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Minutes of the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association Board of Directors Meeting  
February 21, 2011 – 7:00-8:30 PM at the Community Education Center, 4625 N. Trenton Ave.

**Attendees:**

Board Members: Sam Thompson (Chair); Vicki Ezell (Vice Chair); Jason Barnstead-Long  
Absent Board Members: Greg Wilhelm (Treasurer and acting Secretary); Kevin McCarter  
Guests: Jody Wynnyk; Jason Howd  
Quorum: Yes

**Treasurer's report:**

- None – Greg Wilhelm is absent

**Committee Reports:**

- Community Outreach
  - Discussed the need to create greater cohesion between PNA and the University Park Business District.
- Livability
  - Dumpster Day
    - Saturday, May 12 from 10am-2pm is a tentative date (dependent on Eagle's approval which will be sought out by Vicki). Vicki will advise the board on date confirmation.
    - One-time \$700 land use grant available from NPNS
    - One time allocation, no expiration date
    - Funds can be used for legal fees, etc.
  - April 21 Clean-up
    - Vicki currently in discussions with Diana Bartlett, former PNA board member, regarding SOLV's involvement. SOLV is slated to provide insurance, bags, vests, coffee, etc., for the event.
    - Clean-up area: N Portsmouth to N Wall along N Lombard.
    - Vicki will bring graffiti kit
    - Vicki is currently working on a 2012 graffiti grant
  - Clarendon Community Garden
    - An approximately \$2200 grant has been awarded by ONI. Funds will allow for the purchase of tools and seeds as well as to fund the summer festival
    - Grand opening on Saturday, March 17 from 10am-Noon
    - Speakers will include Commissioner Nick Fish and a school board representative
    - Day's events include tours, fruit and vegetable snacks and demos
    - As many board members as possible are asked to attend
    - Vicki has asked for Marlys Mock's involvement in having the area surrounding the school cleaned up. The school and police will have to be attentive to the area around the gardens to prevent vandalism.
  - Vicki moved that Mary-Margaret Wheeler Weber be made a Livability Committee member so that she can provide a strong voice for PNA. Jason seconded the motion. The motion passed.



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- Communications
  - Currently have enough funds for a new PNA newsletter
- Land Use
  - Jason discussed the road updates on N Portsmouth
- Events
  - Spring Community Meeting / Elections
    - Tuesday, April 17 is currently being held as a tentative date as the date coincides with the already scheduled board meeting and room reservation. Date must be confirmed soon to allow enough time to extend invitations.
    - Proposed itinerary: 6:30-7:00: Open House (light snacks) 7:00 – 8:30: Meeting and elections
    - Briefly discussed the possibility of a new strategy for the PNA holiday party (i.e. Host a summer party rather than a winter party, a weekend date rather than weekday, etc.)

#### **New Business:**

- Board member Paul Seer has resigned from the PNA, but may maintain involvement with neighborhood committees.
- Fundraising
  - Vicki attended a city-sponsored workshop and presented some of her findings:
  - Find donors (people are more generous when it is a person-to-person request)
  - Many foundations donate to neighborhood associations
  - Have a calendar available so that community members can be aware of future events, including the costs and how many volunteers are needed to fulfill the event. This information increases people's desire to contribute financially.
  - Large non-profits
  - Social media: Facebook, putting a PayPal donation link on the PNA webpage
  - Vicki to attend future ONI meetings for more ideas
- Information Sharing
  - Vicki asked that if any of the Board members receive information relevant to PNA to please pass it on to the other Board members, saying it may not be relevant to you, but may be to others.
  - PNA was not involved in the recent NPNS meeting for reasons unknown (possibilities include not being invited or not having enough resources to participate) highlighting the need for PNA to be more proactive in such areas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM  
Minutes taken by Jody Wynnyk