

PARK VIEW CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING MINUTES ~ A QUALITY NEIGHBORHOOD

AUGUST 19, 2010

I. Opening comments by Vice-President Ian Raeburn

Welcome of members and new neighbors given. Approval of minutes from July 2010 meetings.

II. Officer's Reports/Committee Chair Reports

A. President's Report - Tony Goodwin

The President did not report.

B. Vice-President's Report - Ian Raeburn

The Vice-President said that National Night Out had a great turnout.

C. Secretary's Report - Alycia Hemingway

The Secretary withheld report for discussion of Old Business.

D. Treasurer's Report - Helen Edge

The Treasurer reported that the balance in our bank account was \$2,806.46. Receipts from National Night Out will be submitted to her for payment by the President.

E. Traffic/Safety Report - Officer Baker

Officer Baker said that Webster Avenue near the church is becoming a "party spot" and he is working with residents to resolve. If you have problems you can email him at bakerw@portsmouthva.gov or call him at 235-5658 and he will respond or send a car out if he is not working. The new Chief of the Naval Hospital is looking into getting a stop sign for the side exit of the post. A member asked what we could do to change curfew age from 17 to 18; he will look into this and let us know. Base police will be patrolling Effingham/Crawford intersection for cars blocking traffic and give tickets to curb this behavior. Vehicle larceny is up for small electronics, please remove all items from your car and lock your doors. In order to remove or change behavior of troublesome renters they must have multiple infractions documented by the police and ten Office Baker can serve owners with letters and requests that the renters be evicted. If there are street lights out on your street you can email him with the telephone poll number and he'll get it fixed. Crab Shack case resulted in multiple indictments [18(female defendant) and 21 (male defendant)] , and it seems the father of the owner is doing repairs to the business. And finally, if you are aware of any disturbances, please call 911 and give a specific address. **Using a specific address assists the police in building a case to evict troublesome renters!!!!**

III. Old Business

A. Safety - Naval Hospital Exit/School Signage

The Naval Hospital Exit was discussed in Officer Baker's report. No report on school signage.

B. “Experience of Portsmouth”

Old Towne Art Gallery has a bi-weekly poetry slam that is free to attend. It is held the second and fourth Friday of each month from 7pm to 9pm.

C. Neighborhood Watch

It was decided that we should begin an organized Neighborhood Watch in Park View. We will have the first meeting directly after the September civic league meeting at the church.

IV. Guest Speakers

A. Mayoral Candidates

Lee Cherry, Elizabeth Psimas and Mark Geduldig-Yatrofsky addressed PVCL members to inform them of their candidacy for Mayor of Portsmouth. **You must be registered to vote by 5pm on October 12th to vote in this election.**

V. New Business

A. Park View Clean 9/11

Pastor Britton notified members that there will be a community clean-up on September 11th at the church from 10am to 12pm, with a cookout afterwards. The church will provide trash bags and participants should bring their own gloves, and other cleaning tools.

B. Crab Shack Case

Dan Aston proposed we sign a petition to ask the city to bid on the property and build a park. The President suggested that the officers will review and revise the document and post to the PVCL website for member comment so that we can present it at the sentencing.

Adjourned meeting @ 8:25pm
Respectfully Submitted,

Alycia Hemingway, Secretary, PVCL

Next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2010 at 7pm