

Brooklyn Neighborhood Association Board Meeting April 2014

Wednesday, April 10, 2014

Sacred Heart Villa

Board members present: Mark Romanaggi, Wendy Miller, Eric Wiebul, Don Stephens, Mike O'Connor, Joanna Jenkins, Stacy Johnson

Community members present: Jeff Lowery, Lee Kamrass, Katie Light, Marie Phillippi, Eric Wheeler, Tiffany Spahn, Tamra Olson, Jay Higgins (TriMet) Jennifer Koozer (TriMet)

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Introduction and opening announcements

- 1) Lee Kamrass introduced Jeff Lowery as the new coordinator of the community garden. Jeff then gave a short background of himself.
- 2) Marie gave updates regarding the May newsletter. These included the board general election, movie in the park (will be Goonies, on July 31st), a reminder to pick up dog waste, and the TriMet public art event on April 17th. This public art consists of boats. Lee will write a couple of paragraphs regarding the transition of leaders to the community garden and the orchard garden.

New business

- 1) Marie gave an update of the meeting with City Commissioner Fish regarding the proposed construction of the bioswales. Marie stated that over 50 were planned, and the number is now down to 21. Eight area neighbors attended this meeting. They asked a number of pointed questions and found out again that the number had been reduced to 21. The city stated that logistics were the reason for decreasing the number of bioswales.
- 2) Jennifer Koozer from TriMet gave an update on the light rail project. This included some landscaping that has started, and the placement of the boat art. 38 boats will be in this art project. She stated that closures will continue on SE 17th Ave. due to paving. A presentation of the whole light rail art project will be given on April 17th from 5-7pm.
- 3) Mike introduced Eric Wheeler who briefly introduced himself and stated he was a certified walking tour host. Eric has developed the "Brooklyn Neighborhood Walking Tour." Eric stated that he really enjoys the neighborhood and will try to set up a tour in May. Eric would also like to get up to speed regarding area residents placing their homes in the National Register of Historic Places. He charges \$10/person for his walking tour.
- 4) Mike inquired about a guest speaker for the May general meeting. Eric Wiebul will be giving a presentation and the elections for the BAC board will also be held. Mike asked if anyone present wanted to do outreach for area business owners to be on the BAC board.

5) Stacy gave a short presentation about Winterhaven's admissions policy.

Recurring business

1) Jay Higgins from TriMet gave a brief explanation of how vacant property is developed along the light rail. Jay specifically addressed the Advantis site development at SE 17th and Rhone. A brief discussion followed specifically regarding TriMet being up front about what they would like to see built along the light rail.

2) Don had no additional information about the banner. He also didn't have an update about the screening of the new documentary "Den\$ity: Profits or People?".

3) Mike tabled voting on last month's minutes because of the heart bleed bug.

4) Stacey gave an update on Movie in the Park. A strategy for raising donations was decided upon.

5) Wendy gave an update on the neighborhood cleanup day and its logistics. These include having vehicles available to pick up or haul things away, volunteers to work at the site, and someone to distribute handouts door to door prior to the cleanup date.

6) Wendy gave an update on the Southeast Uplift officers' meeting with the mayor. Topics discussed included the city parks, zoning, neighborhood problems, infill of empty lots, and remodeling permit loopholes.

7) Don gave the monthly Treasurer's report, which consisted of routine transactions. A brief discussion followed about different programs that may be used to summarize the yearly report.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Romanaggi, Secretary.