

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

Board Members Present: Mark Romanaggi, Katie Light, Joanna Jenkins, Michael O'Connor, Wendy Miller, Don Stephens, Marie Phillippi-Newsletter editor, Jennifer Koozer-Tri-Met, Michelle Traver- Tri-Met Public Art, Lynn Beadling neighbor, Kathy Orton- Adopt a Block, Scott Kyle neighbor.

Introductions and Opening Announcements:

1. Introductions made around the table
2. February minutes adopted

New Business:

1. Michelle Traver displayed for the Board samples of proposed mural designs for the northeast corner of SE 17th and Holgate. The official subject of the mural will be the history of the Portland Transit Co. Three different mural ideas were shown. It appeared that Blaine Fontana's design was a leading candidate for selection as was one other one. There was a brief discussion of the now "noiseless crossing" of freight trains at SE 12th and Clinton. A second brief discussion was about improvements of security at the transient camp located at the SE 17th and Powell overpass.

2. The topics for the March 2015 General meeting were discussed. These included Kathy Orton speaking on the Adopt a Block program, the upcoming annual Neighborhood Clean-up day, the neighborhood foot patrol, and the Net program. Mike will attempt to contact Brock Nelson from Union Pacific to address noise complaints from trains operating in new "noiseless crossings". It will also be mentioned the an organized theft gang on bicycles were stealing packages left at residences during the day.

3. Wendy announced the availability of the vacant spot on the Brooklyn Board.

4. The annual Ice-Cream Social was discussed. Marie had stated she was stepping down as the primary organizer of the annual event. A committee will organize the event from now on. This year's Social is scheduled for September 13th 2015. The committee will decide who will be the chairman of this group. A checklist will be circulated around the committee to decided who will do which assignments.

5. Scott Kyle spoke about the Soccer League which uses Brooklyn School Park and the associated neighborhood problems it causes. Scott said vehicular traffic is a huge problem during the league's use. Stray soccer balls will roll into the street followed by someone chasing the ball. Due to the heavy use, the grass is torn up to leave a somewhat muddy park. The League monopolizes the field and there is little room for any other activity. A discussion

followed and Scott was given some possible resources to contact to mitigate this weekend problem.

6. Marie wanted to know if the Brooklyn Helpline should be continued. She stated the the neighborhood now has the website "Next Door Brooklyn". No vote was taken on this issue.

7. Wendy announced that the annual Neighborhood Cleanup was set for May 9th 2015. She said she would like donations of wood, paper and paint to make up advertisements for this event.

Old Business:

1. Kathy Orton stated that the City Council was going to vote tomorrow, March 12th, on the proposed Central Eastside project. She feels very strongly that the Brooklyn Neighborhood should be included and has testified to this.

2. The Boise-Mall project was beginning and easements will be needed from the neighbors for a large wall along part of the property line. Joanna gave an explanation of why this is needed.

3. Wendy stated that SEUL was going to have a kickball league. She thought dodgeball would be more entertaining.

Re-occurring Business:

1. Don gave his monthly Treasurer's report. He stated that Answer Net took 400.00 dollars from the BAC treasury. He stated this was not authorized and he would find out why this occurred. Don will make a check out to Marie for supplies she needs to publish the Newsletter. A motion passed to this effect. Don's report covered the Community Garden and the BAC accounts.

March 2015 minutes respectfully submitted by Mark Romanaggi\