

Brooklyn Action Corps  
May 12, 2010 Minutes

Introductions

Portland State University Student Advisory group:

PSU- Building up Powell and 17<sup>th</sup>. Creating a Main Street with raised pedestrian sidewalks and Storefront buildup. Traffic would be smoother, but not necessarily slower. Similar to Couch Couplet.

Lance- Traffic through Brooklyn has focused on East-West traffic on Powell, but really North-South traffic is what is most cut off by Powell.

PSU- What does the Board want most for the neighborhood?

1) Transit related development. However, the park and ride will be a concern. Also, concerns about parking on the street by nonresidents, initiating a permit system for residents. However, commercial opportunity for capturing business crowd going downtown.

2) Need for grocery store, both reasonable and compact.

3) Traffic/Business around the Milwaukie/Powell intersection. Turning the AM/PM into another use site. All were excited, but the chances of this are slim. Anything we could do to create a concept to our neighborhood without creating another Disneyland?

3) Industry along 17<sup>th</sup>-rents cheap and want to keep them there. Fairly diverse now

4) Flex space- For small businesses that would be going through growth or be downsizing.

5) South of Powell there is a desire for more storefronts, regardless of what they actually are. A lot of small home businesses already. Nice to have storefronts for them to grow in to.

6) Key to the growth along Milwaukie would be slowing the traffic down first. Any possibility of an open space somewhere just south of Powell. Concept of a covered community board across from Bob's was brought up.

April Minutes were approved with no amendments.

New Business

Rosie Sizer is no longer Chief/New Chief is Mike Reese.

Awards Banquet May 13, 2010- Officer Weber receiving award and two gals from our neighborhood who organized a neighborhood watch for their block.

Re-occurring Business

Light Rail Update-

Voted today to accept the Conceptual Design Report. Train noise mentioned, but we still need to keep the issue visible.

Station Planning Meeting Update- Support for station at 16<sup>th</sup>

Fighting Planned Parks Bureau Budget Cuts Update- A memo came from the Park Bureau that they were going to save the Parks Summer Program, but no specifics were given.

Neighborhood Clean-up Planning- Lance rec'd quite a few calls on the hot line. Some confusion from the way it was written in the newsletter. Discussion about what to do with old TVs and computer monitors that we won't accept. We will only have 4 dumpsters this year, down from last year.

May General Meeting- Just an update about neighborhood happenings. Encourage presenters to have more visuals. What about having a large map of the neighborhood printed out for future meetings? Great idea! Don will investigate cost. Even a laminated map for more interactive meetings would be good.

Make sure we have a sign in sheet for people to check a box that they are eligible to vote.

Newsletter Content Ideas for Marie- Historic photos of Gregory Hall, Story on the viability of our neighborhood with all the new construction, Showcase a business, Update on light rail with photos, solar panel update from success stories in our neighborhood, chicken coops in Brooklyn.

Respectfully submitted,

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