

Brooklyn Action Corps
Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 11/9/2011

Attendees: Mike, Steve, Lee, Mark, Marie, Don & Stacy

Announcements:

- Mike Darvis' wife died; letter to be sent from BAC
- Bud Reynolds died last night; family has been around since the 50's

New Business:

- Movies in the Park Scholarship Application
 - o Application for a Movie in the Park is now open; can also apply for a scholarship to help pay for the event
 - o Stacy volunteered to look into questions: 1) list of movies; 2) licensing fees
- Newsletter items for Marie
 - o Comes out first week in January
 - o Sewer updates
 - o Update on light rail
 - o Community Garden
 - o Thank newsletter distributors

Re-occurring Business:

- Mural Update: Clear-coat product can be purchased for \$158.19 per 5 gallon bucket at Rodda Paint. Marie and Steve can get an additional discount. BAC needs to pay up front and then get reimbursed by SEUL. Rainbow paint is then willing to provide the labor putting on the clear coat. Steve will get order placed with discount code, then Don will go pick up product in order to pay with BAC check and take the paint to Rainbow to spray. Timeline, ASAP, as the weather will start to make completing this project difficult.
- Non-conforming Sewers Liaison Report: Met with Commissioner Saltzman and came up with a new policy. They will not be calling the sewers "non-conforming", but instead using "irregular". The total cost will be upwards of \$21 million; property owners will be responsible for ½ the cost and everyone's permit fees will be the same, \$4k instead of \$9k for the line from the property to the branch. They will continue to meet in order to discuss outreach to affected citizens; a letter will go out.
- Community Garden Update:
 - o 15 people showed up to the most recent work group.
 - o ODOT declined use of water meter without reason.
 - o Held a meeting on Monday Night and came up with 3 options for the garden:
 - 1) Apply to join PPS Community Garden System

- 2) Grow Portland, a non-profit
- 3) Go at it alone

Most members of the garden group want to go with PPS. They will have to get accepted by PPS and have some current issues that may prohibit this; ADA access, invasives and cost of development. The upside to this plan, is that PPS does everything and they garden would be up and running by next Fall. The downside is that registration for plots is open to the entire city and the only preference is that they will notify us when registration is about to open.

Don moved to have Lee move forward with the PPS application. Steven seconded the motion. All were in favor, none denied, motion passed.

- Help Line Report: Nothing to report this month
- Shirts and Hoodies sales report: Dan not present, so no report
- Loaves and Fishes rent?
 - o Marie recommended that we make a \$200 donation to Loaves and Fishes for rent for use of the space for community meetings.
- Marie – Railroad Truck Route on 26th Ave.: City is not responsive on the issue so far. We've been asked to collaborate with Kennilworth neighborhood on a post card campaign. Sellwood/Moreland Neighborhood Association attending next BAC meeting and the railroad is an issue for them as well, so can bring it up with that community group.
- Treasurer Report:
 - o Gradual erosion of funds – spending more than we are raising
 - o Need to budget for 2012 instead of making on the spot decisions to spend or not to spend.
- SE Uplift: Reported on traffic accidents. Would like to have crosswalk on Milwaukie Ave. at Mall Ave.
- Pizza at next BAC meeting: Mark has a connection with Pizza Schmiza; knows founder. Will call to see if they will donate some pizzas.