

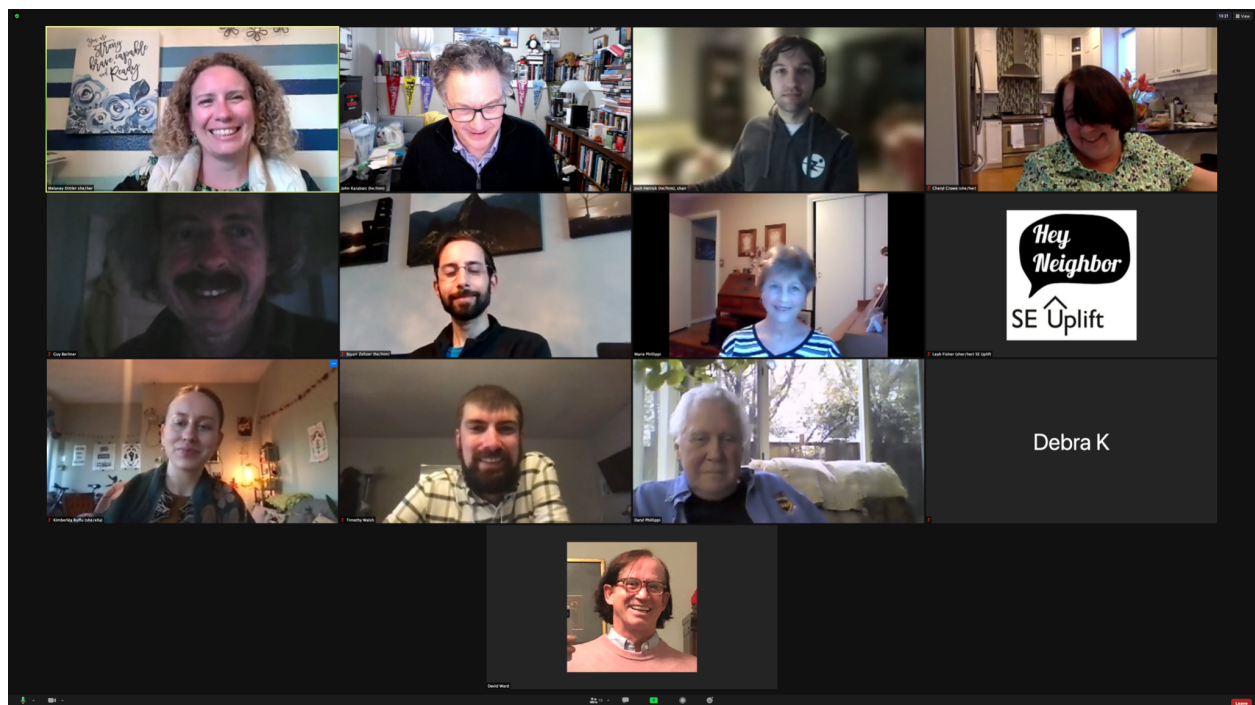
# Brooklyn Action Corps — April 2021 meeting

## Attendees

- Melaney Dittler
- John Karabaic
- Josh Hetrick
- Cheryl Crowe
- Guy Berliner
- Stuart Zeltzer
- Marie Phillippi
- Leah Fisher
- Kimberléa Ruffu
- Timothy Walsh
- Daryl Phillippi
- Debra K

## Joining later:

- Alexander T McPherson (SE Uplift)
- Isaac McLennan (Portland Fire Department)



Meeting called to order 19:11

Timothy reads the land acknowledgement

First agenda item:

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## Vote to fill board vacancy

Clarification on how we do it:

Elections are in May every year

Every time there's a vacancy outside of that, board can vote to fill the seat

Fewer than 11 members means a vacancy

A few words on notifying board that you want to join.

Marie wants to join the board. Brief motivating statement: work on newsletter requires board attendance, so wants to be on the board if she has to attend. Various statements in favor of Marie's seniority and corporate memory role

Melaney moves to vote. Seconded by Guy. No discussion, Put to vote.

In favor by all but Kimberléa, who abstains. Marie on board.

## Current newsletter content

May elections

Grant and project updates.

Survey results

Diesel project

Community bulletin board update

Marie makes a point about modifying bylaws to clarify board memberships for members of same household. Josh says table discussion until later.

