

BROOKLYN ACTION CORPS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, 8/10/2011 @ 6:00 – 7:45

Thelma Skelton Loaves and Fishes Center – Sacred Heart Villa

Minutes taken by Chair Michael O'Connor

Other attendees: Don Stephens, Steve Schmunk, Marie Phillipi, Don Stephens, Stacy Johnson,
Mark Romanagi, Jamie Partridge (USPS)

Introductions and Opening Announcements

- Adoption of Past Meeting Minutes (Did not happen since Wendy was not at meeting)

Announcements

- 1) Mural painting to begin Sunday 8/14

New Business

1. Brooklyn resident Mark Romanagi 503/888-8060 discussed truck traffic issue surrounding Brooklyn Yards renovations. The issue is trucks are using SE 26th Avenue to access the Brooklyn Yards. This violates the 2006 Portland Freight Master Plan. The city has been unresponsive until last month when they finally agreed to start issuing tickets to trucks violating the master plan requirements. Mark has suggested that UP should build a viaduct on their own property to route the trucks internally rather than using our narrow streets. He will keep us updated on his correspondence with the city.
2. Jamie Partridge of the Postal Union Branch 82 is here to talk about the crisis facing the USPS and how it is affecting North and Northeast Portland. The BAC agreed to write a letter in support of USPS employees and sent it to their union.
3. Tony Sciola asked us to pay for a porta-potty for his block party at 24th & Cora and we agreed to provide \$250 for it.

Re-occurring Business

1. Internal Board Elections, board photo for newsletter
Election results: Mike continues as Chair, Don as treasurer, Wendy as secretary and Steve Schmunk as Vice Chair
2. Ice Cream Social Committee Report – Mike, Marie, and Dan
3. Debrief on July General Meeting w/Dan Saltzman:
We were happy with the turnout and TV & News coverage, but thought that we should email the Reuben Deumling of the Sunnyside N.A. and write a letter together asking the city to send out letters acknowledging their poor planning and judgment and retracting the non-conforming sewer charges until an equitable system is established.
4. Help Line Report – Daryl and Marie (nothing of consequence)
5. Foot Patrol Progress report: Dan and Don (foot patrol is limping along. They've gone out once this year.)
6. Community Garden report – Mike and Don: ODOT has pledged to clear and till the land. We are waiting on the kickoff and plot assignment until this happens.
7. Shirts and Hoodies Sales reports – Dan (Dan provided a summary of sales. We need to order more).
8. Mural Committee Report – Mike (Mural painting to start on Sunday 8/14).
9. Status Update on Brooklyn Historic Block Party – Wendy (Tabled due to Wendy's absence)
10. Did we get the new SEUL check for the left over Art Walk money that got lost? (Tabled due to Wendy's absence)