Events:

The PNA Holiday Party is scheduled for 6:30 – 8:30 PM on Tuesday December 8th, 2009 at the Columbia Cottage. Susan would like to help the Cottage get acoustic tiles for the ceiling. Perhaps PNA can help them write a grant. Possible ideas for party: add a raffle, have spirit of Portsmouth Awards.

Events committee will help with food and beverage at October 6th meeting. Rachel made a motion to provide food and beverage for the October 6th forum not to exceed \$75. After some discussion Sam suggested that we amended the motion to apply to both the October 6th Forum and the Holiday Party. Jeanne made the motion to provide food and beverage for both the October 6th forum and the holiday party not to exceed \$75 each. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeanne expressed interest in hosting a form either through PNA or at the church with the candidates to fill Senate Carter's seat. Jeanne will investigate this further and report to the board.

Communications:

Sam reported that the content of the fall Newsletter is close to being finished. Distribution will begin the weekend of September 26 and 27th. We are still looking for volunteers. Please talk to Stephen or Sam if you are available to help distribute them.

Printing costs for the fall newsletter are covered by NPBA grant. The board discussed getting more business cards from Copy Pilot.

Past board member Erin was awarded a grant originally designated for a computer and software through Neighborhood Services. The Board has since procured a free copy of Microsoft Publisher and is using to create the fall newsletter. The Board would like to explore other options for using the grant money. Rachel reported that the PNA has extended time (until 2010) to come up with a new idea for using the funding.

Livability:

Clarendon School Site Cleanup scheduled for October 17, 9:00 AM – 12:00 AM.

Stephen reported that the new Northgate Park playground equipment will be built in the Spring.

The Livability Committee met to plan for forum and cleanup. Stephen is planning on writing a press release for both.

Stephen asked for board approval to add Devan Anthony to the Livability Committee. Rachel made a motion to approve. Susan seconded. The motion passed.

Outreach:

The Outreach Committee is supporting the old Clarendon School activities.

Diana will be following up with Roosevelt High School teachers to set up a time to present to SEIS student government. The PNA hopes to get them involved in upcoming volunteer opportunities. Open Meadows students also interested in volunteering. Susan worked with them at a recent cleanup of Portsmouth School.

General Topics:**North Portland Chairs Meeting:**

Rachel reported that in early October there will be the annual North Portland Neighborhood Meeting. More information to come. The next North Portland Chairs Meeting will be on October 5th – Nick Fish will be there to talk about housing and parks. Potential topics – PIR.

Small Grants:

There will be a meeting on September 30th for Small Grants info. Greg will forward info.

Bicycle Corral:

Greg requested support for a Bike Corral in front of Little Red Bike Cafe. He talked to the co-owners of Little Red Bike Café and they have tried unsuccessfully twice to get a corral. Mary moved to support the installment of a bike corral. Diana seconded. The motion passed. Greg will forward the PNA's support to Sarah Figliozzi.

Schools & Parks Hearing:

Greg reported there will be a hearing regarding zoning codes for schools and parks, including conditional use status for vacant school properties. The hearing will be held 7 PM on September 22nd at 1900 SW 4th.

New Columbia Presentation:

Stephen and Rachel presented on the old Clarendon School site at the September New Columbia community meeting. The meeting was poorly attended. However, the residents who were there will help get the word out about the October Forum.

Forum Planning:

Livability and Outreach Committees met earlier this month to begin planning the presentation and forum logistics. Susan asked for help with food. Diana and Rachel will assist. The Board will need to get to site early for setup. There is a projector on-site. Stephen will forward the list for VIPs invited to the forum. So far PPS Board member Martin Gonzales and Commissioner Jeff Cogen are confirmed.

The board determined it would be important to have volunteers staffing table for New Member sign-in. It worked well last time to have a table in the foyer to welcome people and have them sign-in.

Forum Format: Stephen will present. Rachel will facilitate. The Outreach/Livability Committees recommend that the forum seating be horseshoe shaped. We need a timekeeper. Diana volunteered to take notes (though we may need more than one recorder).

The presentation will start with introductions, go into PowerPoint presentation of the situation at the school site (general information about the situation), propose short-term and long-term solutions and end with an open discussion. The presentation on the current status of the site should include a Police Report. The slides reviewing possible short-term and long-term solutions should include visuals: Community Gardens, cleanups, what it looked like when it was maintained, etc.

The group discussed possible ways to cover introductions. Jeanne suggested the asking the following questions of attendees:

1. How many people live within two blocks of Clarendon
2. How many people have had children go to Clarendon
3. Did you yourself attend?
4. Are you with an organization involved in the issue?

The Livability committee will put together presentation and request input from full board prior to October 6th.

Notes prepared by Diana Bartlett