



MEETING MINUTES

City of Portsmouth Housing Blue Ribbon Committee Conference Room A at City Hall*

**Thursday, July 18, 2024
5:30 p.m.**

I. Roll Call

Meeting Called to Order by Co-Chair Kelley at 5:30p.m.

Co-Chair Kelly calls roll call:

Attending: Assistant Mayor Joanna Kelley, Megan Corsetti, Tracey Kozak, Mary Loane, School Board Representative Byron Matto, Councilor Beth Moreau, Jennifer Stebbins Thomas, and Housing Navigator Howard Snyder. Absent: City Manager Karen Conard, Councilor John Tabor, Erik Anderson, Dagan Migirditch, John O'Leary, Planning Manager Peter Stith, Planning and Sustainability Director Peter Britz.

II. Site Walk: Falkland Way (30 minutes) – 5:30p.m. to 6:05p.m.

Public Comment: Always used for open space. History of Atlantic Heights development and neighborhood explained. Gentle density of area. Flooding issues exist in the area. Not known what is buried under the lawn area. Past and recent development does not fit into neighborhood character. State does not allow recreation under highway so now we use this lawn area. Concerns voiced over density that would not match neighborhood. Questions were raised about how people were noticed and individual residents of PHA were not notified.

III. Site Walk: Lower Parking Lot at 1 Junkins Avenue (30 minutes) – 6:20p.m. to 6:55p.m.

Public Comment: Parking area well used, especially during farmers market. Traffic concerns. Parking will be needed especially if the new police station is added to city hall. Neighborhood impact would be substantial. Questions raised about what type of housing and density as area is within historic district. Concerns were voiced about capacity of existing infrastructure and impact on city services. All the city owned properties will have different criteria due to the neighborhood they are within. Exploration should be done of housing opportunities at other properties before the lower lot.



Co-Chair Kelley: Motion to
adjourn Councilor Moreau: So
moved. Tracey Kozak: Second.
In favor: All.
Opposed: None.
Motion approved unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 6:46p.m.