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Portsmouth Neighborhood Association Community Meeting & Elections
April 6, 2010, 7:00-8:30 PM

Attendees:

- Board Members:
 - Greg Wilhelm, Rachel Burdon, Diana Bartlett, Matthew Denton, Vicki Ezell, Susan Landauer, Sam Thompson and Mary Wheeler
- Members:
 - Bob Hawthorn, Jennifer Wilhelm, Mark Burdon, Derenda Schubert, Erin McGovney, Brian Wilga, James Komro, Gregg Saunders, Kelly Holstein, Mitch Gould
- Guests:
 - Senator Chip Shields, Officer Jack Gillentine and Angela Wagnon (Neighborhood Crime Prevention Coordinator).
- Quorum: Yes

Board Chair Greg Wilhelm gave an introduction. On the agenda: crime report, annual elections and question & answer with Senator Chip Shields.

Announcements:

- Greg Wilhelm said that the Lombard branding project had agreed to the name “University Park District” for the portion of Lombard that runs along Portsmouth Neighborhood.
- Greg Wilhelm said that Portland Public Schools has approached PNA to apply for an ICURA grant to improve the Clarendon School site. The funds could be used for a community garden and new play structures. Rachel Burdon will be attending a meeting for more information about the ICURA Grant
- The PNA will be holding a dumpster day on April 24th.
- Mitch Gould reported that Ethos Music is interested in moving into Historic Firehouse on N. Interstate. The Firehouse is folding as of May 1st. The City is requesting proposals for organizations that focus on Multi-cultural outreach, have a strong financial history, and a commitment to North Portland. Organizations must send letters of support to the city this week or next week. Mitch made a motion that the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association submit a letter of support for Ethos moving into the Interstate Historic Firehouse (IFCC). Matthew seconded. Majority present voted in favor.
- Mary Wheeler announced that PNA has a Facebook page: PortsmouthNeighborsPDX.



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Crime report:

Officer Jack Gillentine is our North Portland Neighborhood Response Officer. His job is to provide a link between citizens and the Police Bureau. He provided the last 30 days crime report that showed a significant increase in vandalism (18) due to a pellet gun shooting spree. Jack mentioned that most burglaries are not generally random. He said that burglars have often been inside your house before or know that something of value is in the house. He warned neighbors to beware of car prowlers and recommended that people not store valuables in your car and to keep it clean. Burglars often steal insurance and car registrations out of cars. If nothing is missing out of your car, then check your glove box.

There was a reduction from previous month in burglaries. The previous month there were 15 burglaries, while there were 7 this month. This may be because one serial burglar was caught.

Angela Wagon, our Community Crime Prevention Coordinator, has an office located on Denver and Kilpatrick. If you see graffiti report it to the abatement coordinator. The City has funds to help with graffiti response - contact Marsha at 503-823-5860 – or visit website at Portlandonline.com.

Elections:

Greg explained how the elections would work and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Mitch Gould added his name for an at-large member position. All candidates introduced themselves and spoke about why they were running for their respective position.

The following people ran for the indicated office:

Greg Wilhelm – Chair
Rachel Burdon – Vice Chair
Matthew Denton – Treasurer
Diana Bartlett – Secretary
Vicki Ezell – Board Member at large
Mitch Gould – Board Member at large
Susan Landauer – Board Member at large
Sam Thompson – Board Member at large
Mary Wheeler – Board Member at large

Angela Wagon tallied the votes and all people who ran were elected.



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State Senator Chip Shields:

Senator Chip Shields explained that he came to the meeting tonight to communicate that he is accessible and wants to be in contact with citizens. In his day job he helps his wife run their Hands On Medicine clinic. He was a former State Representative for North Portland on the other side of I-5. Chip's Cell number 503-351-0000

Some work he has done: founded an outfit named Better People in St. Louis; worked for Oregon Tradeswomen Inc; . fosters children from St. Johns.

Chips serves on the Ways & Means Committee, where they focus on the Department of Human Services and Department of Public Safety. He also serves on the Budget Committee. Senator Shields tends to get quicker response from state agencies than we can. If he can help anyone in neighborhood get a response from a state agency, he would like to be accessible. He is concerned that Oregon is spending more on prisons than higher education.

Q (Mitch): Is there a corporate prison complex?

A: It is more complex than saying it is all corporate. The Department of Corrections has a \$14 billion budget. It spends 6 million helping women get out of domestic violence. Senator Shields has worked on slowing the growth of the prison system. The District Attorney Association has a lot of power and a strong lobby in Salem.

Q (Greg): Does the bail system work?

A: Oregon has resisted privatizing bail system. Institutional discrimination is real.

Q (Mary): Unemployment is still a problem. She has received bad information from employment offices that are supposed to help. Who is working on unemployment in Salem? Who should unemployed work with?

A: The best ideas come from constituents. The Oregon Center for Public Policy does a lot of work helping addressing issues of economic disparity.

Q (Rachel): How is it the health care reform impacting Oregon? She is interested in seeing community programs to support community health vs. health care. Is there a distinction between preventive care vs. health care?

A: The Insurance Division at the state regulates health insurance industry. Premiums are increasing. We won a victory: the health insurance industry cannot be exempt from challenges on rate increases. Appropriations help create livable environments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM