

BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON
Citywide Neighborhood Committee
Meeting Summary

November 14, 2017 Conference Room A, City Hall
Present: Cliff Lazenby, Marie Kelleher
Also Present: Asst. Mayor Jim Splaine, Jamie McCarty; other residents/neighborhood reps
Absent: Larry Cataldo (e), Kathy Bergeron (e), Cristy Cardoso (e), Paul Mannle (e)

Cliff called to order at 7:00

Attendance sheet being circulated, agenda and a copy of minutes from the 9/26/17 meeting are available.

Had to forego approval of minutes from 9/26/17 and 7/11/17 meetings since a quorum of Steering Committee members were not present.

Jim Splaine briefly discussed the upcoming presentation regarding dilapidated properties put together by Larry Cataldo and Paul Mannle, who could not attend this meeting. Handed out a powerpoint presentation that Larry and Paul would be presenting to the City Council at the 12/18/17 meeting. They had put in work over a period of months to develop recommendations on steps that citizens can take if they have a neighborhood situation with a dilapidated property. Also provides an outline of City resources to contact.

Jamie McCarty, GIS Coordinator for the City of Portsmouth did a presentation on updated and current features with the Portsmouth Click N' Fix program. Explained features of the website and mobile app. The City initially rolled out Click N' Fix about 2 years ago, allows residents to enter items needing attention from Public Works which will then make its way directly in their work order system. Allows more efficient identification of issues needing attention and better allocate resources. Also allows residents to receive updates and response on their issue.

Mr. McCarty also demonstrated a new feature showing Neighborhood Watch areas. This is based on approximate boundaries of Portsmouth neighborhoods, allows residents to 'watch' neighborhoods and they will be able to follow them, receive updates about projects in those areas. The MapGeo app was also demonstrated.

On neighborhood notes, John Wyckoff from 'The Creek' neighborhood advocated for support of the Cate Street "Connector" road, which has been receiving attention in the City.

Cliff Lazenby did a brief recap of the Ward 5 Neighborhood Forum in October. Well-attended (approx. 50-60), substantive questions from attendees, positive response.

Cliff discussed status of the Citywide Neighborhood Committee moving forward. Earlier in the year the City Attorney clarified that as a Mayoral Blue Ribbon Committee, the committee and its membership should sunset with the current City Council on 12/31/17. Cliff mentioned that at the 12/18/17 City Council meeting he would make a brief report on CNC activities, with a summary of the success of the 5

Neighborhood Forums, as well as the Legislative Forum in March 2017. And suggest that whatever the form of a new committee that came next that these initiatives were worth continuing. General agreement among others present.

Meeting ended at 8:30.