

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

Board Members Present: Mark Romanaggi, Eric Wieland, Stacy Johnson, Michael O'Connor, Matt McComas, Joanna Jenkins, Don Stephens, Wendy Miller, Katie Light, Marie Phillippi-Newsletter Editor, Kathy Orton- Neighbor Adopt-a-Block Program, Miles Crumley- Neighbor

1. Introductions made around the table.
2. Minutes approved for January 2015 Board Meeting.

New Business:

1. Wendy led off the meeting with an update on SEUL. She stated that a new City of Portland tree trimming permit system had gone into effect. Basically any tree on private property over 12 inches in diameter needed a permit to cut down; any tree 1/4 inch in diameter on public property needed a permit to be pruned. Wendy stated that a Ms. Kathleen Turner was the new SEUL rep. to the BAC. Wendy stated that the proposed 20yr. SE Comprehensive Plan is a very big deal to SEUL. The BAC does not have a representative for its open seat on the Tri-Met Light-Rail Committee. Don Stephens said he would volunteer for a seat on the Willamette River Access Committee. Wendy went on to add that there is a 35 day mandatory delay period to notify neighbors of an upcoming building demolition in their area. There is a \$1318.00 dollar fee to get a delay of demolition for 60 days. The permit to demolish a building is only good for one year from the beginning of the permitting process. Wendy stated that as far as the 20yr. Comprehensive Plan was concerned, several more zoning categories need to be added. One would be zoning for the height of buildings. This is also critical for buildings wanting to use solar panels, that access to the sun cannot be blocked. Wendy believes this type of additional zoning would benefit the Brooklyn Neighborhood. Finally, Wendy announced that she is organizing the annual Brooklyn Neighborhood Clean-up Day. This has been set for May 9th 2015. She stated she will actively seek volunteers.

2. Kathy Orton announced that she was awarded \$600.00 dollars for the Brooklyn Adopt-a-Block Program. This will allow her to buy supplies that are needed for people to use when they are actively cleaning up their neighborhood. Kathy then circulated a sign-up sheet for people to write which block that they wanted assigned to them.

3. Joanna talked about the NET or the Neighborhood Emergency Team she is trying to organize. She is trying to get volunteers and will put an appeal on the Brooklyn Neighborhood website.

4. Katie stated she now has 12 volunteers for the Neighborhood Watch Program. She will now find out about the training for it.

5. Matt talked about the Portland Public School Lottery system. He stated that the School Board changed the policy and now a parent can also petition for a slot at a particular school along with the lottery system. Stacy states she would like to see neighborhood slots available for students and added that in immersion schools, 50% of the slots are available to that particular ethnic minority.

6. A brief discussion took place regarding the vacant BAC Board slot. It is still unfilled.

7. A brief discussion took place about a neighborhood Portland Police officer being assigned to the Brooklyn neighborhood. The Police Bureau is trying to assign officers to particular neighborhoods.

8. The landscaping on the south side of the pedestrian overpass at 8th and Powell is in terrible shape and needs to be addressed.

9. Eric brought up the issue of Oktoberfest and the BAC. He would like to see this event promoted and the restaurant and bars in the Brooklyn neighborhood involved.

Old Business:

1. Stacy said that the annual Movie-in the Park event at Brooklyn Park is on for this year. She stated the exact date is unknown at this time.

2. Former BAC Board member Tanja Olson's controversial property development is going forward at 16th and Pershing.

Re-occurring Business:

1. Tri-Met update: Nothing new to report. The "quiet zones" regarding trains sounding their horns, goes into effect March 1st 2015.

2. Marie stated that February 15th was the deadline for getting material into the March newsletter. Topics will vary to include thanking businesses in the Brooklyn neighborhood, and Adopt-a block program. Marie stated that working or living in the Brooklyn neighborhood was required to get business card advertisement in the newsletter.

3. A brief discussion began regarding the annual Brooklyn Ice- Cream Social.

4. Don gave his monthly Treasurers' Report. This included the checking accounts of the Community Garden and the BAC.

Board Meeting Minutes Respectively Submitted by Mark Romanaggi.