

Brooklyn Neighborhood Assn. Board Meeting  
April 13, 2016 6:30pm  
Sacred Heart Villa

Board Members Present: Mark Romanaggi, Eric Wieland, Michael O'Connor, Joanna Jenkins, Liz Bryant, Don Stephens, Lynn Beadling, Ben Tarne, Matt McComas, Amy Nagy- PDC, Clay Thompson, Jennifer Koozer- Tri-Met, Matt Gough- BES, Marie Phillippi- Newsletter Editor, Barbara Mohl- Community Garden, Yarrow Murphy- Neighbor, Jean Senechal Biggs- PBOT

1. Introductions made around the table.

2. Liz Bryant began the meeting by discussing the upcoming Emergency Preparedness meetings that have been scheduled.

3. Barbara Mohl talked about the Community Garden for 2016. Barbara said that there were only two open plots left to rent. She said that due to the Bullseye Glass fiasco, the soil at the Garden had been tested recently for heavy metals. The results tested negative for the concern of heavy metal contamination. Barbara went on to say that there was Community Garden member who was causing some trouble at the site. She said this individual may need to be denied a plot this year because of what this person was suspected of doing there. Barbara said she may "barter" with a landscaper and his services in exchange for a plot. She said that there were left over dahlia bulbs and that these would be planted around the garden.

4. Amy Nagy spoke about the Clinton Triangle and its upcoming development. She gave a description with handouts describing what structures were to possibly be built. Amy had a lot of statistical information about what the site may contain as far as buildings went and why. A very long discussion by the assembled group which was very informational. Amy was very well prepared for her presentation.

5. Jennifer Koozer talked about the future planned Bus Rapid Transit or BRT system which is being developed from OMSI to Gresham. She said that Tri-Met is facing a number of problems to get this concept operational. Powell Blvd. was originally the route of choice but this has been changed to Division St.. Jean Biggs from PBOT then stated that PBOT was confident they could step up and make the logistical improvements on Division St for the planned BRT route. Articulated buses would be used in conjunction with "smart" traffic signals. Jennifer said the new Orange line would be getting additional shelters installed. A mural will be painted at the north end of 17th ave where the trains go over Powell Blvd.

6. Matt Gough from BES talked about the construction of the new sewer lines in the Brooklyn area. Matt stated the new lines were in the surrounding areas of 17th and Powell. Several flyers have been mailed to residences in the affected area explaining what BES intends to do.

7. Clay Thompson of Tri-Met talked about the reduction of Tri-Met employees parking their private vehicles in the adjacent neighborhood. He said that employee parking in the neighborhood has dropped 7 percent. Clay said a goal of 33 percent is the target number. He said that the Boise to Mall property along 17th will be converted into employee parking and that plans for an apartment complex there fell through. Clay said that the 17th and Holgate property as well as the Pershing St. property will be sold on the open market. It is unknown what will happen to the old Advantis credit union property.

8. The agenda for the May 2016 general meeting was discussed. Several different topics to include the Board general elections, air quality issues related to Bullseye Glass and the Union Pacific's diesel pollution, and discussion of seismic plates for homes are topics being considered for this. I believe Matt McComas has gotten a speaker on air quality from the Oregon Health Authority.

9. The annual neighborhood cleanup is scheduled for May 14th 2016. There are new rules for what waste will be accepted. A motion was made to have yard debris drop boxes available for the cleanup.

10. The annual Movie-in the-Park at Brooklyn Park will be on Thursday August 11th beginning at dusk. This year's movie will be Toy Story.

11. The annual Ice Cream Social will be held at Brooklyn Park the second Sunday after Labor Day.

12. Yarrow Murphy said she will look into promoting parking permits with neighbors in the Brooklyn area. The Board advised Yarrow that it would totally support her in her actions for this.

13. Marie quickly gave a rundown of all the topics that we're going to be in the May newsletter.

14. Don talked about a proposed cell tower that was to be mounted on top of a building in the area of 8th and Mcloughlin Blvd. A letter from the Board was subsequently sent to the Planning Commission of Portland objecting to the construction of this structure.

15. Don did not give a treasure's report.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mark Romanaggi