



Peaks Island Council
Minutes (Final Draft)
March 26, 2014
MacVane Community Center

In Attendance: Chris Alves, Jean Martens, Cheryl Miner (Chair), Mary Anne Mitchell, Lisa Penalver, Marjorie Phye (Vice Chair), Timothy Wyant

Others Present: Mike Murray (Island Liaison), Elizabeth Capone-Henriquez (Secretary)

I. Call to Order: Chair Miner called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.

II. Roll Call: All PIC members were present.

III. Approval of Minutes: Martens moved that the PIC approve the February 26 regular meeting minutes as amended by Mitchell; Wyant seconded; the motion passed 6-0. Martens moved that the PIC adopt the March 12 budget meeting minutes as amended; Phye seconded; motion passed 7-0.

IV. Chairman's Report

A. Committee Updates

1. Neighborhood Association – Mitchell reported that this group meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 5pm in City Hall, Room 24. Penalver and Alves agreed to attend this meeting once with Mitchell in the next few months. Murray reported that the issue of permanent housing and preventing chronic homelessness was discussed at the group's last meeting. Mitchell and Murray commented on potential future adjustments to the city services schedule (parking ban for street cleaning).

2. Maine Island Coalition/Island Institute – Murray has not received an invoice from the Island Institute. Mitchell will follow-up.

3. All Island Advisory Committee – Murray reported in Hoppin's absence: "Fire Wise" Forest Service chipping program planned for August; date to be confirmed later.

4. Jetport Noise Advisory Committee – Miner reported that this committee wants to come out to Peaks again in June or July; date to be confirmed later. Miner also announced the airport's Annual Suitcase Party to raise funds for MS.

5. Peaks Island Skate Park Committee – Hoppin not present. Miner reported that a meeting with City Councilor Donoghue and Rec Dept that was scheduled for last week had to be postponed.

6. Committee for Safety Down Front in Summer/PIC Liaison to Police Officer – Officer Cindy Rumery-Taylor attended the beginning of meeting and responded to questions regarding fireworks. The officer noted that fireworks are illegal in Maine but that individuals must be caught in the act of setting them off in order for police action to be taken. Penalver moved that the PIC create an ad hoc

committee of 2-3 members to review down front safety issues for tourist season; Martens seconded; the motion passed 7-0. Penalver and Miner will serve on committee; Phyfe will provide historical context to committee.

7. Peaks Island Brochure – Penalver volunteered to revise brochure (e.g. add trails to map) and suggested making it available online. Mitchell will be point person from PEAT (Peaks Environmental Action Team).

8. Bike Ticket Program – Betsey Ramage-Healey reviewed program purpose and use thus far. As of April 1, free bike tickets are again available at the library during regular library hours for island residents who have a library card. Ramage-Healey and Miner thanked Priscilla Webster of the library for administering the tickets.

V. New Items:

1. Short Island Survey – The PIC wants to get input from as many islanders as possible on setting PIC priorities for the remainder of 2014. Phyfe moved that the PIC create a short survey (to be posted electronically on the Next Door site and the PI listserv, with print copies at Hannigan's and library) to solicit input from islanders on what projects the PIC might effectively undertake for the rest of 2014; Wyant seconded; the motion passed 7-0.

2. PIC Recognition Program – Penalver moved that the PIC adopt a recognition program and adopt potential beneficiaries names; Martens seconded; the motion passed 7-0. Alves suggested that the PIC talk to people nominated first to see if they would accept.

3. Letter about Tar Sands to South Portland City Council – Penalver moved that the PIC send a letter of support to the City Council of South Portland to commend their position against "tar sands" oil being transported near Casco Bay (including the disclaimer that PIC decisions are non-binding); Martens seconded; the motion passed 7-0. Wyant will draft the letter.

4. Feedback from Livable Portland Meeting – Wyant and Mitchell reported that islanders expressed a desire for more information from City (e.g. about changes to zoning). Murray sends agendas for City meeting to listserv. Murray clarified that the trimming of trees is done by CMP, not by the City. CMP has a program in which homeowners can sign up to be notified before trimming occurs.

VI. Public Comment: Public comment was received from Caron Chess suggesting the PIC recognize at its April meeting the Island Services employees on Peaks who have been clearing the snow on the island this winter. Penalver moved the same; Phyfe seconded; the motion passed 7-0. Public comment was also received from Michele Alves regarding discussion at a recent Peaks Island Elementary School PTO meeting about whether the school could be a Rec Center. Miner will put this and the issue of island-based Adult Ed classes on the agenda for April PIC meeting.

VII. Portland City Council Budget Meeting: April 17, 2014 at 6pm, City Hall, Rm. 209: The public is encouraged to attend to show support.

VIII. Next Meeting: April 23, 2014 at 6:30pm, MacVane Community Center.

VIX. Adjournment: Penalver moved to adjourn the meeting; Wyant seconded; the motion passed 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

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ACTION ITEMS:

Any PIC Member: Follow-up on creation of short survey to gather input on 2014 PIC projects.

Alves: Attend an upcoming Portland Neighborhood Association meeting with Mitchell.

Miner: Add to PIC April meeting agenda: 1) recognition of Island Service employees who did snow removal this winter; 2) with Murray, look into possibility of Peaks Island Elementary School being a Rec Center; 3) with Murray, look into possibility of Adult Ed classes on island.

Mitchell: 1) Follow-up with the Island Institute about sending the City a membership invoice. 2) Revise brochure in collaboration with Penalver.

Murray: 1) Send electronic version of the city's Economic Director Greg Mitchell's presentation at Neighborhood Association meeting to PIC members and Secretary; 2) with Miner, look into possibility of Peaks Island Elementary School being a Rec Center; 3) with Miner, look into possibility of Adult Ed classes on island.

Penalver: 1) Attend an upcoming Portland Neighborhood Association meeting with Mitchell. 2) Serve on PIC ad hoc committee to review down front safety issues for tourist season. 3) Revise brochure in collaboration with Mitchell.

Phyfe: Provide historical context to PIC ad hoc committee on down front safety issues.

Wyant: Draft letter of support from PIC to South Portland City Council regarding tar sands oil.