

Ferry Village Neighborhood Conservation Association (FVNCA)
June 9, 2005

Minutes

16 members were present for this meeting.

Program Presentation ~ Automatic Trash Collection and Funding for Sidewalk Improvement

Dana Anderson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Works shared information regarding the automatic trash collection service. The effective date for this service to start is June 21st. The hot-line number to address concerns or request help with the auto trash service is 767-7635. You may also use this number to request larger or smaller size trash containers.

There are 3 size containers: 35 gallon, 65 gallon (which is what all households initially received) and 95 gallon. If you request a 95 gallon container, questions will be asked as to why you need a larger size because recycling as much as possible is still a primary goal for the Dept. and the city.

Saco is the only other city in the state that does both auto trash and mandatory recycling (although So. Ptld. does voluntary recycling at this point). Saco's recycling rate is 80% vs. So Ptld's current rate of 23%.

Winter strategy for garbage cans ~ put them out as close to the curb as possible or the edge of the driveway, if necessary.

Other strategies include:

1. Do not overfill garbage can so lid is at all open or automatic arm of truck can't pick it up. Ask a neighbor if you could put your garbage in their can if you have an overflow week
2. For ease in your cleaning of the can, preferably put garbage in bags before putting in the cans.
3. City of So. Ptld. owns the trashcans. Trash cans will stay with the property. They cannot be taken if someone moves. They all have serial numbers on them.
4. Place cans with brace and arrows facing the road.

Some advantages to auto trash collection: cleaner city, less burnout of staff regarding trash collection, less workers comp. claims by trash collectors.

Dana further discussed recycling and encouraged households to recycle as much as they possibly can. "Recycling makes us money, garbage collection costs us money". Garbage collection fees have increased significantly in the last years because it costs much more to dispose of garbage than recycling costs.

Sidewalk Improvement: FVNCA has been awarded \$65,000 for sidewalk improvements through a federal funding block grant (CDBG). Overall, there was \$530,000 awarded to the city. Discussion was held regarding the benefits/detriments to having blacktop vs. cement sidewalks. Although many of the older sidewalks are done with cement, this is much more expensive and harder to maintain. **FVNCA will develop its recommendations for how to best utilize the grant money at it's September meeting.**

David Jacobs mentioned that a site walk would occur on Monday, June 13th at 6:00 at the end of Roosevelt Street regarding a proposal to extend the paper street at the request of an abutter.

Discussion was also held regarding improving the School Street Playground.

By-Law Changes. A motion was made by David Jacobs and seconded by Connie Baskett to accept the By-Law changes as proposed by the sub-committee. The major change in By-Laws reflects moving to quarterly rather than monthly meetings for FVNCA. The By-Law changes will be voted on at the September meeting.

Nomination of Officers: The following slate of officers were nominated. This slate will be voted on at the September meeting:

President: Aileen Martello
Vice-President: David Jacobs
Treasurer: Carol Darling
Secretary: Betsy Morrison

Donation to the “Cushing Point Memorial”. A motion was made by David Jacobs, seconded by Joanne D’Orsey to donate \$50.00 to this fund whose purpose is to memorialize the houses that were razed for the shipyards.

**Next FVNCA Meeting: Thursday September 8th, @ 7:00 p.m.
at Betsy Ross House**

Agenda Items include:

- FVNCA’s to develop recommendation for the Caucolidis property
- FVNCA to develop recommendation for the sidewalk improvement grant money
- Election of Officers

Respectfully submitted:
Betsy Morrison