Cheryl: question about site for community board.

Kimberléa: Parks contact hasn't gotten back on that site. No site yet picked.

## Fire department re: proposed City budget cuts

Isaac McLennan from Fire Dept:

Fire Station 23, Fire logistics center on SE 12th and Powell. Only has 2 members. Can be staffed up to the 4 minimum for an engine or truck during a shift with temporary assignments.

The only one staffed with 2 people. Complicated history with the boat unit under the Hawthorne bridge. There's a \$6M PFD budget cut on the table, which city administration has decided can only be done with staffing cuts. Station 23 and at least one other station will be cut under current plan.

Happening during an extraordinary time of wildfires, area population growth, pandemic. Staffing frozen at 2013 levels, now cutting below that. Budget advisory committee has recommended against cuts, up to mayor and council now. Impact on BIPOC members of the community will be disproportionately impacted. There will be a budget meeting next week at which concerned citizens can speak. Call to action to ask that staffing levels be maintained.

Call volume at his unit is now 4K calls/year, which appears to be a dramatic increase.

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Melaney: are they proposing the station be closed?

Isaac: staffing would go from 2->0. 23 currently just does emergency response.

Marie: when is the meeting and the link info, Josh will provide

Isaac: Meeting on Sat 17 in the morning.

Melaney: high senior population in the neighborhood.

Isaac: structure fire a month ago that the 2-person team responded to.

Kimberléa: What's the next closest station? Is it because it doesn't have a truck that it's on the block?

Isaac: easier to cut with 2 people, 2 other stations reduced by 4 to create 2 rescue units. Calls the 4-person engine as the swiss army knife of response, 2 person units less flexible.

Stuart: stats for current rescue? Calls/day and how that impacted service level.

Isaac: calling up stats, which he'll also provide with meeting info in a followup. 1622 calls in 2020. 80-85% medical, remainder rescue/fire. His unit responded to 4064. Station 21 on Hawthorne bridge, Station 20, 9, 13 are all the surrounding stations.

Melaney: travel time from those locations counts.

Bagpipe practice?

JK: Points out the increase in density in the next couple of years. 2300 addresses, getting another couple hundred units in the next year.

## Newsletter

w/Marie

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Meeting agenda

Summary of the survey: heard of BAC, popular events, etc

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Clean diesel effort

Friends of Brooklyn Park update

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Thanks to Yung Kim (sp?) at Bob's Handy Pantry for his help with newsletter

Groceries for Grout pix + summary from Tim

Kimberléa piece on community food pantry

Brooklyn history plaques: needs contact info by Monday, name, phone, email

Phone numbers for BAC & crime

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Piece on graffiti problems, Fulsom house timely removal. How important it is to remove it quickly and need to address it. Was once addressed by a foot patrol with city-provided resources.

Historical piece on Sacred Heart

Melaney: groceries for grout author is Tim? She may have asked others for a piece. Tim will just do numbers, happy to bow out of the piece. 4 sentences from the folks at G4G by Friday

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Kimberléa & Lea point out that Crime Prevention's been renamed Crime Prevention (as named) doesn't exist anymore. They are Called "community safety" now. If you are referring to the Civic Life program. Neighborhood Watch has been revisited and renamed "Neighbors Together"

Kimberléa: be aware of overtones around graffiti removal. The SJC is going to get space for a mural.

Josh: can Marie get a PDF copy of newsletter more than one member of the board prior to publication. Josh & Emily.

Guy: Wants to be the point person on plaques. PPP or 3P or P^3

JK suggests we don't advertise the Brooklyn phone number in the newsletter. Kimberléa suggests replacing it with the Call to Safety number. Not going to mention it, will get number from Kimberléa. Marie gives a summary of new advertisers, we lost the sushi place

## Budget

Josh: vote to approve the budget.

Couple of new grants added. \$600 for communications for translation/access.

JK talks a bit about Google Apps for nonprofits and how it could zero out line items 1-4. Will email Leah for SE Uplift TIN to use for Google Apps nonprofit.

Josh: motion to approve budget

JK: seconds

Tim: kudos to Josh for putting the work in on this

Stuart: did we get any community input on the budget?

Josh: general priorities discussion, no specifics?

Josh: call to vote

Passes by acclamation with no abstentions.

## Supporting graduating students

Kimberléa: supporting graduating students. Discussion of a newsletter item. Editorial deadline passing.

