

Brooklyn Neighborhood Assn. Board Meeting
October 14th 2015 6:30pm
Sacred Heart Villa

Board Members Present: Mark Romanaggi, Eric Wieland, Michael O'Connor, Lynn Beadling, Matt McComas, Don Stephens, Joanna Jenkins, Jennifer Koozer and Clay Thompson- Tri-Met, Marie Phillippi- Newsletter Editor, Danya Feltzin and Valerie Smith- SolTerra, Gail Hoffnagle- SMILE Vice-President, Mimi St. Pierre- Graves, Ben Tarne, Liz Bryant, Christine White, "Linda"- All neighborhood residents.

1. Introductions made around the table.
2. Minutes approved for September 2015 Board Meeting with one amendment; Lynn Beadling is already a Board Member.
3. A general comments period began regarding September 2015 General meeting. Everyone present was quite happy that Portland Police sent two fine Officers to discuss ongoing criminal activity in the neighborhood. It was suggested that Portland Police attend every General Meeting to update the neighbors on current problems. In addition, there are constant concerns about keeping the neighborhood safe.
4. Gail Hoffnagle talked about the Emergency Preparedness program as well as the Block Watch program. She stated the Red Cross along with several other organizations had donated their literature on the subject of Emergency Preparedness. Gail wants to get as many neighbors trained as trainers to then go out into the neighborhood and train the public. Liz Bryant said she is also working on this same concept and would be interested in coordinating this for the BAC with assistance. Liz thought that applying to SEUL for a grant to get literature on this subject would be a good idea.
5. Jennifer Koozer talked about Tri-Met related construction updates. A bus pad at SE 12th and Powell will be added for a stop. The volume of some area train signals were adjusted as they were too loud. The traffic lights at SE 12th and Clinton are being monitored to possibly adjust them for better traffic flow. Jennifer went on to say that some protective fencing will be added at SE 8th and a pedestrian gate will be added at SE 11th. Jennifer then fielded several complaints about Tri-Met to include employees parking in the neighborhoods. Clay Thompson was introduced as the liaison from Tri-Met to our neighborhood. He is aware of the employee parking complaint and is going to try to resolve it.
6. The Pedestrian Bridge grounds on the southside of SE Powell Blvd. was cleaned up several weeks ago. A 20yd. dropbox was filled with debris. Kudos goes to Kathy Orton, Don, Mike, Daryl, Marie, and many others for their hard work in this very public place.

7. Mimi discussed the survey taken for Winterhaven school. The question remaining is whether the Portland School Board should be petitioned to allow local neighborhood kids to attend. This is a very sensitive subject for some families in the Brooklyn neighborhood. A general discussion followed with nothing decided at this time.

8. Christine White introduced herself. Christine is actively trying to resolve the terrible truck traffic related directly to Union Pacific's Brooklyn Yard. PBOT is doing their typical ignoring of the problem. Christine said she is going to continue to work for a neighborhood solution.

9. Eric brought up the possible topics for the November 2015 General Meeting; these include: possibly asking Ted Wheeler, who is a very serious candidate for Mayor in 2016, to speak; Liz Bryant on Emergency Preparedness; getting Portland Police to again attend; a possible update from Christine White on the SE 26th ave. trucking problem; Kathy Orton to discuss the Adopt a Block program; having a group speak known as "Sage", whose message is about doing things that make a difference in the community; and the Fred Meyer "Rewards Program."

10. Eric brought up the business of adding new Board members to fill the vacant positions. Ben Tarne and Liz Bryant both said they were interested on being members of the BAC Board. A motion was made to nominate them to the Board and it was quickly seconded. They were then applauded for volunteering.

Recurring Business:

1. Treasurer's Report: Don gave the monthly treasurer's report on both the Community Garden and the BAC.

2. Marie gave the total amount of value for the donated gifts for the Ice-Cream Social raffle. This amounted to approx. \$1600.00 dollars. A big "Thank You" will go in the November newsletter to all of the businesses who donated to the raffle.

3. It was announced that since this month's General meeting would fall on Thanksgiving eve, the meeting was moved up to November 18th 2015.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mark Romanaggi