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Meeting Minutes for the Board of Directors of the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association
April 20, 2010, 7:00-8:30 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

Absent: Mitch Gould

Guests: Marlys Mock, Katie Selby, Lorelei Juntunen, Sue Glenn, Suzanne Briggs

Quorum: Yes

Treasurer's report:

Total balance for 2009-2010 budget year is currently \$2,417.59.

Committee Reports:

- Land Use
 - Nothing new to report
- Events
 - Nothing new to report
- Communications
 - Sam moved to spend no more than \$250 on printed Sandwich boards and Event signs for future cleanups and events. Susan seconded. Matthew made a friendly amendment to increase the amount to \$420 to be spent before the next meeting. The motion passed.
- Livability
 - The Neighborhood Dumpster Day Event is on Saturday, April 24th. Board members will be available to volunteer. Diana will make signs if Sam is not able to get printed signs by Saturday. All volunteers will be there by 9:30. Rachel and Mark will pick up supplies from Susan Saturday morning. Sam offered to drive his truck to pick up for two elderly neighbors who have contacted Susan and need assistance. Susan will provide snacks and setup the registration table. Susan made a motion to spend no more than \$30 on snacks and water for volunteers. Sam seconded. The motion passed.
 - Diana attended an ICURA Parks Sub-committee meeting this month, where she got an update on the playground improvements going in at Northgate Park which are scheduled to happen this summer (should break ground in June).
 - Reminder, there is a Clarendon school cleanup scheduled for Saturday, May 22nd from 9 to 12 noon.
- Outreach
 - Mary reported that the full amount of the outreach/communications grant will be used on the formatting, translation, and printing of the PNA general outreach brochure.



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New Business:

ICURA Livability Grant Opportunity: Portland Public Schools would like to support an Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Livability Grant for a Clarendon School site community garden & new playground structure. PNA is interested in being the lead applicant for the grant, which has a quick turnaround for the application due on May 4th. Marlys Mock from Portland Public Schools Facilities Management offered PPS's commitment to take on project management responsibilities for the community garden and play structure projects. Marlys will also provide a letter of support for the application. Sue Glenn from Portland Parks offered to help put together the budget and project management plan for the community garden proposal and will provide a letter of support. Suzanne Briggs from the North Portland HEAL Coalition attended the meeting to find out more about the grant opportunity. She will take it back to the members of the coalition, who will be pleased to offer a letter of support in favor of the proposal. As Livability Committee Chair, Diana will take the lead on coordinating the grant application with PPS & Portland Parks. Greg Susan and Rachel will also review and assist with the proposal. Matthew made a motion that the PNA pursue and support in any way possible the ICURA Livability Grant for a community garden and playground structure at the Clarendon site. Sam seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Sunnyside Environmental School Replication in North Portland: Lorelei Juntunen and Katie Selby are leading a letter-writing campaign to replicate Sunnyside Environmental K-8 in North Portland. Lorelei asked for a letter of support from the PNA board to bring the school to a location along the North Portland peninsula. Mary made a motion that PNA write a letter of support asking Portland Public School to bring the replicated environmental school to North Portland. Rachel seconded the motion. Matthew made a friendly amendment to suggest that PPS seriously consider Clarendon as the location for the environmental school. Susan seconded the motion. Mary reminded the board of the need to support existing schools within Portsmouth and their PTAs as well. Sam said that from what we've heard from PPS in the past, the size and condition of the Clarendon school site would not be a likely candidate for the new school. Rachel offered to write the letter. The board discussed and agreed to include the recommendation to use the old Clarendon school location for the new environmental school.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by Diana Bartlett, PNA Secretary.