

Portsmouth Neighborhood Association Notes

9/12/17

Attendees: PNA Board members: Shawn Postera (Chair & Land Use Chair), Mary-Margaret Wheeler Weber (Member at Large), Nicole Gipson (Secretary & Livability Lead), Angel York (Transportation Chair), Karen Ward (Treasurer), Akemi Ishikawa (Member at Large), and Mary Jaron Kelly (North Portland Neighborhood Services). Other attendees included: Lisa Horne, Tobias Ryan

Notes:

Welcome

Introductions & announcements

Approval minutes- Karen moved, Akemi seconded; all approved

Board Meeting Topics:

Preparedness Month- September is preparedness month. Check PNA's facebook page for a link Mary-Margaret posted about how to be prepared!

Treasurer's Report: Our balance is \$3,227.26 as of 8/29. Mary Margaret made a motion that we add Shawn Postera to the PNA Account at the Albina Bank. Nicole seconded, the board approved. Shawn will make a note that she needs to login on a monthly basis in order to keep the password from expiring.

*****Community Vote:** We had a paper vote to update bylaws to reflect name change from TCAP-The Community Association of Portsmouth to be Portsmouth Neighborhood Association. Everyone voted yes- 8 yes.

PNA Endorsements- Mary Margaret proposed that we allow the community to vote on whether or not to have the PNA endorse specific topics/initiatives. So the Portland Just Energy Transition Initiative and the Soda Tax could be something that the community is allowed to endorse as well. We would like to add a community meeting to our yearly calendar to engage the community and allow them to vote on these topics, and potentially others, that would get the PNA endorsement.

Board discussion on Committees, Projects and Interest Area Reports:

National Night Out- Mary Margaret attended 5 out of 6 of these parties and said they were fantastic. One of the main things that the neighbors seemed concerned about was traffic safety.

Land Use-Portland Map new functionality- We can still make comments on the 2035 Comp Plan. We can also go to Portlanders for Parking Reform website to get some opinions to send as well. Additionally, we can take a short survey on pedpdx.com/survey by 9/30/17 to help make Portland a great walking city.

Public Safety- no one went to the last meeting. But Tobias went to the NET training over the summer and said there are opportunities after that to volunteer all throughout Portland and the state. An interesting fact is that a lot of the newer buildings have stricter codes when it comes to withstanding earthquakes, which seem to be a key concern for a large part of Portlanders. Tobias would like to work with NET in the future to help make their organization more inclusive.

Consideration of adopting the Neighborhoods and Homelessness-Guiding Principles- We would like to have Chris Trejbal from the Overlook Neighborhood Association come to one of our meetings and talk to us more about this. Lisa noted that the Portsmouth Union Church and their members are very active in homelessness and were open as a warming center for 45 nights this past winter. We will discuss this in more length at our next meeting.

Yearly Calendar Planning- We will discuss at our next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:30 pm at Peninsula Odd Fellows.