

NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY FORUM
Worksheet
June 24, 2009

Back Cove Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood Rep: John Spritz

Past Initiatives: Established during the closure process of Baxter Elementary School

Current Initiatives: Conduit of Information from City to residents and vice versa; organizing social events in the neighborhood

Future Initiatives/Goals: Continue interaction with city staff & continue to act as conduits of information, ie. Budget process; interested in exchanging information with other neighborhood groups regarding incorporation, insurance, tax exempt status, etc.

Bayside Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood Rep: Alex Landry

Past Initiatives : Started during the Arena development in 1999 - Original neighborhood group to initiate the Adopt A Block Program; Neighborhood Watch ;Black Frame Art Show and Sale ; Bayside World Market and Fair Festival, neighborhood suppers; Community Partners for Protecting Children

Current Initiatives : Active in the Franklin St. Arterial process

Future Initiatives/Goals: Encourage City to seek more input from neighborhoods on the prioritization of infrastructure.

Deering Center Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood Rep: Naomi Mermin

Past Initiatives: Traffic Calming; Street Safety @ Schools

Current Initiatives: Deering Center Community Garden Project

Future Initiatives/Goals: Work with City to encourage a consistent application of standards; be active in the process to ease tensions between school uses and community uses; learn how to engage in policy and planning processes

Deering Highlands Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood Rep: Joe Malone – (Not Present) **PLEASE UPDATE IF POSSIBLE**

Past Initiatives:

Current Initiatives:

Future Initiatives:

East Bayside Neighborhood Organization

Neighborhood Rep: Belinda Ray

Past Initiatives: Recently organized as a neighborhood organization

Current Initiatives: East Bayside Neighborhood Crime Watch; seasonal trash clean ups; neighborhood festivals; youth initiatives; hip hop workshops; 3X3 basketball tournament

Future Initiatives/Goals : Work on more effective translation of services and programs offered to are residents

East Deering Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood Rep: Sandra Donahue

Past Initiatives : Welcome to Portland sign on Veranda St; Veranda St. Gardens; Noise Barrier Advocacy

Current Initiatives: Social events; Noise Issues – Sound Barrier advocacy along Interstate 295

Future Initiatives/Goals : Advocate for noise barriers along I 295; revitalization of Veranda St.; Advocate for “Quiet Zone” signage

Libbytown Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood Rep: Fred Dillon – (Not Present) **PLEASE UPDATE IF POSSIBLE**

Past Initiatives:

Current Initiatives:

Future Initiatives/Goals:

Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization

Neighborhood Rep: Joan Sheedy

Past Initiatives: Please see current initiatives

Current Initiatives: Heating Assistance Program for neighborhood residents; Munjfest festival; Holiday Baskets to neighborhood residents; a campership program for neighborhood youth; a Public Safety Committee which interacts with City departments; snow removal for senior citizens

Future Initiatives/Goals: Wind Turbine Study Group is being formed

Nason's Corner Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood Rep: Mark Adelson or Elizabeth Trice – (Not Present) **PLEASE UPDATE IF POSSIBLE**

Past Initiatives:

Current Initiatives:

Future Initiatives/Goals:

North Deering Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood Rep: Hank Dozier – (Not Present) **PLEASE UPDATE IF POSSIBLE**

Past Initiatives:

Current Initiatives:

Future Initiatives/Goals:

Parkside Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood Rep: Robert Giovannini – (Not Present) **PLEASE UPDATE IF POSSIBLE**

Past Initiatives:

Current Initiatives:

Future Initiatives/Goals:

Peaks Island Council

Neighborhood Rep: Lynne Richard – (Not Present due to monthly meeting commitment) **UPDATED**

Past Initiatives: Neighborhood-Based Plan, Senior Housing, Health Center

Current Initiatives: Public Safety, Affordability, Sewer extension, Community Policing, Affordability, Public transportation

Future Initiatives/Goals: Maintain year-round population, Transportation relief (including parking), alternative energy discussions, monitoring of MSP developments, School as community center, Youth services.

Riverton Community Association

Neighborhood Rep: Denise Harlow

Past Initiatives: Forest Avenue calming project; Big Box initiative for Warren Ave. area

Current Initiatives: Riverton Community Garden

Future Initiatives/Goals: meeting with other neighborhoods more frequently in a setting like first forum

St. John Valley Neighborhood Association (SJVNA)

Neighborhood Rep: Moses Sabina

Past Initiatives: Contract Zoning; 4 way stops along Valley St.; advocating for re-energizing of streetlights

Current Initiatives: Seasonal clean up programs; April Stools Day; Veterans Bridge design committee; Meeting with WENA and Parkside Neighborhood leaders to share ideas and collaborate if possible.