Various discussion around it.

Some controversy around social media posts, including Cheryl complaining about social media posts about the board.

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JK proposes a congratulations banner at Brooklyn Park. Discussion of how to approach it. Proposes putting it on the agenda for general meeting. General agreement on that.

## Neighborhood cleanup

Josh: Neighborhood cleanup discussion.

Marie proposes putting a notification in the newsletter about doing it in the fall.

General approval.

Josh talks about a trash walk.

Leah says SE uplift has trash pickup tools available.

Timothy says we should put it on a meeting agenda for a trash walk.

Melaney asks for price of a dumpster, Marie confirms \$540 for a dumpster at normal weight (no blocks of cement). We get 3, so probably \$1620 total...

Would like to know what it would cost to do the cleanup.

Marie says in past years we took in about \$900.

Josh proposes we table discussion to later.

General approval.

Discussion of the pantry issue.

## Meeting minutes

[February meeting minutes](#)

[March meeting minutes](#)

Motion to accept Feb, approved by acclamation, no abstentions

Motion to accept March, approved by acclamation, no abstentions

## Finance update

from Timothy:

Statements from last 90 days

Community Garden activity: 2 deposits for plots, check to Heiberg & check to Portland for water  
Payments delayed because of bureaucracy around getting Timothy on bank account and the number of actual physical checks we had. All straightened out now.

- Checks to G4G,
- newsletter,
- Cheryl reimbursement \$75 for survey gift cards
- Lowell payment
- \$60 Newsletter supplies to Marie
- Refund to Hamono for their ad because of their move. 😞🐟

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Couple of deposits coming from grant sources. There's a \$50 Rose City gift card, that we got as a gift. Going to switch bank branch from Sellwood USBank to SE Caesar Chavez/Main St branch. Only thing he hasn't been able to change is the greeting, "Hi, Don!" when he logs in.

## Committee Updates

### Kimberléa: ESJC

Community mural, one interesting building and artist. Looking for funding, asking at Regional Arts Council. Will look to expand to other frequently tagged buildings. Changing meeting structure to monthly from twice/month. Grants and awards announced after May 3, \$20K funding and \$80K applications. Working on a document describing what the BIPOC resource board will do. [Google drive available](#) with all committee business.

### Josh: Land Use & Transportation

Working on Biketown docks in the neighborhood. They are adding some, so there's an opportunity. Talking to businesses about installing a couple bike staples at Brooklyn Station and Coco Donuts. They usually need guidance. Joan and Josh participated in a the PDX Freight Plan meeting, particularly around air quality. Later, JK points out the infrastructure bill before Congress might have a way to get money for river access and other road stuff. Daryl makes points about having a coordinator who can know who to talk to in City government about getting things done. Importance of those personal connections to those government workers. Proposes a land use coordinator for the committee. Josh suggests a list of contacts and notes for the committee. Daryl says info he has is old, but it's the relationships that need to be established.

### Community Connections Committee: Melaney

She, Hans and Cheryl Crowe met. Notes and minutes taken by Cheryl, will be sent to the board. No specific programs mentioned yet. Meetings twice/month until June, then monthly once infrastructure set up. Monday afternoons. Will get it put on the calendar.

## Liaison Updates

### Friends of Brooklyn Park

Looking for a new assistant this summer to replace a departing staff member of the summer program. Bottle drop promotion for Earth Day, 20% bonus from April 22-29. Save your bottles for then. An event on Sunday 4/25, noon-3 at Brooklyn Park, to collect more bottles and distribute more bags. Almost fully funded for the summer, need a few \$K more. No auction this spring because not enough momentum, hoping to do it in the fall/winter for that fundraising

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season when we need to raise \$25K. No slip & slide this year because COVID. No contact tracing, but all participants will have a set of rules they'll need to comply with. T-shirts this year, may be for sale!

## SE Uplift

Been doing a lot of inclusion training. Hardesty attended last meeting, Mapps attending next. Check calendar for events.

## Open forum / late-addition agenda items

Don's stuff:

Josh: Get an inventory

Melaney: Can transport

Leah: SE Uplift may have space

Josh: let's coordinate over email.

Don's condition is failing.

Kimberléa: Resolutions NW update?

Josh: slow motion on it.

Adjourned.