

BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE Citywide Neighborhood Committee Meeting Summary July 18, 2018, Conference Room A, City Hall Present: Rick Becksted, Kathy Bergeron, Chase Hagaman, Cliff Lazenby, Kelly Weinstein. Absent: Paul Mannle (e), Larry Cataldo (e) Kathy called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Kathy welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that this was a planning meeting for National Night Out only and not a regular Citywide Neighborhood Committee Meeting. There was no formal agenda, as it is meant to be a quick question and answer meeting to make sure we are all set for National Night Out on August 7.

Kathy introduced members of the steering committee in attendance.

Kathy introduced Detective Tim Cashman, the Portsmouth Police Department representative for National Night Out, and thanked him and the Police Department for their work on this event.

Kathy presented a brief history of National Night Out, as well as the mission on a National basis. Nationally, 16,000 communities will be participating in 2018. Kathy also summarized a brief history of National Night Out in Portsmouth and talked about the success of the event and that it is a good positive event that fosters a strong sense of community in our neighborhoods.

Cliff Lazenby asked if there was anyone there that had not talked to Kathy about registering for National Night Out. Scott Forte (West End) introduced himself and said that he served on the board of Crime Stoppers and also played McGruff the Crime Dog on National Night Out. He asked questions with what was involved in organizing, as he is trying to get one going in the West End. He received feedback from various neighborhoods about how they organized.

Kathy worked through the list of participating neighborhoods, confirming locations and services needed/wanted. Neighborhoods discussed plans – Frank Jones Neighborhood will have a Drum and Fife Corp, Elwyn/Woodlands will have a bike parade, Mark Street and Rogers Street will be combined, etc.

Cliff Lazenby asked about composting and possible use of Mr. Fox. Different reps said they had done different recycling things in the past. Cliff said he would look into it and get back to Kathy.

Detective Cashman had five banners to be given out. Four were given out, and one more will be given to a neighborhood.

Kathy asked if there were any more questions, stated that we will have between 16-18 participating neighborhoods

The meeting ended at 7:55.