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Meeting Minutes for the Board of Directors of the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association
February 15, 2011 – 7:30-8:30 PM at the Community Education Center, 4625 N. Trenton Ave.

Attendees:

Board Members: Greg Wilhelm (Chair); Rachel Burdon (Vice Chair); Diana Bartlett (Secretary); Vicki Ezell; Mitch Gould; Susan Landauer; Virginia Scott; Sam Thompson; Mary Wheeler-Weber

Absent Board Members: Matthew Denton (Treasurer)

Guests: None

Quorum: Yes

Treasurer's report:

- No update.

Committee Reports:

- Community Outreach
 - The PNA has been invited to cosponsor a forum at Roosevelt HS to discuss the School Bond, School Levy, and School Board Elections. Lew Frederick will possibly moderate. The date will be April 20th or 22nd. Mary moves that we cosponsor. Rachel seconded. Motion passed.
- Livability
 - Next meeting to plan Dumpster Day, cleanups and address new litter issues brought to our attention from neighbors will be on Monday Feb 28th at 7 PM.
 - Susan received an email from BES stating that N Lombard is tree deficient. BES will put them in for businesses. PNA could include this in the newsletter.
 - Dumpster Date: April 9th is the selected date. This still needs to be confirmed with the Eagles.
 - Vicki got a grant from City Repair for improvements at the Fessenden and Portsmouth intersection. She is hosting a Feb 24th potluck for neighbors at her house. Anyone interested in project is invited to attend.
- Communications
 - Newsletter. Will print and deliver in March. Articles will be ready after we confirm the date of Dumpster Day. Will also include next Solarize North Portland date.
 - Sam made a motion to budget an amount not to exceed \$500 for next newsletter. Rachel seconded. The motion passed.
 - Google Groups: Mary explained the possible benefits of running PNA email lists through Google or Yahoo Groups to avoid outdated emails, make sharing documents easier, etc.



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- Land Use
 - Board members continued to discuss Mitch's dog park letter for Portland Parks (who will be considering new dog parks in 2012). Mary moved that the letter support the general idea of a dog park in our neighborhood (within PNA boundaries), and citing the fact that 59 people signed a petition in favor of a dog park in Columbia Park. Vicki seconded. Motion passed with one no vote. Mitch will send around a rough draft of the email.
- Events
 - Tshirts – Mary has the logo. Rachel has done research on pricing. One color is cheaper.
 - Susan informed the board that the neighborhood can get banner insurance. This could be used for banners announcing the University Park Business District.
 - Community Forum: The Board Selected Wednesday, April 13th at 7:00 PM. Consensus was that the forum would follow an "Open table" format again. Discussed whether we will we have a keynote? Possible theme idea: Emergency Preparedness. We will also need to leave time for board elections.
 - Friends of Trees: Saturday, Feb 19th. Volunteers needed.

New Business:

- Harper's Playground, a North Portland organization focused on park accessibility issues for people of all abilities, is trying to get Arbor Lodge Park to be more "handicap accessible." They need a letter of support from neighborhood associations. Rachel would write a letter of support. Vicki moved that we support the effort to make Arbor Lodge Park more accessible for all abilities. Diana Seconded. Motion passed.
- Mary announced that there will be a Portland Public School Bond Measure Phone Bank on Feb 23rd – they are in need of more volunteers.
- Neighborhood Emergency Team FMA26 is in need of a contribution from the neighborhood. Emergency Preparedness leaders need to purchase supplies (water purification tablets, first aid supplies, gloves, etc.). Mary moved that PNA give Neighborhood Emergency Team FMA26 a donation of \$100. Mitch seconded. Passed with two absentions: Greg Wilhelm & Sam Thompson.
- Mary requested that the agenda for the next meeting include the upcoming retreat (budgeting).

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM
Minutes taken by Diana Bartlett