

BROOKLY ACTION CORPS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, 7/14/2010 @ 6:30 - 7:50 PM

Thelma Skelton Loaves and Fishes Center – Sacred Heart Villa

Introductions and Opening Announcements

Introductions- Board members present- Mike, Kirsten, Lance, Chrissy, Seth;
Guests- Wendy, Daniel Gaard, Tim O'Neal

New Business

1. Daniel Gaard updated us on the Brooklyn Park funding picture for 2010 and beyond.

Discussion: \$100k roll over line budget item for summer park programs. This is only about a third of the cost for all the Portland Parks Summer programs. Business donors make up the balance of the costs. Donations are made to Portland Park Foundation so are tax deductible. Brooklyn Park costs about \$9k. Nick Fish's office inundated with over 2000 letters, etc about closure of the Brooklyn Park summer program. Hours are 1-9 PM, so geared towards older ages. Most other sites are shorter hours. Several are in neighborhoods that qualify for free lunches, so those programs won't be cut and take priority. Craig Montag has been doing this for 33 years.

Lance got a call on the neighborhood hot line from Ellison Printing at 20th and Powell. Echo support for Park's program and has had a tough time with the Portland Parks Bureau.

Budget year starts up again for discussions again in November.

2. Tim O'Neal from SE Uplift-Re Minutes and the SE Uplift Board Position

Discussion: Minutes, once approved, need to be emailed to Tim. There is an open position on the board for someone from Brooklyn. Meetings are 2 h the first Monday of the month. Mike may be willing to nominate self.

3. Tim O'Neal: Graffiti Removal Grant: \$8486 in Grant Funds Available for the neighborhood from the Office of Neighborhood Involvement through a new Graffiti Abatement Community Grants Program.

Per Mike: Similar to the Neighborhood Small Grants Program, the funds have been split among the 7 neighborhood coalitions. Neighborhood, business and community groups will be eligible to apply for projects with an emphasis on graffiti prevention, graffiti abatement and/or addressing locations that are chronically tagged with graffiti. Application deadline is August 2nd. Contact Kristen at kristen@southeastuplift.org or 503-232-0010 x 319 with questions.

Discussion: **Ideas: Use funds to clean up and/or paint murals on inner walls of 9th Ave pedestrian bridge and clean up or redesign landscaping? (It's a mess!).**

Response from Tim as follows: This is in response to budget cuts last year to this program. So, the funds are new. Funds will more than likely go to projects with community involvement. Be creative and use what have here in neighborhood.

Lance rec'd an email regarding ownership of the bridge. Bridge belongs to PDOT, and land belongs to ODOT, but city of Portland maintains all of it.

In the past, there was a fairly active group that cleaned up the graffiti.

A motion made by Lance that the board supports Mike's efforts to apply for above grant. Discussion was very positive, including an email from Don. Motion seconded by Seth. Voting in favor were Chrissy, Lance, Kirsten and Seth. No negative votes.

- 4. SE Uplift just emailed Mike that we have \$426 available from the old Artwalk funds, and we have to use it by 12/1/2010. Mike's thoughts are that we should apply the whole amount to the Ice Cream Social, since it occurs before December and costs more than the \$426, allowing us to dispose of the entire amount.**

Discussion: We can just send Tim reimbursement recpts. Motion made by Lance to use monies for ice cream social. Chrissy seconded. Unanimously passed (Seth, Chrissy, Lance, Kirsten).

- 5. Email Hosting Account: We are currently paying month-to month on hosting. Over the next 5 years, we will be paying over \$500 in renewals. If we moved to the business plan for that period, we can save approximately \$100 (20%) with the up-front renewal.**

Discussion: Wendy suggested another provider and asked what else Mike might need. So, more investigative work to be done.

- 6. Email: We have a total of 15 email addresses on our BAC account, and 6 are unclaimed. Currently only Don, Lance, Crissy, and Mike are using a BAC email address. Mike can assign the rest of the board official BAC email addresses if they're interested: Kirsten, Jade, Jonathan, Wendy, and Seth. You can either access them as webmail or through a pop or imap account.**

Re-occurring Business

- 1. Ice Cream Social Update-Mike & Crissy (question: who is our contact at Loaves and Fishes? Health dept said they need a temporary restaurant license for their hot dog grill.**

Discussion: Chrissy said she didn't think they needed a permit, because it comes from a licensed facility.) Mike is working on the permit for the ice cream social. Mike will ask US Bank for a donation for the bouncer. Cost has gone up due to liability insurance. Chrissy just got the contract signed for the bouncer.

- 2. Little League's Use of Brooklyn Park –Discussion now that season is almost over? Any complaints, observations, suggestions? (fence is down...)**

Discussion: Fence did come down most likely because of our agreement. Games were still played afterwards most likely because several games got rained out. Honey-bucket still there and most likely will be removed.

3. July General Meeting Ideas-

Discussion: Yes, invite Officer Weber, Jennifer Kuser from TriMet to talk about light rail and Seth will give a short update with Friends of Trees.

4. Newsletter Content Ideas for Marie-

Discussion: Friends of Trees

5. Misc.- Neighborhood Block Party Proposal by Tony Sciola- \$450 for stage and sound system, \$215 for 2 port-a-potties.

Discussion: Motion by Lance to sponsor port-a-potties. Seconded by Chrissy and passed unanimously.

6. Misc.- Wendy brought up the community garden. Some discussion about water, etc. Also, some discussion about where to have the garden.