

Brooklyn Neighborhood Association Board Meeting August 2014  
Wednesday August 13, 2014 6:30pm  
Sacred Heart Villa

Board Members Present: Mark Romanaggi, Eric Weiland, Mike O'Connor, Don Stephens, Stacy Johnson, Katie Light, Tanja Olson, Marie Phillipi- Brooklyn Newsletter Editor, Paul and Loren Eschardics- Portland Food Project advocates, Sam Sauter- neighbor, Justin Douglas and Lisa Abuaf- Portland Development Commission, Troy Doss- Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability.

Note: Marie Phillipi was inadvertently left out of the July Board Meeting minutes. An investigation by the Board secretary revealed that Al-qieda had "hacked" the minutes and deleted Marie's name to protest America's right of freedom of the press.

#### New Business:

Introductions made around the table.

1. Marie gave an up-date on the contents of the upcoming September newsletter: The annual Ice-cream Social scheduled for Sunday September 9th; Marie said Meals and Wheels will be present serving hot dogs and ice-cream; A topic is needed for the September 24th general neighborhood meeting; A Milwaukie Ave. walking tour to assist in understanding the new area comprehensive plan; Damage to the Gideon st. heritage apple tree and the theft of its designated plaque; A Community garden update regarding murals on the shed; A pornography shop the opened on Milwaukie ave.

2. Internal Board member election positions; Don- Treasurer, Mark- Secretary, Eric- Chairman, Wendy- Vicechair. Mike will stay on the Board as well as Katie Light. Tanja will be the Board rep. for land- use issues and Wendy will still represent the Board for SEUL. Tanja made a motion to accept these nominations and it was seconded.

3. Sam Sauter discussed the issue of "homeless camping" under the 17th ave overpass on Powell blvd. Sam would like to see some physical changes made to this "tunnel area" as it can be quite intimidating to passing bicyclists and pedestrians. Suggestions included posted signage that the right-of -way is not a sidewalk but a lane and camping is prohibited on it; reducing the height of the parallel cyclone fencing so that anyone being threatened can more easily escape over it; improved lighting along its length. A motion was made that the BAC will draft a letter to be sent to: Tri-Met, PBOT and ODOT. This will notify the listed agencies that there is a problem now as the area is.

4. Paul and Loren Eschardies discussed the ROOT Project. This is a totally volunteer food donation program to help feed the hungry. The Eschardies passed out an outline showing how this program functions.

5. Justin Douglas discussed the Urban Renewal Area concept as it is operated in the City of Portland. Justin stated a number of benefits to having this concept operating in a neighborhood.

Justin stated that this concept does not effect property taxes and that the collected taxes are to be used in the designated urban renewal area. Justin stated that only 58% of the City of Portland can be designated an urban renewal area. The PDC will sponsor an open-house on Sept. 11th to be able to explain this concept in more detail.

6. Troy Doss gave a presentation and handout on the Central City 2035 Quadrant Plan. Troy discussed its possible effects on the adjoining Brooklyn neighborhood. There was a lot of detailed information presented.

7. Mike discussed the issue of Board member attendance at the designated board meetings. The issue was a general discussion of Board member's responsibilities to the BAC. Nothing at this time was resolved.

8. Katie talked about the neighborhood foot patrol and a need for another organized effort.

#### New Business:

1. No Tri-Met updates

2. The Brooklyn neighborhood banners will be shipped to us by or on August 26th, 2014. The total cost to the BAC was \$2800.00 dollars. This was very good news to hear.

3. Stacy and Katie gave an up-date on the success of the Movie-in-the Park at Brooklyn Park. Both stated that they were very impressed with the turn out and deemed it a total success.

4. Marie is organizing the ice-cream social. She wanted to sign up board members for their volunteer assignments at this function.

5. Don gave the monthly treasurers report.

Respectfully submitted by Board Secretary Mark Romanaggi