

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MAYORAL BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE
CITYWIDE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE

PLANNING MEETING FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
Wednesday, July 10, 2019, 7 p.m.

Location: Conference Room A, City Hall

These are just notes. It was not a formal meeting requiring a quorum.

CHAIR: Chase Hagaman sitting in for Kathy Bergeron

In attendance: committee members Rick Becksted, Cliff Lazenby, and Kathleen Boduch, various neighborhood representatives, and members of the fire and police departments.

National Night Out will be held this year in various neighborhoods and parks on Tuesday, August 6 from 5-8 p.m.. Chase said that we expect 14-20 neighborhoods to participate. Last year 17 were involved.

Trash cans and liners will be provided by DPW. If anyone has special set-up needs they should contact Jim Dumont at DPW.

The police will offer the basic package to each site and neighborhoods should sign up for the ones they think would be best for them, including the motorcycle patrol, canines, armored vehicle, bike patrol, crime scene van, Officer McGruff.

The Islington Street neighborhood is hoping that the Rock Street Park construction will be finished for their event. Cliff will check with the city.

Several neighborhoods have new chairpeople for NNO and the group was able to help them with their questions.

Some neighborhoods add special events such as bike parades, bike decorating, best hat competitions, games in conjunction with the picnic.

There are 5 new banners. If a neighborhood needs one they should contact the police department.

There was a question regarding timing of the event. It is slated to start at 5 and end at 8, but several begin at 5:30 and are finished by 7:30.

Fire vehicles cannot leave for any site before the shift change at 5 and will stop at 7:30 to return to their respective fire houses. There will be 6 vehicles on the road for the night unless they are called out for an emergency. They will basically stay at each location for 15-20 minutes.

Elwyn Park has no NNO leader yet.

Atlantic Heights offers its "100 Foot Buffet," joking that last year's event was about 60 feet short! But they are working on it!

Neighborhood reps were reminded that passing out informational flyers helps with attendance but not to put the flyers into mailboxes (it's illegal). They should insert them in doorways or spaces behind or around mailboxes instead.

There were no further comments or questions. The meeting ended at 7:25.

The next regularly scheduled full CNC meeting is planned for September 25th at 7 p.m. in Conference Room A at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Boduch, Secretary