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Minutes of the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association Board of Directors Meeting
November 20, 2012 – 7:00-8:30 PM at Bridgeport Meadows

Attendees:

Board Members: Sam Thompson, Greg Wilhelm, Jody Wynnyk

Absent Board Members: Jason Barnstead-Long, Charles Robertson

Guests: Chris Connors, Vicki Ezell, Shawn Scott, Hailey Roberge, Tom Griffin-Valade, Michael Schmerber, Angela Wagnon

Quorum: Yes

Guest Speakers – Neighborhood Safety

- City of Portland Crime Prevention Coordinator, Angela Wagnon and Portland Police Officer Michael Schmerber discussed the recent uptick in activity.
- Officers Schmerber and Strobel have established great relationships with the neighborhood's youth, such that an insider tip was provided directly to them. It's very exciting that old stereotypes are being broken down.
- The current policing structure in New Columbia is likely to remain as is, as per Officer Schmerber.
- Unauthorized guests in New Columbia are quickly recognized and investigated.
- New Columbia detail will attempt to be more diligent with Facebook and Twitter updates.

Treasurer's report:

- \$3,317.89
- Albina Bank fees have been eliminated
- Taxes, registrations currently paid
- No reoccurring expenses
- \$350 possible ONI expenditures
- There is a one-time fund of \$700 available to each neighborhood, as per Tom Griffin-Valade, for neighborhood purposes
- No need for a PNA PO box – use ONI address as PNA mailing address.

Committee Reports:

- Events
 - Dumpster Day recap:
 - Hoffman's donated one dumpster and tipping fees, PNA paid for another
 - Jody suggests that the load is inspected prior to dumping and that payment is collected prior to dumping to avoid non-payment
 - Greg suggests that yard debris is eliminated, due to the city's weekly compost pick-up
 - Better communication regarding where items can be recycled
 - Dumpster Day is the PNA's biggest fundraiser
 - Need to better advertise load prices and make clear that customers are responsible for unloading their vehicles



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- PNA has taken the lead on the day – question was posed whether the UPNA participation should continue going forward, Tom Griffin-Valade suggested each neighborhood takes a clean-up (one spring, one autumn).

New Business:

- Clarendon School Action Committee: Vicki Ezell
 - See Forum Proposal / Clarendon School Action Committee to Portsmouth Neighborhood Association
 - Flyers have been created
 - Requesting that PNA sponsors the cause
 - There is strong community interest in the condition of the school and Northgate Park
 - Portland Rugby is interested in participating in the cause and to make the school a more friendly space.
 - Garden has been regularly vandalized.
 - Would like to call a group together to draw focus on the area's blight
 - As per Greg, the discussion with the city has already been had (See October 6, 2009 meeting minutes for details). We are past the point of complaining, what needs to be done is to deliver solutions.
 - An option is to get an action item on the Portland Public School Board's meeting agenda
 - Develop relationships with local school board member (Martin Gonzalez?)
 - Get contractor quotes to demolish – come at issue via a business / financial standpoint
 - As per Greg, having the Clarendon School Action Committee become a committee within the PNA to increase purpose's credibility
 - Attempt to get an Oregonian editorial piece highlighting not only Clarendon School, but other abandoned schools in Portland.
- Consequences of board member non-attendance
 - Ability to vote on issues or not
- NoPo Chairs: December 3 – party for neighborhood association boards
- PNA litter signs – FB post asking if neighbors are interested
- Graffiti kits are available

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM
Minutes taken by Jody Wynnyk