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Meeting Minutes for the Board of Directors of the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association
May 18, 7:00-9:00 PM at University Park Methodist Church.

Attendees:

Board Members: Diana Bartlett (Secretary); Mary Wheeler; Matthew Denton (Treasurer); Mitch Gould; Rachel Burdon (Vice Chair); Sam Thompson; Susan Landauer; Vicki Ezell
Guests: Doretta Schock
Quorum: Yes

Treasurer's report:

Total Balance for 09 – 10
\$3,676.74

\$408 in ONI money to use by end of June.

PNA made \$326 at dumpster day. Disposal fees were about \$20 and food costs were \$20.

Sam has talked with Anderson signs about sandwich boards. He will have the signs by the end of June.

Committee reports

- Land Use
 - Nothing to report
- Outreach
 - Translation project underway. Languages it will be translated into will be: Spanish, Hmong, Aromo, Somali, Vietnamese.
- Events
 - nothing to report
- Livability
 - ICURA Livability Grant – two projects wrapped into one proposal. Total \$122,000 request. Currently under review.
 - Cleanup on Saturday May 22nd 9 – 12. We will be picking up trash. Diana will have litter grabbers & thicker work gloves & bags from SOLV. We have 8 or so volunteers signed up. PPS providing dumpsters. Tools for weeding needed. Refreshments – it would be nice to have \$40 for refreshments & snacks.
- Communications
 - Nothing new to report outside of the sandwich signs.
 - Sam requested that we send info on cleanup to e-mail list and repost to Facebook. In e-mail request mention the Facebook page to increase that following.



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New Business:

Off Leash Areas: Mitch reported on a dog off leash park advisory committee meeting he attended. City has not approved any new off leash areas since 2004. No reliable process for requesting new parks from now until 2012. Mitch will monitor and attend meetings, but it does not seem like there is a meaningful way to request new park off-leash areas.

Stop the CRC Coalition (88 organizations). Meeting tomorrow (May 19th). Mitch reported out on this coalition and asked if the neighborhood association has a purpose to be at this meeting? Moved into committee discussion

Air quality issues – Gas storage tanks in NW Portland going up for permit renewal. Neighbors for Clean Air are organizing around this issue. The board requested that the Land Use committee discuss this issue and bring proposals back to the full board.

Crime in the neighborhood: Over the last couple of weeks there has been an apparent increase in crime in the neighborhood. Two houses on one block have been burglarized. Another house was burglarized on Hodge. There was also a shooting on May 6th on Hodge. Susan and Vicky attended the last PSAC meeting fourth Wed in April, where the presenters claimed that crime was down. Susan has e-mailed and gotten no response from community police officer Jack G (NRT). Doretta requested that everyone let police bureau know if you are not satisfied with response.

Virginia Scott has passed on information about poor treatment from police. This information will be forwarded to board members.

Doretta reported hearing about an increase in “knock and break-in” tactics. Let neighbors know to beware of these type of suspicious activities (knocking on door for no reason).

Vicky and Susan will attend next PSAC meeting
Susan will forward police complaints to Doretta.

Budget discussion:

Due to the time, Rachel suggested that we postpone the larger budget discussion until another meeting (perhaps put it at the top of the meeting in the future).

Susan made a motion to buy T-Shirts at an amount up to \$300. Diana seconded the motion. Sam made a friendly amendment to include other promotional materials in the motions, such as (but not limited to) mugs, water bottles, and business cards. The motion passed. Combined with the cost of the sandwich boards and signs that Sam has estimated will not exceed \$250, these expenses may go over the allotted 2010 ONI money, but the board agreed that it would be OK to draw from general funds – or go into next year’s budget to have more of these items.



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Right now there are about 150 business cards left available for board members to use.

Cleanup refreshments: Matthew made a motion to spend no more than \$40 on refreshments for the cleanup. Susan seconded. The motion passed.

Matthew made a motion to give the Gas Station \$20 to post a Facebook message. Diana seconded. The motion failed.

8:49 PM adjourned.