Brooklyn Neighborhood Association Board Meeting January 2014
Wednesday January 8th, 2014, 6:30pm
Sacred Heart Villa


New Business:
1) Marie gave an update on the contents of the March newsletter material: Tri-Met neighborhood parking; Hadi Asghanzadeh’s 17th ave. apts. under consideration; Tri-Met light-rail art work; historic neighborhood plaque; Marie also sent out the newsletter advertising contracts.

2) Jean Zondeervan- Grow Portland: Explained what Grow Portland did; specifically that Grow Portland is a non-profit to help manage the stream-lining of all the different logistics pertaining to community gardening. A question and answer period followed. Several board members will interview a second mgmt. candidate in one week.

3) Mike gave a brief summary of BAC being eligible for Fred Meyers Community Rewards.

4) Jennifer gave a light-rail update: Tri-Met did a large mailing to the Brooklyn neighborhood on the parking permit system; employees will move back into their building the end of February and be open for business on March 1st.

Re-Occurring Business:
1) Jennifer stated that a new Tri-Met issue will be changes to bus service with the light-rail service beginning.

2) The proposed development at 16th and Pershing: Four “skinnys” are proposed to be built on the lot at that location. Discussion followed: Don felt the four residences is overkill and may affect the quality of the neighborhood. Joanna and Mark felt that four residences on the lot is excessive. Don made a motion to have a letter written to the City of Portland to voice opposition to the proposed variance of lot sizes being under 36ft. and four residences being built if the variance is granted.

3) Minutes adopted from the December meeting
4) Mark had contacted the City about a neighborhood complaining of semi-truck traffic on Holgate using their air brakes or “jake braking” while traveling downhill to the Brooklyn Yards. A woman from the City said that this was the first complaint of this type and that the City would monitor the situation.

Submitted by Mark Romanaggi  Secretary.

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