

Brooklyn Neighborhood Assn. Board Meeting  
Wednesday October 8th, 2014. 6:30pm  
Sacred Heart Villa

Board Members Present: Mark Romanaggi, Eric Weiland, Michael O'Connor, Tanja Olson, Don Stephens, Carol Dennis, Katie Light, Joanna Jenkins, Marie Phillipi- Brooklyn Newsletter Editor, Jennifer Koozer- Tri-Met, Robert McCullough- SEUL, Scott Voila(sp) SEUL, Anne Dufrey(sp) SEUL, Ashe Urban-SEUL, Alice Miller-neighbor.

Introductions made of everyone present.

Eric told me, the Board secretary, that it was urgent that the August 2014, September 2014 and October 2014 minutes get approved. At this writing, I am working on getting that assignment done.

Ashe Urban announced that a grant writing class will be held at the SEUL office on Nov. 15th 10am to noon and again on Nov. 19th from 7pm to 9pm. The address of SEUL is 3534 SE Main, Portland, for anyone interested.

Bob McCollough then introduced himself as the new chairman for SEUL. Bob wanted to know what the BAC would like to see SEUL involved in. A short discussion followed.

New Business: Eric discussed the issue of extending the Central City Urban Renewal District into the Brooklyn neighborhood. A discussion followed. It was decided that Eric would write a letter to the City and request that Milwaukie Ave., Holgate St., 17th Ave., and Powell Blvd. be added to the Central City urban renewal district.

2. The Summit III discussion was held by the City for the adoption of the newly upcoming 20yr. Comprehensive Plan. Marie summarized this summit by stating that decisions will be made by the respective communities which may cut-out the Neighborhood Boards. The specific wording of who may make the decisions will be groups outside the specific neighborhood assn. who may not live the affected area. A Board vote was then taken to make a request for a 90day extension to delay the vote on the Comprehensive Plan.

3. Marie stated that all of the arguments against the proposed development at 16th and Pershing were dismissed by the presiding hearings officer. Marie asked if the BAC Board wanted to appeal the dismissal. A motion was made for a limited move forward on the appeal to talk to an attorney to find the odds of winning the appeal. The motion was seconded. Tanja and Mike abstained from voting.

4. Carol Dennis discussed the City's NET program. This stands for Neighborhood Emergency Training. The program trains people on how to deal with major catastrophies. Carol will write an article for Marie to print in an upcoming newsletter.

Old Business:

It was agreed that the Sept. General Meeting went very well. Everyone seemed impressed by the ODOT reps. presentation on the upcoming renovation of the Ross Island Bridge. The next

General Meeting is scheduled for Nov.19th, 2014. Neighborhood Crime Prevention will talk about the personal safety issues when using the 17th and Powell overpass. Additionally, the proposed urban renewal extension into Brooklyn will be discussed.

The topic of working with other neighborhood associations was discussed. Specifically, Hosford-Abernathy, Creston-Kenilworth and Eastmoreland were the neighborhoods mentioned. Don will set up a meeting with these different neighborhood groups.

Newsletter update: Marie discussed the contents of the Nov. newsletter. There will be a huge thank-you for all of the donations made by the area businesses especially Fred Meyer. She stated that the 16th and Pershing over-ruling, the ballot measure to maintain local control of neighborhood density and an appeal for money to help pay the costs of the new neighborhood banners will also be topics written about. Ashe Urban stated that a tax-deduction may be made from a donation to the banner fund. Finally, Marie said that neighborhood tee-shirts were still for sale.

Light-rail construction update: Jennifer stated that construction was proceeding as it should. There will be more construction on 17th ave. between Mcloughlin Blvd. and Holgate. She added that the Lafayette pedestrian bridge will begin seeing heavy construction.

There was no SEUL update.

Orchard Garden: Eric has a letter regarding sharing the costs of the Orchard garden with SEUL. He stated there are big questions about the contract of it between the BAC and Tri-Met.

Tree Team: Don gave an update on the Tree Team report. He stated there is a website with information on the neighborhood's trees.

Neighborhood Banners: Don brought one of the new banners to this meeting. It is very, very nice work. He said the cost to install the 20 new banners is 920.00 dollars. The total cost of the banner project is just under 4000.00 dollars.

Don gave his monthly treasurers report.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mark Romanaggi.