

Brooklyn Neighborhood Assn. Board Meeting
June 10th 2015 6:30pm
Sacred Heart Villa

Board Members Present: Mark Romanaggi, Eric Wieland, Michael O'Connor, Stacy Johnson, Matt McComas, Joanna Jenkins, Marie Phillippi- Newsletter Editor.

1. Eric began this meeting with a number of suggestions for topics. There were only six Board members present with Dawn and Lynn absent. We briefly discussed the issue of absent Board members and a possible solution to it. Nothing was decided.

2. Eric announced that the homeless project "R2D2", was moving forward on securing its controversial location near OMSI at SE 3rd and Harrison. Eric questioned whether the City of Portland will now enforce its "no camping ordinance" if the proposed R2D2 location comes to fruition. A discussion followed and it was decided that a letter would be sent to SEUL from the Board with specific concerns without an official position. These are as follows: Will it be properly policed so that everyone, both campers and the general public feel secure; since this is only a band-aid approach, will the City allow other properties to become homeless camps or will they draw the line on them; will there be adequate public sanitation; will this location be environmentally safe for people to use since it has been an industrial area. Note: Marie went on to write a great article on the Board's concerns in the July newsletter.

3. Eric brought up the issue about Comm. Amanda Fritz misleading the Brooklyn group who met with her several weeks before. Instead of making sure that new buildings being constructed in the Brooklyn neighborhood are compatible with existing buildings, her position is now that if the proposed new building meets the City's building and zoning codes, you can build what you want.

4. The Railroad Museum wants to buy a new neighborhood banner to display it. A motion was made to sell them one.

5. It was decided that since Summer is such a busy time for everyone, the July Board meeting will be canceled and instead be held before the general neighborhood meeting on July 22nd.

6. A brief discussion took place about the new proposed hall at Sacred Heart. It concerned people not associated with Sacred Heart and if they had concerns about this proposed project.

7. Several questions arose about future neighborhood events such as: Does Tri-Met want to promote their grand opening of the Orange Line at our Ice-Cream social and does the neighborhood want to promote an Oktoberfest? Nothing was decided.

New Business:

1. The Board was informed after the Neighborhood Clean-up that the garbage hauler, Heiberg, rates had gone up 40%. The question was posed: Does the BAC need to have a budget? A discussion followed with nothing decided.

2. The Board felt that the neighborhood needed a Portland Police officer familiar with the neighborhood problems, assigned to the BAC.

3. Marie discussed the contents of the upcoming July newsletter. Topics will include: Movie in the Park, The Ice-Cream Social, the success of this year's neighborhood clean-up, newly elected BAC board members and the upcoming National Nite out.

4. No Treasurer's report was given.

Minutes respectively submitted by Mark Romanaggi