Brooklyn Action Corps
Board Meeting MINIUTES
Wednesday, 4/14/2010 @ 6:30 PM- 8:40 PM

Introductions and Opening Announcements

New Business
1. PSU Urban design class to discuss new light rail and effect on the neighborhood.

   The class is divided into 4 groups with approximately Milwaukie and Powell dividing neighborhood into 4 quadrants. This includes 2 MAX stations, Clinton and Rhine, and around a 5 mile radius.

   Purpose of meeting with us is to find out about the neighborhood and what we would like to see regarding designs, etc.

Discussion Thread:
Lance: ODOT really the landlord, with McGloughlin and Milwaukie and Powell major streets going through neighborhood. Great small little neighborhood, but once someone wants to walk anywhere, run into major Blvds.

Seth: Neighborhood cut off from the other neighborhoods by Powell and the rails. Some people like it that way.

PSU (Anne): No curb cuts, pretty bumping.

Lance: Powell Streetscape

Crissy: Businesses cannot move in along Milwaukie, zoned for residential, but in past have been commercial. Want to keep historic feel of neighborhood.

Kirsten: Revitalization

PSU (Anne): Housing, 60/40 renter/owner occupied

Seth: Why Brooklyn hasn’t developed like Montavilla, for example?

Lance: Housing affordable? Middle level homes?

Crossing over railroad tracks?

Mike: Redevelopment around 17th with light rail coming in.
All: Development around MAX stations- what to do with those little pieces of land right around the stations?

PSU (Anne): MAX would be bringing employees to the neighborhood who work here. But Lance pointed out that jobs aren’t increasing, businesses just occupying buildings, etc.

Don/ Kirsten: Previous plans dating back to around 1999/2000. A lot of input from the neighbors at several meetings.

All: Milwaukie: Challenge planning around Blvd, because unusual shapes of properties. Dates way back as an Indian trail.

2. Block Party Proposal at Cora and Gladstone and 24th by Tony-
Just to bring neighbors together and have fun. Requested funding mechanisms and advertising. We could make it a feature story in the newsletter and print fliers. No alcohol. Will try to raise funds for the band. Will go around to neighborhood businesses to ask for sponsorship.

Don: “Move that we endorse concept of block party and support as much as we can.” Second that motion by Mike. All in favor, one abstained.

3. Type B Home Business Permit for 3344 SE 8th Ave- Build furniture.
Parking not an issue. A lot of space on the street and have a long driveway. Seth stated that we appreciated them coming to us. They probably weren’t required to. Everything looked fine for the board members.

Re-occurring Business
1. Crissy gave an update on her meeting with Little League.
   A few things in violation of our agreement with them. Crissy will send an email reminding them of our agreement as a prerequisite for the permit.

2. Planned Parks Bureau Budget Cuts Update-
   Greg Montage has been running the summer program for 30 years. Program may be cut. What is our next step? Will be mentioned in the next newsletter. Lance will send a letter.

3. March meeting Wrap-up-
Don moves to make it an annual event suggested for next January. Seconded by Mike and all in favor. Crissy requested help with set up/take down at general meetings.

4. Neighborhood Clean-up planning- Seth has everything under control.

5. May general meeting-
   Elections must come from floor. We nominate for board and later for position.