

**Peaks Island Council
September 2013 Meeting Minutes (Approved)**

**Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at 8:00pm
MacVane Community Center**

Present: Eric Eaton, Cheryl Miner (Vice-Chair), Mary Anne Mitchell, Marjorie Phyfe

Absent: Ted Kelleher (Treasurer), Mike Sylvester (Chair), Jimal Thundershield

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

I. Call to Order

Vice Chair Miner called the meeting to order at 8:03pm. (The meeting followed Candidates' Night, which began at 6:30pm.)

II. Roll Call

Councilor Phyfe moved to excuse the absence of Councilor Kelleher and Chair Sylvester, who were absent due to work commitments. The motion was seconded by Councilor Eaton and passed unanimously. Phyfe moved to that the absence of Councilor Thundershield not be excused. The motion was seconded by Councilor Mitchell and passed unanimously.

III. Review of Minutes

Mitchell moved that the PIC accept the August minutes. Phyfe seconded and the motion passed unanimously. **Physical notices of meetings will be posted** on the bulletin boards in the lobby of the MacVane Community Center and the Senior Center, as well as on the kiosk at the corner of Welch St. and Island Ave.; **hard copy of the draft minutes will be posted** on the bulletin boards in the lobby of the MacVane Community Center and the Senior Center; and **accepted minutes will be filed** in a binder available at the Peaks Island Library Branch. **Electronic versions of notices and draft minutes will be posted** on the email listserv managed by Carol Eisenberg and the Next Door website; **electronic versions of accepted minutes will be posted** on the PIC section of the City of Portland website.

IV. Police & Fire Dept. Report

The police officer and fire fighter on duty answered the questions of PIC members and the public. The main topic covered was fire regulation. Illegal fires should be reported by calling the Fire Department. Mike Murray reported that the issue of camp fires/warming fires is going to go back to City Council's Public Safety committee in a few months—advanced notice of this meeting will be given. Parking issues were covered briefly; Murray noted that re-striping of the spaces in the 72 hour lot on Welch St., if to occur, is not likely to take place until in Spring 2014.

V. International Ocean Clean Up Week Update – Mary Anne Mitchell

Miner thanked Mitchell on behalf of PIC, for coordinating the Ocean Clean-Up Week. Mitchell reported that Roseanne Graph (mainland resident) encouraged participation from all 18 of Portland's neighborhood associations. She noted Murray's help, as well as several volunteers from USM.

VI. Pig Zoning Issue – Cheryl Miner

Miner clarified that City of Portland zoning, including Peaks, does not allow for pigs.

VII. Chairperson's Reports

A. Committee Updates/Appointments

Skate Park Committee – Cheryl Miner

Miner spoke to Sally Delucas from the City Parks and Rec Dept. Delucas requested that money from fundraising efforts be saved in the Parks and Rec Dept "Gift Catalogue" for Peaks Island Skate Park.

B. Budget-Related Items

Need-Based Ferry Ticket Program

Mitchell updated those present that all tickets purchased under the 2013 budget have been given out. They will begin purchasing tickets using the 2014 budget money now. Needs-based ticket availability will be posted on the email list soon.

VIII. New Business/Announcements/Public Comment

A. Reminder:

Portland Police Chief Visit to Peaks: Tuesday, October 2 at 6:30 at the MacVane Community Center. Murray will find out if public comment will be taken about the fire issue at the City Council Public Safety Committee meeting in a few months.

B. Public Works: Brush & Leaf Pick-up

The question was asked by the public: Is there any legal place on the island for private contractors (e.g. landscapers) to dump the brush of their customers? Murray will find out.

IX. Next Meeting – October 23, 2013 at 6:30pm, MacVane Community Center

X. Adjournment

Eaton moved that the meeting be adjourned. Phyfe seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

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ACTION ITEMS:

Mitchell: Continue purchasing need-based tickets and distributing them to island organizations.

Murray: Find out if public comment will be taken about the fire issue at the City Council Public Safety Committee meeting in a few months; find out if there is a legal place on the island for private contractors (e.g. landscapers) to dump the brush of their customers.