

BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON
Citywide Neighborhood Committee
Minutes of the July 14, 2015

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the chairperson at 7:00

II. Cristy announced that an attendance sheet was going around.

III. Paul Mannle made a motion to accept the minutes of the September meeting, Cliff Lazenby seconded, all voted yes.

IV. New Business –

National Night Out – Cristy explained what National Night Out is, and that it is sponsored by the Police.

Criste talked about NNO being a family event, no open containers on city land.

Cristi went over tall the neighborhood needs

Detective Scjharz reiterated that they would get as many services a available out, unless there were calls for city fire and police to go to.

Talked about banners, and who needs them. Crime Stoppers buys 5 per year.

Detective Schwartz explained that Crime Stoppers I a nonprofit and takes anonymous tips.

Asked if there were any needs or questions for him. There were none, most of the meeting attendees have been there before.

Capital Improvement Plan Input –

Cristy explained that the Steering Committee is putting together an informational night that will explain how the CIP works, and give opportunities to talk about neighborhood projects that are important to them. This si a big change. In the past there was a process with little public input until all the projects were identified.

Meeting to be held on September 23, 2015 in the Levenson Room at the Portsmouth Public Library.

Aaron Garganta – Questioned CDBG Grants – can we haven them explain how that works. He can ask Public workds.

Cristy – We are hoping “CIP 101” will be a step in the right direction and people will cease being frustrated with lack of knowledge on CIP.

Cristy asked that we spread the word about the meeting.

Old Business –

Steering Committee Vacancies –

Cristi introduced Marie Kelleher and explained that fresh energy is essential to city committees. Marie introduced herself to the group. Lives in Peverly Hill Neighborhood.

Cliff made a motion to elect Marie Kelleher to the Steering Committee, Paul Manle seconded the motion, all were in favor. Marie was welcomed by the group.

Cristy encouraged people to talk to their neighbors about volunteerism, and the need to hear everyone’s voice.

Next Door –

Cristy explained what Nextdoor is. It is a social media used by specific neighborhoods. It is a great way to get information out. The Police cannot see what is being posted on Nextdoor, but have the ability to send out ‘blasts’ to neighborhoods regarding crime or any other information.

Miscellaneous/Unfinished Business –

Cristy noted that there is a push to have resident parking is some areas. Please get in touch with Jack Thorsen if you have ideas, concerns or want to be involved.

Neighborhood Reports –

Atlantic Heights (Cristy Cardosa)– The garden club just had a tour which was successful. The neighborhood is starting to plan for their Centennial

South End (Susan Shea)– There are flowers back on the bridge by Sanders Fish Market after the boxes being vandalized last year. Several residents are disappointed with Pleasant Street not being paved this summer, as it is in very bad condition.

Spinnaker Point – Has a family of turkeys running around. There is not a lot of volunteerism in the neighborhood, although many of the neighbors are involved in the fight with Pan Am and C3.

Elwyn Park (Cliff Lazenby)– Safe Routes to School has had some progress in the neighborhood.

Peeverly Hill (Marie Kelleher) – The manholes that were making a lot of noise after the repaving of Peeverly Hill Road have been fixed. However, there is no word at this time on the sidewalks.

Islington Street (Paul Mannle) – The Islington Street Bridge is now open, so there is increased traffic.

Sherburne Civic Association (Aaron Garganta) – The abandoned market is being landscaped and fixed up. There are a lot of houses selling in the neighborhood. The fight for sound barriers is ongoing.

Paul Mannle: Motion to adjourn

Cliff Lazenby” 2nd

All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:25