Brooklyn Neighborhood Assn. Board Meeting  
November 11th, 2015 6:30pm  
Sacred Heart Villa

Board Members Present: Mark Romanaggi, Michael O’Connor, Liz Bryant, Matt McComas, Don Stephens, Joanna Jenkins, Ben Tarne, Clay Thompson Tri-Met, Tiara Muna, Derrick Zebroski  
PSU Students.

1. Introductions made around the table.

2. Minutes discussed from the October Board Meeting but not approved.

3. A public housing grant has been made available through the Housing Bureau. The BAC needs to be notified by the City if any money is made available to the Brooklyn Neighborhood.

4. Reynolds St. "cut through traffic" is causing a livability problem with the neighbors. Possible action on the part of the Board would be to request a traffic survey from PBOT. The affected neighbors need to know that the Board will support them on this issue. Matt said he would follow-up with the complainant. A general discussion followed.

5. Clay Thompson talked about Tri-Met employee parking on the neighborhood streets. He stated that Tri-Met is taking a company wide survey of how employees get to work. Clay said the sewer project on SE Powell Blvd. will cause the re-routing of the #17 and #70 bus lines northbound only. Clay brought up the yet to be promoted Bus Rapid Transit or BRT bus line. This line will run on SE Powell Blvd. from the Gresham Transit Center to approx. 50th or 51st street. Articulated buses will probably be used as well as the Tillicum Crossing to get downtown. This new program is several years away at least to reality. There are no changes on the current status of Tri-Met property development along SE 17th ave. A discussion followed.

6. The BAC needs a member to attend the monthly SEUL meeting to liaison with us. The meeting is the first Monday of the month. Ben volunteered to be the liaison with SEUL for the BAC. He will start in January 2016 and Matt said he would try and get a current copy of the Minutes.

7. The November General Meeting is scheduled for November 18th. Possible speakers will be Matt Gough from BES; an Audubon Society person to speak on area coyote sightings; a Portland police officer to speak on neighborhood criminal activity; new owners of the Bar-33 which replaced the old Salvador Molly’s; Liz Bryant to speak on the topic of neighborhood preparedness in case of a major catastrophe; re-starting the Neighborhood Foot Patrol, which currently is not operational, that Ben will research.

8. Ted Wheeler, who is running for Mayor, is scheduled to speak at the March 23rd, 2016 general meeting. Several people thought up possible questions to ask him.
9. Liz Bryant explained how the emergency preparedness committee would ideally like to progress: She stated that they would like to get fifty trainers trained in emergency preparedness by January 2016. They in turn would organize neighborhood blocks in the Brooklyn neighborhood for these trainers to train who would then train other neighbors. This concept is similar to how the SMILE preparedness project worked.

Recurring Business
1. Marie was not present to discuss the upcoming newsletter.

2. Century Link is canvassing the neighborhood for new business. Don gave his personal experience with them which was not that positive. Discussion followed.

3. There was nothing new to report on the continual semi-truck traffic from Union Pacific Railroad on SE 26th ave.

4. Don gave the treasurer’s report for both the Community Garden and the BAC.

5. Mike will check to see if Ben can do an update on our Facebook page.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mark Romanaggi.