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Meeting Minutes for the Board of Directors of the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association
January 18, 2011 – 7:30-8:30 PM at the Community Education Center, 4625 N. Trenton Ave.

Attendees:

- Board Members: Greg Wilhelm (Chair); Matthew Denton (Treasurer); Diana Bartlett (Secretary); Vicki Ezell; Mitch Gould; Susan Landauer; Sam Thompson;
- Absent Board Members: Rachel Burdon (Vice Chair); Mary Margaret Wheeler-Webber; Virginia Scott
- Guests: PSU Student Rebekah
- Quorum: Yes

Treasurer's report:

- No update on finances.
- Susan reported that Chase Bank is starting to charge fees for "Business Checking." Susan has spoken with Tom Griffin-Valade regarding a possible alternative through Neighborhood Services. The Board offered suggestions for other possible banks with lower/no fees. Mitch made a plea for local banks, like Albina, which has no fees. Susan made a motion to move the PNA bank account from Chase to Albina Bank. Mitch seconded. The motion passed with all in agreement.

Committee Reports:

- Community Outreach
 - No updates
- Livability
 - We decided on an April 9th Dumpster Day.
 - Graffiti Grant – Vicki is working on getting money for Graffiti Grant from North Portland Neighborhood Services. Money can be used for project-related costs (supplies & outreach). Susan makes a motion that the PNA support getting a Graffiti Abatement Grant. Mitch seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Community Garden: No new updates.
 - Clarendon Cleanup – would like to schedule another cleanup date.
 - Greg will forward information from District Attorney on nuisance neighbors.
- Communications
 - Susan brought to the board a question on the use of the PNA member email list. Sam will begin monitoring Portland update emails and compile info for a periodical email that captures many announcements.
 - Next Newsletter will be in advance of the next election/forum or dumpster days.



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- Land Use
 - Bridge Meadows is opening in March/April of 2011
- Events
 - When should PNA hold elections? Last year it was held on the first Tuesday of April. Mitch suggested trying Wednesdays instead. Susan will ask whether Tuesday April 12th or Wednesday April 13th are available for the New Columbia Education Center.
 - The committee met and presented a written draft budget. They decided that "enhanced meals" make meetings more attractive. They suggest board members work together on providing these, so it does not fall on one person. They are budgeting \$375 for five meals. This does not include grants for Block Watches, National Night Out, etc. The Committee would also like to see the PNA have a float in the St Johns parade this year and budgeted \$40 in expenses. Also, they support continuation of the \$250 donation to the New Columbia Summer Concerts. Total:\$665.
 - Friends of Trees is on February 19th. Can still order yard trees.
 - If PNA will again be giving \$250 to concerts in the park, then we would like to have reps there and give out candy to get people to come over and learn more about PNA. Matthew will look into getting PNA logo on Grocery bags.

New Business:

- Board members discussed Mitch's letter to have a representative on a Portland Park Advisory committee for dog parks. PPR will be accepting applications for new dog parks next year.
- There is some disagreement on the board over whether PNA should support/endorse a dog park in Columbia Park. Before approving Mitch's letter, the board members agreed to table the issue until we have had a chance to review past minutes on the dog park issue.

Adjourned at 8:45 pm
Minutes taken by Diana Bartlett