

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

Board members present: Michael O' Connor, Don Stephens, Joanna Jenkins, Mark Romanaggi. Jennifer Koozer Tri-Met. Lee Kamrass and Aurora Lemieux Brooklyn Community Gardens. Hadi Asgharzadeh Brooklyn Nowruz Development. Jean Zondervan Grow Portland. Marie Phillipi Newsletters:

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-Occuring 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 "skinny's" 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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