

Brooklyn Neighborhood Assn. Board Meeting July 2014

Wednesday, July 9, 2014 6:30pm

Sacred Heart Villa

Board Members Present: Mark Romanaggi, Joanna Jenkins, Carol Dennis, Tanja Olson, Don Stephens, Eric Wieland, Katie Light, Jay Higgins-Tri Met, Rita Leonard- Sellwood Bee, Meghan Perry, Judith Harrison, Julie Yates, Michael Sonleitner- PCC instructor.

1. Introductions made by everyone present
2. Marie gave update on the upcoming September issue of the newsletter. Topics will include: The Ice-cream Social on Sept. 7th 2014, the Orchard Garden at 17th and Pershing, ongoing discussions about the development of the old Advantis Credit Union site, and zoning issues in the neighborhood.
3. Internal elections were canceled because Wendy and Mike were not present.
4. Minutes from the June 2014 Board meeting were accepted.
5. Don talked about the 16th and Pershing development. An appeal was filed by Don on behalf of the BAC board on 070814. Essentially, the appeal has to be more than just not liking the proposed development. Don will lead the appeal for this project.
6. Joanna talked about a potential asbestos contamination issue if demolition is approved of the 16th and Pershing site. Joanna related that she has already experienced an asbestos contamination demolition next to her residence. Marie suggested calling a news station to bring attention to the issue. Don will talk to SEUL about getting neighborhoods banding together to get the City of Portland to act on this issue. Joanna wants the BAC Board to take a position if SEUL decides to take the issue of asbestos abatement prior to demolition up.
7. Carol stated that Marty Stockman replaced Diane Hale as the City's rep for upcoming potential zoning changes on Milwaukie Blvd. south of Powell Blvd. Carol stated that a designation of CS (commercial storefront) is more desirable than a CN (commercial neighborhood) zoning designation. There was to be a walking tour on 071514 beginning at the Warehouse Cafe at 6:30pm.
8. Jay Higgins of Tri-Met passed around the proposed draft of the criteria to be followed by the Selection Committee of the Advantis property site. It is based on a 100 point system involving 5 different criteria. Eric indicated that there was actually 2 different views in the beginning; one being to Tri-Mets advantage and the other in favor of a more friendly neighborhood view. The topic of Hadi Asgharzadeh's Boise street development came up. Joanna mentioned that she had concerns about Hadi changing part of his proposed design. Jay stated he felt confident that Hadi was still not outside the original outline of his project.

Reoccurring Business:

1. Tri-Met had no construction project update.
2. Banner update: The original colors that the artist specified were submitted to the actual printing company. The banners should go up at every original location.
3. Mark did an update of the annual Movie-in- the Park event.
4. Marie gave an update on the Ice-cream Social. it is set for Sunday Sept. 7th. She stated that we are getting the Polar bear air amusement structure. The Yamhillbillies will be the musical entertainment. Eric volunteered to t\gety the toys for the childrens raffle. Marie and Mark will contact area businesses for raffle prize donations. Marie invited Loaves and Fishes to serve hotdogs.
5. There was a brief discussion that the City may consider extending the Urban Renewal boundary in the Central EAstside Industrial district south into the Brooklyn neighborhood. A representative for the City will be asked to attend/speak at the July general meeting about this.
6. Michael Sonnleitner introduced himself. He is a political instructor at Portland Comm. College. He is going around to different neighborhood meetings to see how things function in the obviously different neighborhoods.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mark Romanaggi Secretary