Future Initiatives/Goals: Community Policing center for neighborhood; work with city departments to increase responsiveness

Stroudwater Village Association

Neighborhood Rep: Elizabeth Hoglund

Past Initiatives: Liaison between neighborhood & City for information; social events; advocate for sidewalks; advocate for traffic safety

Current Initiatives: The following are initiatives that all neighborhoods should be concerned with: site selection process with particular attention to who is noticed when; noise - a problem for those near the airport, the interstate or the waterfront; and neighborhood based planning - an initiative started by city planners after the Munjoy Hill controversy of several years ago but abandoned.

Future Initiatives/Goals: Stroudwater V.A. itself has a goal of protecting their historic neighborhood and assisting in obtaining services such as sidewalks, crosswalks and speed limits. One of their most time consuming activities is protecting against the ever onward encroachment of the airport and its collateral destruction of their historic neighborhood.

University Neighborhood Organization

Neighborhood Rep: Carol Schiller

Past Initiatives: Carol Schiller, former President of Woodford-Oakdale Neighborhood Association (WONA), In 2003, founded the University Neighborhood Organization (UNO) to provide a forum to involve all community stake holders in the process of preserving and furthering our neighborhood quality of life. UNO represents a change and new vision, a neighborhood without borders that works closely with University of Southern Maine (USM).

Carol, established the Greater Portland Neighborhoods Coalition to bridge neighborhood leaders together giving them a platform to meet, to discuss and share neighborhood issues, news, network and hosted speakers. Regular meetings

were held at the Greater Portland Council of Government. Initiated and organized the first annual Statewide Conference, "Maine Neighborhoods: Building Strong Communities". Initiated the City's first Neighborhood Celebration at City Hall and Governor Baldacci's Proclamation honoring Neighborhood Leaders.

Initiated and co-developed the City of Portland's first Neighborhood Association Web Connector giving Portland Neighborhood Associations/Organizations a voice and visibility on the City of Portland's website. Over 47,000 visitors have explored this site at <http://www.livinginportland.org/> since it was first set up. UNO and USM co-host educational forums and events including the Franklin Arterial, State Street, and Ocean Gate Presentations, UNO/USM Neighborhood Festival, Blood Drive, and Holiday Caroling etc.

Current Initiatives

Future Initiatives/Goals: Advocate for Neighborhood TV forums featuring neighborhood leaders to be paid for through the City of Portland's Community Television Network service; advocate that the City's Neighborhood liaison Mike Murray set up a Portland Neighborhood yahoo list serve group to improve the way we communicate. Continue to work closely with USM hosting forums of interest to the greater community.

West End Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood Rep: Jo Coyne

Past Initiatives: Community design workshop; neighborhood safety;

Current Initiatives: Advocate for Reiche Community Center and community center programming; summer swimming program for youth; stakeholder in Mercy Hospital's "We Can Leave the Lights On" program; Adopt-A-Block of West End Playgrounds/areas; World's Longest Lobster Roll fundraising initiative

Future Initiatives/Goals: Continue to advocate for public access to Reiche Community Center; Define relationships with City and Schools around Community Centers; advocating to bring Community Policing to Reiche Community Center

Western Prom Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood Rep: Elizabeth Begin & Anne Pringle

Past Initiatives: worked with MMC, Barber Foods, and Airport on quality of life issues for Wester Prom residents

Current Initiatives: Waynflete School overlay zone; Peninsula Transit Study; monitor Planning Board, City Council & committees for issues that affect Western Prom residents

Future Initiatives/Goals : Continue to monitor above mentioned meetings and be an active part of Peninsula Transit Study which may reduce traffic through neighborhoods; the need to clarify zoning language re allowing conditional uses to expand in residential neighborhoods; these issues may affect all Portland neighborhoods, not just the WPNA.

Woodfords/Oakdale Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood Rep: Paul Ouellette (Pat Muzzy filling in)

Past Initiatives: Noise Abatement with USM

Current Initiatives: Active participant on USM building design and USM expansions; participant in the Walgreen's construction project @ Woodford's corner

Future Initiatives/Goals