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Minutes of the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association Board of Directors Meeting
March 20, 2012 – 7:00-8:30 PM at the Community Education Center, 4625 N. Trenton Ave.

Attendees:

Board Members: Sam Thompson (Chair); Vicki Ezell (Vice Chair); Greg Wilhelm (Treasurer and acting Secretary); Jason Barnstead-Long, Kevin McCarter

Absent Board Members: None

Guests: Officer Martin Padilla, Jody Wynnyk, Matthew Saviello, Francine Martin

Quorum: Yes

Portland Police, Officer Padilla neighborhood update:

- The Portsmouth, St Johns and University Park neighborhoods have seen record high car theft rates in the last 2 months (in competition with Lloyd District). 9-10 suspects have been identified. There has been a decrease in the last couple of weeks. Vehicles being targeted are late 80's / early 90's Hondas and Toyotas.
- N Adriatic briefing: high crime rates have subsided due to increased police and City of Portland intervention
- Neighborhood shootings – an arrest has been made; the media did a good job in covering the incident. Further details to be covered in the Public Safety Meeting on Wednesday night (3/21/12)
- Budget – the police department may be taking a 6% cut in the fall. 8% budget cuts were proposed, but it was not possible to meet the officers-per-citizen ratio that is federally mandated. The neighborhood response team is going to remain. See handout for details. Shift-changes amongst the officers will provide better coverage.
- Home Forward – Officer Padilla believes that the 4 New Columbia officers are funded through this program.
- Community building concerns – barriers exist in getting the larger representation of citizens in the neighborhood association. Many resources have been put into getting greater involvement, with little success.

Community meeting

- Meeting will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of April 17 from 7:00-8:30 pm. The agenda consists of elections and a crime report.
- Discussed having multiple presenters/tablers at community meeting vs. just having elections and a police update (if they are available). Greg commented that traditionally meetings have had more people manning the tables than community members in attendance. The board conceded that the meeting attendance numbers have not been good enough to justify the manpower needed to put a huge event together in April.
- Discussed having a summer garden party in lieu of a big community meeting in April. Vicki already has grant money earmarked for the party. The consensus was to focus on a summer event rather than the upcoming community meeting.
- Vicki will contact Angela Wagnon and several police officers and ask whether they can speak before the elections.
- Greg moved to spend an amount not to exceed \$100 on refreshments for community meeting next month, Jason seconded. The motion passed.

Dumpster Day:

- Focus on re-use, rather than on disposing of items
- A metal-recycling company has approached Sam, but Vicki has suggested that the family that has done this task in the past should be used again. Vicki will call to verify their availability.
- Greg will not be in attendance and suggested that our limited volunteer resources mean that we cannot pick up items for people. Recommended having one person per dumpster.
- Vicki has improved logistics planned for the event.
- Foreseen expenditures:
 - Have paid for Subway in the past for volunteer lunches.
 - Vicki would like to get flyers printed ahead of time and ready for the next meeting.
 - Schools are an option: however last time they were unresponsive. 2500 flyers recommended at an approximate cost of \$250.
 - Community boards are available at the University Park Community Center, as per Matt.
- Greg moved that up to \$300 be allocated for advertisements for Dumpster Day. Jason seconded. Discussion: Sam will put together the flyer. The motion passed.
- Greg moved no more than \$100 be allocated for volunteer refreshments. Kevin seconded. The motion passed.

April Cleanup

- SOLV sponsored: will provide vests, bags, and treats.
- No small children can attend unless they stay on the side streets.
- Vicki applied for an ONI graffiti grant: \$200 was approved. Vicki will research and confirm that that money can be used towards a table for events purposes and volunteer treats.
- Area covered: Lombard Ave. from N Wall to N Portsmouth and some of the adjoining side streets.
- Vicki has a flyer which needs to be put on the website. Event info has been put on the Facebook page

Clarendon Community Garden

- Had a decent turnout for grand opening.
- Commissioner Fish had a representative attend, Portland Public Schools had 2 representatives. Portland Parks had representatives.
- Garden received a \$5000 CDC grant.
- More trimming has been done on the north side, trees that border on the south and east side were trimmed to provide sunlight to the garden plots.

University Park Business District (UPBD) grant endorsement

- The UPBD would like the PNA's endorsement for a PDC grant
- Need to involve Tatiana and get more information regarding what the UPBD wishes to do with the grant money
- The PNA would like the UPBD to provide a 15 minute presentation.

Business Registries (Greg)

- Currently maintain 2: The Community Association of Portsmouth (1999) is the primary; Portsmouth Neighborhood Association is secondary.
- Greg suggested that \$50 be paid for a one-time fee to change name to Portland Neighborhood Association and let the other lapse.
- Greg will discuss with Tom Griffin-Valade for clarification.
- NPNS Inc. is who PNA gets insurance from.

Treasurer's Report (Greg)

- Webpage stats show that the website is not getting much traffic.
- PNA website has to exist legally. Should keep bylaws easily accessible. Meet the obligations required by law. Create a Facebook folder with instructions on how to upload files to there.
- Facebook has more presence and should be the place to focus energy.
- Sam requested to keep the status quo in this regard until after our elections.

Matt Saviello, University Park Community Center

- Plans on attending meetings going forward.
- Discussed some of the proposed Portland Parks budget cuts.
- Working to increase usership with classes at the center.
- Greg suggested an earlier opening time to catch the work crowd – a 6:30 a.m. opening time is too late for many people who want to work out.
- Willing to hear any feedback the board may have.

ICURAC – N Lombard

- Still on track to get funds from ICURA.
- \$200K for architectural engineering.

Community Outreach

- No active committee at this time.
- Mary Margaret on livability committee.

Land-use (Jason)

- Has been researching one-time NPNS \$700 grant. Jason will report information on the grant when he receives it.
- Updates to Urban Food Zoning Code. He handed out two draft copies of the updates and noted that a public hearing on proposed Zoning Code changes re: Portlanders' access to food scheduled for April 24
- Volunteers needed for the City of Portland's Comprehensive Plan. Portland's Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) is accepting applications through Monday, April 16, 2012, for community members to serve on eight Policy Expert Groups (PEGs) for the Portland Comprehensive Plan Update. There is more information at <http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/index.cfm?c=58187&a=389212>.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM
Minutes taken by Jody Wynnyk