

BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON  
Citywide Neighborhood Committee  
Meeting Summary

January 13, 2015            Levenson Room, Portsmouth Public Library  
Present:                    Cristy Cardoso, Paul Mannle  
Also Present:              Loni Seligman, Kathleen Boduch, Joe Caldarola, Larry Cataldo, Dick Bagley, Pat Bagley,  
Jon Guilbert, Diana Guilbert, Margery Andrews, Zelita Morgan, Robert Lister  
Absent:                     Kathy Burgeron (e), Cliff Lazenby (e)

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The meeting was called to order by the chairperson at 7:05.

Attendance was circulated.

Acceptance of the minutes of the November meeting was tabled until the March meeting.

New Business –

2015 committee goals

A lengthy group discussion on 2015 committee goals was held. The following ideas were posed; work on solutions to established issues (sound protection, etc.), advocate for public process in the CIP, advocate for stronger citizen voice in government (TAC and PTS), gather more participation on the committee, explore ways to gather participation from a wider audience (surveys, forums, etc.)

Capital Improvement Plan Process

Paul Mannle read a letter aloud that will be sent to Councilors as they are reviewing the current CIP. The letter asks for them to allow city staff to prepare a metric that shows the distribution of spending/projects throughout the city. Zelita Morgan suggested that the letter be sent as soon as possible to get into the council packet before the next meeting.

Old Business–

The State of Transportation in our Neighborhoods- response from the city

Cristy Cardoso explained that the steering committee recently met with City staff to discuss the results of the transportation survey. Staff was receptive, the police indicated that they have been working a long term speed enforcement effort and have mobile electronic speed signs available; neighborhoods were encouraged to call and request them. The city's new parking and transportation engineer was informed of the hot spots identified in the survey and planning staff and DPW were exploring communication tools to both gather feedback from residents and to communicate about existing plans and projects. DPW staff were invited to present at the CNC meeting on May 12.

Steering committee vacancies

Two vacancies were advertised, the need for a full steering committee to execute the goals we discussed was stressed.

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Meeting adjourned 8:45