

Brooklyn Neighborhood Assn. Board Meeting  
May 13, 2015 6:30pm  
Sacred Heart Villa

Board Members Present: Mark Romanaggi, Joanna Jenkins, Michael O'Connor, Don Stephens, Matt McComas, Lynn Beadling neighbor, Marie Phillippi Newsletter Editor, Laura Nielsen Portland Parks & Rec., Daryl Phillippi neighbor, LC Hansen neighbor, Lee Kamrass Community Garden, Kevin Godwin & Gary Lanctot Sacred Heart Project, Jay Higgins Tri-Met.

1. Introductions of people present made around the table.

2. April 2015 Board Meeting minutes approved

New Business:

1. Congratulations to Wendy Miller for her outstanding organization of the annual Brooklyn Neighborhood Clean-up. Wendy indicated by a later e-mail that the Clean-up netted over \$1200.00 dollars for our association.

2. Kevin Godwin and Gary Langtot gave an update on the Sacred Heart Hall project. They displayed a "blow-up" photo of the project and explained the design. Gary then explained the effects the hall will have on parking in the neighborhood. Kevin stated that the design has gone through the "pre-application" process with the City of Portland and an "open house" to display this photo. The next step is a neighborhood meeting to agree on the design and siting of the hall. The hall should have a 250 to 300 person capacity and have 4500 to 5000 sq. feet. If everything goes as planned, it will be constructed in the Spring of 2016. A general discussion followed.

3. The controversial Community Orchard project was discussed. Jay Higgins had talked with Laura from Parks and Rec.. If the orchard project was passed onto a third party, that party would need to secure liability insurance to satisfy Tri-Met. Discussion followed on how the BAC could gain control of the orchard and who could assume the liability for it. Laura suggested that possibly the Portland Fruit Tree Project could be involved for liability purposes as a partner. It was decided that they be contacted to see if they were interested.

4. Wendy Miller resigned as Vice-chair from the BAC. There are now 3 open positions on the Board. Marie introduced Lynn Beadling as a possible Board candidate. LC Hansen also said she was interested in becoming a Board member.

5. The subjects for the upcoming May General Meeting were discussed. These included the elections for the Board; the Sacred Heart Hall project; the Ross Island bridge construction project; Community Orchard status report; the ADU (granny flat) project to have a speaker from the City of Portland; Katie Light will possibly speak on the neighborhood foot-patrol; and finally there will be no speaker on the adopt-a-block program.

6. The annual Ice-Cream social was discussed. Marie will still be involved in the organization of it. She made it abundantly clear that she would not do the all the work involved by herself or with a limited amount of help. Eric Wieland will obtain the toys for the children's part of the raffle; Mark will solicit donations for the adult part of the raffle. Marie then went through the list of what else in the social needed to be attended to by volunteers.

7. Joanna summarized the meeting with Comm. Amanda Fritz. She stated that a task force is being formed to address new zoning laws. The BAC needs to push to have a member on that board. She added that the City's demolition regulations have already been revised. A discussion followed.

8. Marie talked about the contents of the July/August 2015 Newsletter. Articles will include: The Movie in the Park; National Night out; the Ice-Cream Social; the success of the Neighborhood Clean-up; Newly elected Board members; Max Orange Line grand opening on Sept. 12th; and a residential home on SE Ninth that was raised and a new basement constructed underneath it.

9. The Max Orange Line preview ride, scheduled for June 11th, had expanded its capacity from 10 riders to 25. People were encouraged to sign-up with Eric.

10. Daryl stated the BAC was not getting its moneys worth out of how the "help-line" functions. Discussion followed on how to get better service for it. Matt stated he would look into what kind of operational "fix" was available.

11. As noted earlier, Wendy had resigned from the BAC Board. The question now arose on who would replace her as a representative to SEUL. LC Hansen said she would look into the requirements for it.

12. A discussion began about the proposed "homeless camp" named R2D2 at SE 3rd and Harrison. This camp is in the Hosford -Abernathy neighborhood and has generated a great deal concern about it. Eric will be e-mailed to see if he is going to attend the upcoming meeting at SEUL regarding this proposed camp.

RE-occurring Business:

1. The Oregon Rail Historical Commission has requested a Brooklyn Neighborhood Banner. Don said he would try and satisfy their request.

2. Don was unable to give his stellar monthly treasurer's report. He had a malfunction of equipment.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mark Romanaggi