

**BROOKLYACTION CORPS**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES DRAFT**  
**Wednesday, 8/12/09 @ 6:30 PM-9:10 PM**

**Thelma Skelton Loaves and Fishes Center – Sacred Heart Villa**

**Introductions and Opening Announcements**

In attendance: Lance, Crissy, Seth, Mike, Marie, Kirsten and Amber (regular guest).  
Invited guest included representatives from the Post Office and the Winterhaven school.

Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes with changes was unanimously approved.

**New Business**

**Winterhaven School Playground Equipment Fundraising (6:30-7:00)–**

Presentation by Winterhaven Parents Association  
Soliciting our support of new equipment, \$17,000.  
Layout of equipment chosen to discourage graffiti.  
Sponsorship possibilities include Fred Meyers, etc.  
Potential fundraiser by world renowned fiddler whose son attends Winterhaven.  
The status of Winterhaven school was inquired about. No discussion of moving since the new superintendent took over. Discussion has centered on school building improvements.  
The goal is to get playground equipment in before Christmas.  
Motion made by Don to support work of installing equipment and to discuss at a later date how much to contribute. Motion passed with all in favor.

**Saving the Brooklyn Station Post Office (7:00-7:30 PM)–**

Presentation by Brian Dunsmore, President of American Postal Workers Union, Portland, OR Area Local.

Brooklyn Post Office has been here since 1964 and is slated to be closed. Once lost, probably won't get back once economy picks up.  
People will have to go to Sellwood/ Westmoreland Post Office.  
About 500 boxes will be affected with no plan for increasing boxes elsewhere.  
Boxes are no longer being rented out.  
Customers can have an influence. P.O. is still a customer driven business.  
Therefore, we need to contact our government officials.  
This is just the beginning and could lead to closing of many more offices.  
Brooklyn station only costs \$11,000 a year for rent. Jobs will be retired and not regained. Two full time employees would lose their positions and would be moved elsewhere.  
"P.O. is in bad shape, no doubt about that, but closing revenue sources not the way to go", quote by Brian Dunsmore. There is a 14% revenue decline.

Earliest closure has been stated to not be before October 2nd.

Call to action: letter writing, calling, emailing, etc to Mayor Sam Adams, representatives and senators. Put the pressure on.

Motion to write a letter from the BAC to Senator Wyden, Representative Blomington, Senator Merkley and Post Master regarding this issue and include postcard in newsletter by Marie. Passed unanimously.

Crissy will write the postcard and Mike will update the website with information.

Invite P.O. representatives to attend the ice cream social and gather signatures.

### **Re-occurring Business**

#### **Holgate Slough No-Wake Zone Discussion– Report by Don**

State Marine Board opposed the no-wake zone for the Holgate channel even against their own staff's recommendation and that of the city council. Main channel would still be open.

Don expressed concern about the fairness of the public hearing procedures. The Friends of Ross Island will appeal the decision. Supporters of no-wake zone included highschoolers who use the area for crew and dragon boat participants.

#### **Ice Cream Social Planning, Sept 13, Sunday– Report by Marie**

Crissy will do the raffle for the prizes. Mike will announce the raffle.

Marie will take care of getting cones from D and H flagging.

Crissy will contact the fire dept.

For the kid's bouncer, need 2 people each hour.

Also, need board members to help set up and take down.

Put up at noon and take down right at 4 PM.

Need to p/u tables from SE uplift, Don will be able to p/u, but may not be able to return.

Insurance for \$100 sent to SE uplift.

Discussion of additional specifics by Marie.

#### **Friends of Trees Update- Report by Seth**

City has a goal to plant 85,000 trees in the next 5 years. You can get a street tree for \$25, normally \$175 and a yard tree is \$50.

City of Portland found that planting trees is a great way to reduce noise and deal with run off.

Seth will write article for newsletter and is the neighborhood coordinator.

Deadline to sign up for trees is September 21st.

#### **Light Rail, Steam Locomotive, Rail Yard Update– Report by Lance**

Project continues to move forward.

**Trimet will come at the next general meeting September 23rd to discuss design features.**

Discussion about the bridge. Everyone is excited.

Lance wants to focus on stations as B.A.C. priority.  
Discussion regarding moving the Brooklyn Railhouse out of its current location.  
Important because Union Pacific wants to increase rail traffic into the Brooklyn Rail Yards.

Treasurer's Update / Shirt Sales – report by Crissy

July report given (see attached):

Crissy turned in the annual report into the official (? Crissy, plz fill in name of state agency) before the deadline.

Final due date is August 18th, but in the grace period to roll into the savings account where interest is about 4%.

Annual recurring Costs (See attached):

Best \$ spent was post card campaign.

New business:

Motion to pledge \$1000 to the Winterhaven Playground equipment fund. An announcement will be made in the November newsletter.

E-mail update– report by Lance

Adam moved us up a plan, so we could rec'v more emails.

Discussion of emails that are working and not working.

BHS / Historic District / Banner Update– report by Don

Don is feeling better.

Don, please fill in???

Neighborhood Help Line Report– Marie

A neighbor is having problems with a neighbor's dog. She offered to give a baggie and ever since then the neighbor has been calling her names.

Several other calls regarding misc items.

Neighborhood Newsletter Update - Marie

Motion made to have newsletter printed at someplace other than ???? when will not make the deadline for Lowel's.

Items to include:

Postcard regarding closure of Post Office- Crissy will make.

Friends of Trees- Seth

T-shirts- Marie, cost same as last year

Post Office Closure- Post Office contacts will send something

Winterhaven Playground- Parents of Winterhaven

Train noise update- Mike

No-wake zone- Don

Some discussion regarding moving newsletter items earlier in future board meetings, in order to make sure Marie gets the information needed.

Wrap-up 8:50 - 9:10 PM

Some discussion on how to shorten meetings. Ideas included leaving the several standing reports to be read by the board members on their own time.

Also, certain details of planning where input not needed from the entire board could also be handled at a different time.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Lampi  
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