

**PARK VIEW CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING MINUTES  
A QUALITY NEIGHBORHOOD**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2009**

**1) Opening comments by President Daniel W. Aston**

7:06 P.M. BTO by Dan Aston made mention that we need to make sure that members' e-mail addresses are included when signing in. This will greatly help in distributing the minutes to each member prior to our March 16, 2009 meeting.

**2) Update from Officers**

- a) Treasurer report - Helen E. Edge - report was given- \$2,271.46 and approved by Dan Aston and second by Mel Milton.
- b) Secretary report - Mel Milton – January's minutes were reviewed and approved by Dan Aston and second by Helen Edge.

**3) Membership: Tony Goodwin**

Tony suggested that we need to work out a plan/design a program in order to invite PVCL members to fellowship and to come together and to work as a viable community. He indicated and expressed that we really need a membership drive.

**4) Public Speakers: David Cartier, Olde Towne Business Association**

There are 120 businesses in the Olde Towne Business District. Mr. Cartier pointed out that there is a need to promote tax revenue and to keep the downtown businesses afloat. He recommended that our citizens visit the new website: [PORTSVAEVENTS.COM](http://PORTSVAEVENTS.COM). Objective - to keep the business in Portsmouth working in conjunction with the Portsmouth Partnership. There is a need to promote business in downtown Portsmouth and there is a program in developmental stage called "Enrich Your Life." An idea to come to downtown Portsmouth and to re-create PortsEvents in hopes that it may return to our city in order to encourage more business and activities. Also the Visiting Center is getting the information out to bring people, business and tourism to Portsmouth.

**5) Traffic Committee**

Dan Aston expressed his concerns about the tractor trailer parking. It was suggested that the tractor trailers be parked on Enterprise and Good Way in the Park View Historic District.

- Ms. Edge made mention as a home owner, where do we suggest for the tractor trailers to be parked? Response: the community is not conducive nor does it have. Make a motion to ask that (2 hr) parking signs be displayed, and David Seletyn second.

## **6) Update from Neighborhood NEAT Officer**

Officer Huneycutt gave a report that the community is pretty tranquil. He suggested to exercise the use of a canvassing program which he has working in the West Park View District. He pointed out that our neighbors are communicating in an effective and efficient manner in an effect to improve our community. Overall, our community is very safe and peaceful. Mrs. Slowey made a point that excessive trash and debris constantly covers the area on Webster between Sprately and Bay. PVCL will contact those departments concerned to look into the matter.

## **7) Steering Committee Report**

This community continues to work on traffic issues such as; a few moving violations running stop signs and made recommendation for posted signs at Sprately, and more school signs for Park View Elementary School students. It was suggested to use speed bumps on Elm Avenue in the PVES vicinity.

## **8) Comments**

Website is in the making and will be an informative tool for newcomers as well as our present residents. This will be a wonderful, working and productive tool for increasing our website usage. The site is: [www.ParkViewCivicLeague.org](http://www.ParkViewCivicLeague.org).

## **9) New Business**

Park View has been chosen to profile our homes in our district. Dan made mention that Park View is on the rise and that we need more dumpsters to perform a clean-up campaign. He made mention that we need to look at the Garden Club of Portsmouth (A Federated Garden Club) to assist in preparation of signage, and welcoming spots in our community.

## **10) Curb Appeal**

We need GRANT money to create a community project for Signage. Dan made a point that he will make a request from the Beazley Foundation to assist in re-creating our signage in Park View. It was suggested that the Portsmouth Community Foundation will support this very important cause as well.

Our goal is to improve our Civic League and we need more voices and members to come together with new ideas and to make our civic league productive and to better improve our neighborhood.

**Adjourned meeting @ 8:10 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Mel L. Milton, Ph.D., Sec. PVCL**

*Next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2009*