

## FVNCA Meeting 11/09/00 Minutes

### 1. Meeting called to order @ 7:15.

### 2. Secretary's Report:

- Newsletter and Minutes were unanimously approved.

### 3. Treasurer's Report: (Carol Darling Campbell)

- **Checking Account Balance** as of 10/31/00= \$ 149.03
  - Cash Deposit for T-Shirts & Dues = \$ 80.00
  - **New Balance** = \$ 229.03
- **Savings Account Balance** as of 10/31/00 = \$ 987.49 (\$500 for Old Joes).

### 4. Correspondence:

- Portland International Jetport has opened a noise telephone line. The number is 756-TELL or 756-8355.
- Next meeting for Noise Advisory is November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room at the Jetport.
- Please utilize this telephone number when noise is intrusive. If complaints are not logged the jetport will believe the level of noise is acceptable.

### 5. Old Joe's Pond Committee:

- Need to vote on the components of the Conservation Easement as published in the November newsletter.
- All components were unanimously approved with the following amendment regarding the recognition sign: **Easement will allow the recognition of donation by Ralph Sama.**
- The reason for this amendment is so that FVNCA will not be responsible for producing this recognition or installing it. FVNCA would like to see either the city handle this or SPLT since they will hold the easement.

### 6. Master Plan Research Committee:

- Jan updated us on the progress of the Master Plan Survey.
- The following outlines the top priorities of what people would like to see:
  1. Want heavy pick up again.
  2. More crosswalks.
  3. Shore walkway.
  4. Coffee shop.
  5. More PO boxes.
- Most people feel that Ferry Village is a safe place to live with good neighbors and like the greenbelt.

- Thirteen people like the neighborhood just the way it is.
- Some of the complaints in priority order:
  1. Traffic and speed is a top concern.
  2. Airplane noise.
  3. Trouble with teenage kids.
  4. Houses are too close together - too much development.
- Overall, people enjoy this neighborhood.
- There is some concern regarding having a neighborhood bar.
- There is also concern about something for the teenage kids to do.
- The next meeting will be **November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM @ Mill Co. Gardens Office.**
- **WE NEED HELP!! PLEASE VOLUNTEER!**
- To volunteer, please contact a committee member: Jan Grieco, Aileen K-Martello, Carol D. Campbell, Kim Preston and Larry Albert.
- The committee is moving along quite well but we need your help to continue on at a good pace.
- Aileen passed around a copy of the Neighborhood Planning Guide.
- Kathy suggested that email be used to distribute information such as this. Aileen informed us that when the information becomes available via email, it will.
- Jan also mentioned that a future meeting will be open to the public to explain the mission of the Master Plan Research Committee as well as what is currently in the works.
- Jan passed around the Resolution that we are asking the city to approve.

## 7. Unfinished Business:

- **Crime Watch**
  - 15 signs have been ordered.
  - 10 will be placed at pivotal intersections and entrances to the neighborhood. 5 signs will be kept on hand as inventory for maintenance.
  - Karen is working with Peter McVane from South Portland Police Dept. on the installation of the signs. Public works may be able to help with installation.
  - Signs, hardware to install as well as stickers and pamphlets will be part of the package donated by Northern Utilities.
  - A mail drop will take place once all material regarding the crime watch is obtained. Your help is needed to distribute. Please let Karen know if you are willing to help with the delivery of this important information.

- **Portland Street Pier:**
  - Aileen has written a letter to the city expressing FVNCA opinion on keeping the property and making it available to the citizens of South Portland. Aileen read the letter which touched on many of items identified in the Master Plan Survey's regarding shoreline access.
  - Tom Blake informed us that the city is going to be hiring for a new position. The person who is hired into this position will have responsibility for Waterfront property and the pier falls into this category. He suggested that a copy of the letter be sent to Dana Anderson and the new person once this person is identified.
  - Kathy suggested that a copy of the letter also be sent to the city councilors as they are the one's who would vote on this.
  - Aileen will follow up and let us know at the next meeting.
- **Brothel:**
  - Aileen has been in contact with the Chief of Police regarding the concern of the brothel operating in Ferry Village.
  - Chief asked for the concerned citizen to contact a specific Sergeant working on the investigation of these types of businesses in the South Portland area.
  - No update on the status of this is available at this point. Aileen will be in contact and let us know next month.
- **Any further Unfinished Business:**
  - Time Capsule was buried on Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - Several Boy Scouts showed up to help dig the hole for the capsule.
  - Aileen has a list of the items included.
  - Only one plant needs to be relocated. Aileen will take care of this.
  - Aileen will send a picture to the South Portland Sentry along with a few sentences about the event.

## 8. New Business:

- **Meeting Place & Time**
  - Next month's meeting will be at the Betsy Ross House in the activity room.
  - Park in the rear lot near the bus stop and enter the glass doors.
  - Someone should be at the entrance to greet you.

- Room is located just inside the entrance and has glass windows.
- Betsy Ross House is very flexible and if things work out well for us, we are welcome to continue using the facility at no charge.
- All residents have been invited to attend.
- Aileen left copies of our brochure and newsletter.
- Discussion took place on whether or not people are interested in having the monthly meeting start at 6:30 versus 7:00 and end around 8:00.
- The end time can be extended if necessary.
- Tom Blake motioned to try this new meeting time for 6 months before we go to the by-laws committee to have the time officially changed. It makes sense to try this to see how it works out before we change the by-laws and then find the time does not work out for us. Motioned was seconded by Betsy Morrison then unanimously approved.
- Kathy suggested if the by-laws are changed that the time of the meetings be removed entirely if possible to eliminate the need to make changes to by-laws on this item in the future.
- Aileen will contact the by-laws committee to make sure this trial period is acceptable before we officially request the change.
- **Next meeting will be at the Betsy Ross House from 6:30 to 8:00.**
- **Any further Unfinished Business:**
  - Betsy asked if there we have had any updates on the Rockwood property. Aileen reported no updates at this time.
  - Aileen discussed the neighborhood websites. She will be in touch with Brad Miele regarding the FVNCA website.
- **Janice motioned to adjourn meeting - second by Betsy, unanimously approved.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:25.**