

Brooklyn Neighborhood Association Board Meeting March 2014

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Sacred Heart Villa

Board members present: Mark Romanaggi, Michael O'Connor, Don Stephens, Joanna Jenkins, Stacy Johnson, Eric Weiland

Neighbors and guests: Jennifer Koozer (TriMet), Denis Van Dyke (TriMet), Robert Nelson (TriMet), Rory Renfro (TriMet), Marie Phillippi (newsletter editor), Carol Dennis, Tanja Olson

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

New business:

- 1) Marie gave a rundown of the proposed bioswales to be built in the neighborhood. She presented and read a letter to the city of Portland regarding 50 bioswales to be built in the area. The board will be asked to support this letter of concern. Stacy gave her input in support of the bioswales. Stacy will abstain from the vote to support the letter to the city of Portland. A discussion followed, and it was decided that Marie will review this letter and email it to board members for a vote.
- 2) Jennifer, from TriMet announced that the parking permit vote in the Brooklyn neighborhood was not successful. Rory Renfro addressed the issue of the TriMet facility regarding employees arriving for work. TriMet has decided that they will encourage their employees with a Triad Pass, carpooling, and bicycling. Pool bikes will be available in addition to pool cars for business errands or meetings. TriMet is talking to the ZipCar business also. Finally, they are discussing making available different walking and biking city maps available to employees. TriMet will do a followup survey to find out how the different commuter options are working. Jennifer stated that 17th Ave. northbound from Holgate will be closed through June, starting March 19th.
- 3) Mike contacted Hadi Asgharzadeh who had two comments on the planned development in the area. A discussion followed, and Hadi's comments will be kept under advisement pending further, more concrete, information.
- 4) Don spoke about the article in the Examiner newspaper regarding neighborhood density. The article was about the density, profits, and people. A discussion followed and Don will contact the producers of this documentary to organize a larger viewing.
- 5) Don discussed the progress on the neighborhood banners, specifically whether they be made of canvas or sunbrella.
- 6) Don also gave a brief explanation of the newly established Powell to Division transit and development project.
- 7) The community garden (Orchard Gardens) was discussed, with regards to TriMet putting in a water meter. It needs to be noted that TriMet cannot let a transit operation such as itself pay for

the water use in the Orchard Gardens. If it is a community garden, the BAC has to put its own meter in for the water use.

Recurring business

- 1) The minutes for February's meeting were adopted. Don pointed out that the minutes need to be amended regarding the \$650 for the cost of the movie in the park. Specifically, we will get \$350 from outside contributions, leaving a cost to the BAC of \$300.
- 2) It was confirmed that Bob Stacey (of metro) will be the keynote speaker at March's meeting.
- 3) It was confirmed that the neighborhood cleanup date will be May 17th, as published in the newsletter.
- 4) Don gave the treasurer's report, which was approved.

Submitted by Mark Romanaggi, Secretary