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Meeting Minutes for the Board of Directors of the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association  
November 16, 2010 – 7:30-8:30 PM at the Community Education Center, 4625 N. Trenton Ave.

**Attendees:**

Board Members: Greg Wilhelm (Chair); Rachel Burdon (Vice Chair); Matthew Denton (Treasurer); Diana Bartlett (Secretary); Vicki Ezell; Mitch Gould; Susan Landauer; Sam Thompson; Mary Margaret Wheeler-Webber

Guests: James Hayden, Neighborhood District Attorney

Quorum: Yes

**Treasurer's report:**

- Dumpster Day made \$333.20, which we are going to share equally with the University Park Neighborhood Association (UPNA). We owed the UPNA for the last cleanup, so we gave them \$274.
- Total balance is \$3,015.41. There is about \$600 left from ONI money (good through end of June 2011).

**Committee Reports:**

- Community Outreach
  - No report.
- Livability
  - Village Market update: they are looking for a general manager. The target opening date is March 2011. The PNA revisited the \$250 donation to Village Market. PNA has already provided the Village Market a letter of support, which was used for grant applications. The consensus was that the PNA wanted the donation to be meaningful, while not compromising our small annual budget. Vicki made a motion to give \$125 to Village Market. Rachel seconded the motion. Motion passed with one abstention.
  - PSAC Grants are available for graffiti removal and trash removal starting in January. \$4000 available total. Vicki is taking lead on applying for grant.
  - Clarendon Garden update: it will be called the Clarendon Community Garden. There will be two handicap accessible plots. The garden will open by the June. The Planning Sub-committee will meet when Leslie gets contracts worked out and calls volunteers together.
  - "Living Downstream" playing at St. John's Theatre on December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Communications
  - Sam asked if a winter newsletter needed. The consensus was that we did not need one as there is not much to report and we do not want to over use our distribution volunteers.



- Land Use
  - ICURA Transportation update (Greg): the Transportation Subcommittee is recommending that the Lombard Streetscape take priority over the Russell Phase II Streetscape. Further, the committee proposed breaking the Lombard Streetscape into two phases: Phase 1: Lombard Street around Pennisular and Interstate; Phase II: Lombard Street around Portsmouth. This was done because the south side of Lombard bordering Portsmouth Neighborhood is not in ICURA yet. Also, Greg encouraged the committee to put sidewalks on Foss Avenue in addition to the already scheduled Alaska Street sidewalk extension around University Park. The committee also was looking for more small scale options, so Greg proposed putting in new signals at Chautaugua and Woolsey that have pedestrian buttons and loops to detect cars.
  - Off leash dog park: Mitch will craft a letter for review at the next meeting. We will put a Facebook ad up that we want a neighborhood representative. We would like them to be on a committee, not the board, to give the representative more clout.
  - The Master plan for sewage treatment plant is going out. They may have a meeting room available to the community.
- Events
  - Holiday Party: the group debated whether the party should it be a social event or have presentation/substance. The consensus was that it is a social event. The holiday party will take place on December 14, 2010 from 7:00 PM to 8:30PM. We will ask people to bring finger food and desserts. Mark Burdon's band will provide live music. The Events Committee will work on flyers. Greg will bring fire wood. Susan recommends sending invites to other North Portland Chairs. Susan proposed that the PNA have a summary of the 2010 accomplishments and give out the Spirit of Portsmouth Awards. Please submit your Spirit of Portsmouth nominations to Susan. The Events Committee will work out further details by email.
  - Lessons Learned from the Community Meeting:
    - Layout of the room was not good; perhaps an "L" shape would be better so that everyone could be heard and seen easier.
    - Should have placards for the groups
    - Did not have a signup sheet ready; should have brought name tags
    - Liked that people could meet different groups they were interested in. PNA connected the people to the groups.
    - Food was very good.
    - In next newsletter we should say how successful the meeting was.
    - Presentations were good. Should always include public safety.
    - 45 minutes of presentation was a good amount of time.
    - Time management of the speakers is critical.
    - Consider having the neighbors introduce themselves if the crowd is not too large.



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**New Business:**

- James Hayden, North Portland District Attorney: came to introduce himself. He works with police and neighborhoods to solve crime related problems and quality of life issues. He is stationed at the North Precinct office. He is now working on youth gang violence issues and works closely with PSAC. He had a role in lawsuits over chronic nuisances. James noted that community warrants are an effective way of closing down drug houses. He has guidelines for neighbors interested in closing down drug houses in the neighborhood that he can provide to the PNA. James commented that another hot button issue right now is squatters in abandoned houses. His contact info is:

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- Gatherer's meeting: they are requesting a representative from the PNA. We have no one who can attend.
- PNA goals meeting: we will hold it after the elections.
- PNA board meeting location: will reserve the CEC meeting space for the same time Jan-Nov of 2011.
- The following are deferred:
  - Tee shirts with PNA logo
  - Google groups
  - Money for neighborhood block meetings

Minutes taken by Diana Bartlett