

BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON
Citywide Neighborhood Committee
Minutes of the January 11, 2011 meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the chairperson at 7:10 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

Cristy Cardoso, CNC Chair

Nancy Andrews, Jack Kelley, Ann Smith, Candice Dolan Dan Rawling, Nancy Claburgh

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER

A motion was made to approve of the minutes as presented by Jack Kelley. Seconded by Nancy Claburgh and voted.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

2011 Meeting dates: March 8, May 10, July 12, September 13 November 8. Locations: City Hall and the library as available.

Vision for 2011: Suggestions include; More participation on city issues- report out to council, Dialog with public works- sidewalk clearing-construction etc., increased social events build on NNO success, publish/ post the map (at library, schools) and use i-neighbors.org and community TV to increase awareness, explore shared neighborhood resources-green spaces recreation areas waterway access, grow committee membership and involvement.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Holiday House Decorating Contest: Winners: 101 Odiorne Point Road, 197 Dennett Street, 21 Taft Road. Kids Choice: 2 Nixon Park, 101 Odiorne Point Road, 239 Nixon Park.

Honorable Mention: 353 Miller Ave, 448 Lang Road, and 1133 Woodbury Ave.

A call for nominations for two vacant steering committee positions and a secretary went unanswered.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The community engagement committee of Sustainable Portsmouth will be conducting a community Survey to establish baseline sustainable activities in Portsmouth. The survey will take place between April 19 and May 14. Please keep an eye out and help pass it along to contacts in your neighborhood.

VII. NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS

Woodlands: Foreclosure and falling home values continue to be a problem

Broad street- Nothing to report

Candice Dolan from Hodgdon Brook Restoration project reported that a new project will be launched in the pannaway manor section of the Sherburne civic association.

Friends of the North Mill Pond: Dedicated a new sign, and continue to work with New Franklin School. Shared their newsletter with attendees.

Friends of the South End: The fairy house tour is being planned; funds from last year went to area schools and historic homes. They are thinking of taking on a partner to help manage this growing event.

Atlantic Heights: NHDOT presented plans for a sound barriers on this past Sunday. Continue to work with City and little league on traffic issues related to expanded ball field.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:50.