

Portsmouth Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2008, 6:30 p.m. Portsmouth Public Library

Present: Eli Abelson, Amy Brnger, Carol Lincoln, John O'Leary, Jody Record, Mary Ann List, Steve Butzel. Excused: Betsy Shultis, Megan Tehan, Barbara Ward, Ann Walker.

Director's report

- 1) Evaluation of goals and objections for FY2008 and mid-year FY09 distributed.
- 2) Lisa Harling has been hired as a library assistant in the Youth Services Department. The position of library assistant in Circulation will be presented to the City Manager next week.

Discussion: library parking and access related to the proposed middle school expansion

- 1) The latest proposed middle school plan would absorb the 50 parking spaces in front of the library and would eliminate the green space in front of the library, converting it to parking spaces.
- 2) The original parking plan for the library called for 70 paved parking spaces. Instead 18 were paved with the concept of shared parking in the area and use of Parrot Ave.
- 3) Eli Ableson suggested the Library Board of Trustees adopt a resolution, to become part of the meeting minutes, voicing our opposition to the middle school parking plan.
- 4) The Library Board of Trustees agreed to send a letter to Mayor Thomas Ferrini asking for the middle school plan to allocate 52 parking spaces for the library and to leave the green space in front of the library as it is and not use it for 15 parking spaces, as the current proposed plan calls for.
- 5) The Trustees reiterated the need to be part of the middle school joint building committee.

Action: John O'Leary moved to have the letter become part of the minutes; second, Ableson. Approved.

- 1) Ableson will hand deliver letter to Ferrini.

Motion to adjourn: Ableson moved; second, O'Leary.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted:
Jody Record, Secretary