

## **BROOKLY ACTION CORPS**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, 2/13/2013 @ 6:30 – End**

**Thelma Skelton Loaves and Fishes Center – Sacred Heart Villa**

### **Attendees**

Michael O'Connor - BAC  
Don Stephens- BAC  
Steve Schmunk- BAC  
Marie Phillippi- Newsletter  
Mark Romanaggi- BAC  
Joanna Jenkins- BAC  
Eric Wieland- Neighbor  
Aaron Naples - Neighbor  
Lee Kamrass- Brooklyn Community Garden  
Jennifer Koozer- TriMet  
Joe Recker - TriMet

### **Announcements**

Introductions of City Lights Condos residents in attendance and TriMet Permit Coordinator, Joe Recker

### **New Business**

1. Adoption of past meeting minutes:
  - a. We did not have last month's minutes so adoption of minutes was postponed.
2. Newsletter:
  - a. Businesses have opted out of renewing advertisements and there are now 3 spaces.
  - b. TriMet might take one spot, information is due by Monday
  - c. Will put a Thank You to True Brew for supporting the neighborhood and providing coffee for meetings
3. TriMet permits coordinator, Joe Recker, request for support on zoning adjustment for TriMet employee parking on lots on 17<sup>th</sup> Ave
  - a. Currently TriMet has 310 employee parking spaces; 260 of which are on 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. They will lose a good number of the 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. spaces when the street is widened. They are proposing to maintain, and actually increase the number of total spaces to 328, by getting a permit from the City to minimize the landscaping "buffer". They requested a letter of support from BAC for this permit.
  - b. TriMet has spoken with the City Lights Condos HOA and 3 main concerns were identified: 1) 3 driveways will be in close proximity to one another; 2) parking will face residential properties and there is concern about headlights, parking lot lights and noise; and 3) they want a pedestrian passageway between 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Ave. at SE Bush. TriMet has responded by accepting suggestion to have parking face 17<sup>th</sup> Ave.; further, driveways will be one way in, one way out, so cars can only exit onto Center or 17<sup>th</sup>; and TriMet feels the buffer that will be maintained is better than what is currently there. TriMet and the CityLights HOA will reconvene on Monday to try to come to an agreement.
  - c. Question arose around whether or not this lot could be close during "off hours"; TriMet responded that they have moved their administration building downtown and that the 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. location would serve as the command center with employees reporting for duty around the clock as well as working split shifts, so they need this parking for these employees. However, it was uncertain exactly how many employees will report there at any one given time.
  - d. BAC passed a motion to wait for the agreement between the City Lights HOA and TriMet and then TriMet can come back and get approval for us to write the endorsement.
4. Help Line report and discussion on changing Help Line:
  - a. Since the first of the year there have been 4 phone calls: 15<sup>th</sup>/Haig someone parking in private driveway; Bhudist Center broken into; Eric wanting City Lights HOA to come to meeting

- b. There is a delay between when a call comes into the phone service and when the message gets posted in the voicemail box, so Darl checks it irregularly.
  - c. Recommended Google virtual system – you get an e-mail when a message comes in and it is a free service. Mike will look into getting it set up; Eric to help.
- 5. Neighborhood Clean-Up
  - a. Tentatively scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>. Marie to coordinate volunteers. Wendy will do the paperwork.
- 6. Discussion on future of Milwaukie Ave. and neighborhood density:
  - a. Trying to get someone from the City Planning Bureau to come to the March Board meeting and see if zoning modifications along Milwaukie Ave. can be addressed in the new Portland Comprehensive Plan.
  - b. Steve also expressed that we should make a push to change zoning from a multi-dwelling residential zone to only allowing single family housing.
- 7. Should BAC strive for a historic neighborhood district:
  - a. A great amount of work has been done, surveying and photographing properties in the neighborhood, by the Brooklyn Historical Society. If we wanted to apply to be a Historic District, the full application package would need to be completed; 51% of neighbors would have to agree; and decisions would have to be made on the boundaries of the Historic District.
  - b. Don will bring someone in to provide more information at the April BAC Board meeting.
- 8. Brooklyn Kiosk Effort:
  - a. Tried to get a kiosk at Brooklyn Park some years ago and the city wanted an excessive amount of money. Are we still interested in having a kiosk? Yes, but no one on the Board with time to take the lead. Will put a post in the Brooklyn newsletter to see if anyone is interested in taking the lead on this project.
- 9. Brooklyn to the River Update:
  - a. Aaron shared maps with North/South access to the river. The City will not create a new route to the river until Ross Island Sand and Gravel gives throughway on their property.
  - b. Marc, Don, Eric and Aaron will help promote river access.
  - c. Marc will try to make a connection with Pamplin to see if he'd support a plan.
- 10. March General meeting ideas:
  - a. Joanna will try to organize an Emergency Preparedness Forum.

### **Re-occurring Business**

- 1. Help line report
  - a. See above
- 2. TriMet Update:
  - a. Access on 17<sup>th</sup> to Powell will maybe open in Fall.
  - b. There will be upcoming work on Powell to be done overnight, this means street closure and noise.
- 3. Newsletter updates:
  - a. See above
- 4. Brooklyn Community Garden update:
  - a. They are designing the access to slope area.
  - b. Working on kids component – seed starting workshop
  - c. Looked into the SE 17<sup>th</sup> spot – Katherine and Paige are working on design. Met with Jay regarding soil sample; analysis shows soil is toxic. Not concerned about raised beds; looking into whether or not it's safe to have an orchard.
- 5. Movie in the Park:
  - a. Marc was going to work on fundraising to raise money for the neighborhood's portion of the fee to hold the activity
  - b. Stacy will connect back with the City to determine date of movie, total cost, and anticipated cost to neighborhood and whether or not this is a sliding fee pending the outcome of our fundraising.
- 6. Treasurer Report:
  - a. Need to develop an annual budget for the BAC. Lee will work with Don to get QuickBooks set up and up-to-date so that we can create an anticipated budget based on last year's income and expenses.
- 7. Banner Replacement

- a. Steve shared that it will cost \$5600 to replace the banners along Milwaukie Ave (\$150 – \$300 for the actual banner; \$550 - \$900 for installation). The Greater Brooklyn Business Association has donated \$1K; he asked that the BAC contribute the same; and then wanted to put an article in the newsletter with envelopes for donations from neighbors.
- b. Discussion ensued around a) whether or not the BAC had approved a motion to replace all of the banners; b) whether or not this was necessary at this time or if the banners in disrepair could be fixed for a lesser amount; and c) what the BAC could/should contribute.
- c. A motion passed (4- yes, 1-obstain) to replace the banners.