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Meeting Minutes for the Board of Directors of the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association
March 16, 2010, 7:00-9:00 PM at New Columbia Community Education Center 4625 N. Trenton.

Attendees:

Board Members: Diana Bartlett (Secretary); Greg Wilhelm (Chair); Mary Wheeler; Matthew Denton (Treasurer); Rachel Burdon (Vice Chair); Sam Thompson; Susan Landauer; Vicki Ezell
Guests: Kaylyn Jones; Kelly Sweeney; Justine Biglow; Mitch Gould
Quorum: Yes

Treasurer's report:

Total balance for 2009-2010 budget year is currently \$2,906.29

Committee Reports:

- Land Use
 - Annexation of the South Side of Lombard into ICURAC: Greg reported that there was not a lot of support at prior ICURAC meetings for N. Lombard Streetscape projects.
 - Lombard Branding: The North Portland Business Association has made a decision to move forward with the name University Park District for N. Lombard Branding. PNA has already voted in support of the name. Susan made a motion to endorse the North Portland Business Association as the managing agent of the University Park District. Rachel seconded the motion. The motion passed.
 - ICURAC general meeting: Greg has been attending but is considering resigning. Matthew would be willing to represent the PNA.
 - ICURAC Parks subcommittee: The Parks Sub-committee meets quarterly and needs another representative from PNA. Diana volunteered. Rachel will help when Diana goes on maternity leave in September. Greg will find out more about the application process.
- Events
 - April 6th Community meeting: Susan made a motion to budget \$50 for food and refreshments for the April 6th Community Forum/Meeting. Diana seconded the motion. The motion passed.
 - Susan nominated Vicky to join the Events Committee. Rachel seconded. The nomination was unanimously supported.
 - Susan reported that there was a very successful tree-planting in the neighborhood organized by Friends of Trees in February. She will write a summary for the next Newsletter.
- Communications
 - Spring news letter: Sam announced that New Columbia has offered to print 1500 newsletters at no cost to the PNA. The approximate number needed for distribution to every house in the neighborhood is 3,500. PNA will need to pay for approximately 2000. Sam made a motion to spend up to \$300 for the printing of the next Newsletter. Rachel seconded the motion. The motion passed.
 - The spring newsletter will highlight the April Community meeting & Dumpster Day Cleanup, and other upcoming events. For future newsletter, the outreach committee will submit ideas for newsletter content.
 - Distribution – Vicky volunteered to coordinate newsletter distribution. Please contact her directly if you are available to help.



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- Livability
 - New Chair Needed: Sam made a motion to nominate Diana as Livability Committee Chair. Susan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Next Cleanup & Dumpster Day scheduled for Saturday, April 24th. Diana will forward flyer to board.
 - Matthew moved to nominate Vicki to join the livability committee. Rachel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Budget for Spring Dumpster Day: Susan made a motion to budget for up to \$200 for the cost of yard-debris dumpsters. Sam seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Outreach
 - Outreach Materials: Mary announced that the Outreach committee would like to create and print a general introduction to the PNA to distribute for outreach purposes, and get it translated to Spanish and other languages spoken in the neighborhood.
 - Budget for Outreach Materials: Mary made a motion to utilize up to \$400 of the funds available through an existing communications grant awarded to PNA last year for translating and printing outreach materials for the PNA. Sam seconded the motion. The motion passed.
 - PNA Facebook Page: Mary asked if there would be board support for a Facebook page. There was support. Mary and Vicky volunteered to be moderators.
 - Posting agendas before each meeting: Mary requested permission to post agendas to the PNA web site at least 5 days prior to board meetings. Mary and Greg will work together to make that happen.

New Business:

- Greg confirmed that Jeanne Knepper resigned from the board. There are now three vacant seats on the board.
- Mitch Gould attended this board meeting to discuss a proposal to create a dog park within Columbia Park. He noted that there is currently not an available dog park within the Portsmouth Neighborhood boundaries. Mitch reported, according to the Sentinel web site a new dog park has not opened in Portland since 2004. He has created a petition in support of adding an official dog park to the south end of Columbia Park, and is already circulating it in the community. Rachel advised Mitch to find out what processes are established by the city for these types of requests. There was a lot of interest on the board regarding the dog park, and Susan voiced concern about the impact a dog park on the west side of Columbia Park would have on racial/ethnic relations in the neighborhood.
- Greg reported that Pitxi Restaurant & Wine Bar has applied for a liquor license. There were no comments or objections from the board.
- Susan has been and will continue attending the North Portland Chairs Meeting
- Sponsorship of McCoy Summer Concerts: Mary moved to budget \$250 for the McCoy Park Summer Concerts. Rachel seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- The Event committee asked the board whether PNA would like to participate in the St. John's parade. No one objected to participating. The Events committee will plan the PNA parade entry. The parade will be on May 8th.
- Skunk Proposal: Kim Spur has requested that the PNA sign on as a supporter and offer a letter of support for a grant she's requesting to help fund her skunk control efforts in the neighborhood. Susan moved to support the project. Rachel Seconded. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.
Minutes prepared by Diana Bartlett, PNA Secretary.