

Brooklyn Neighborhood Assn. Board Meeting  
Wednesday April 8th, 2015 6:30pm  
Sacred Heart Villa

Board Members Present: Mark Romanaggi, Eric Wieland, Wendy Miller, Don Stephens, Stacy Johnson, Katie Light, Michael O'Connor, Matt McComas, Marie Phillippi- Newsletter Editor, Lee Kamrass- Brooklyn Garden advisor, Jennifer Koozer- Tri-Met, Jay Higgins- Tri-Met.

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

New Business:

1. A round-table discussion began with Lee stating that SEUL had withdrawn from the negotiations with Tri-Met regarding the Orchard Project under consideration at 17th and Pershing. The reason for the withdrawal was that Tri-Met wanted SEUL to accept too much liability for this project. Lee talked about the possibility of a third party purchasing the property. Several groups were mentioned as possible candidates. Jennifer stated that an exterior fence will be built but the property will stay vacant. Jay stated that Tri-Met will go ahead and do a clean-up of contaminated areas or "hot spots" on this property.

2. A Brooklyn resident had complained that a storage "pod" located on his street was blocking his view while backing his car out onto the street causing a hazard for him. This resident wanted advice on how to get the pod moved. It was stated that apparently the City of Portland was not responding to his complaint.

3. Topics for the May 2015 General Meeting were discussed. The topics included elections to vacant Board slots, a re-cap of the success of the upcoming neighborhood clean-up set for May 9th; Kathy Orton speaking on the adopt-a -block program; ODOT discussing the upcoming construction on the Ross Island bridge; Matt talking about the Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) program that the City of Portland is 'promoting'. The City is dropping the required fees for it to make it more appealing to developers. Possibly, a Portland Police officer will be present to address neighborhood concerns about crime and related subjects. Katie said she would talk about the progress of the Foot Patrol.

4. Wendy talked about the upcoming Neighborhood Clean-up. She stated that how the clean-up is conducted will be tightened up. SOLV will donate \$100.00 dollars for supplies relating to the handling of all the waste. The BAC will pickup waste for people needing help to get it to the clean-up site. Wendy is having signage made to advertise this event.

5. Stacy stated that the annual Movie-in-the Park is scheduled for August 20th beginning at 6:30pm at Brooklyn Park. The movie selected for this year is the classic "The Wizard of Oz".

6. Marie talked about the annual Ice Cream Social. This will be held again at Brooklyn Park on September 13th. Mike will do the permitting for it and Eric will again get toys for the raffle. Other members of the BAC will have their assignments also.

7. Marie has scheduled a meeting with Comm. Amanda Fritz to discuss the City of Portland's policies on new construction in the neighborhoods. She will also mention real estate developers who are attempting to buy properties in the area. Mark mentioned to the Board that PGE is planning a \$15-20 million dollar remodel of its buildings on 17th ave..

8. Matt stated that the Easter Egg hunt at Brooklyn Park was a huge success.

Re-occurring Business:

1. Don gave the monthly Treasurer's on both the Community Garden and the BAC. As usual, Don gave a very detailed report on both categories.

2. Jennifer stated that Tri-Met is promoting safety as an issue due to the opening of the Orange Max-line. She stated that the mural to be painted at 17th and Holgate in June is on schedule. Jennifer addressed several Board complaints regarding the traffic lights at 12th and Clinton. Jay wanted to make sure everyone understood the reason for talks to break off between Tri-Met and SEUL over the proposed Orchard project at 17th and Pershing. Again, it was over whom would assume all the liability that was known to both parties.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Mark Romanaggi.