

November 8th Noon at Rose City Coffee

In attendance: Melaney Dittler, Cheryl Crowe, Kathy Orton, Hans Albing

Socktober Wrap-Up: We collected 6+ baskets of socks, the socks will be donated to _____. We had discussion on if we would like to do this next year. The committee supports undertaking it again, with a few more drop sites arranged.

Leaf Relief Day Wrap-up: The Western side of the neighborhood had at least 8 volunteers, and they worked about 2 hours and filled 18 bags and 6-8 compost bins. We approached neighbors on the streets we cleaned and asked if we could use their compost bins, or if they would take a bag or two to put out for collection. Kutchenhaus picked up 8 bags and used them at their farm.

The East side of the neighborhood had 3-5 volunteers and concentrated on 16th Avenue.

The lack of neighbors participating on the East side and the lack of support from the city to help with pickup of bagged leaves, left the volunteers on that side disheartened. Good idea, badly executed. The decision of the committee is to not try to pursue this next year.

Toy Drive/ Food Drives: Discussion of undertaking a toy drive for December, but decided there was not enough time to properly execute one. If we want to try it for 2022 we think an organizational meeting in August would be sufficient time. We scheduled the date for the November Food drive for the 20th from 11AM-1PM. Resolved to set December drive date with Groceries for Grout team, suggested date of December 11th.

New Business:

We would like to have a calendar for 2022 in the newsletter, as an

insert, including a Love your neighbor/neighborhood logo that we encourage people to cut out and give to their neighbors as a way to recognize neighbors who are helpful, who make the neighborhood brighter, cool, friendlier. Melaney will propose it at the next board meeting.

Propose Ice Cream Social changes for 2022. We would like to propose that the neighborhood incorporate elements of the Brooklyn BBQ that the now defunct Brooklyn Business Association used to hold. Inviting all the businesses in the neighborhood to set up their own tents to advertise their business and for them to in turn donate a prize to the raffle. We also discussed that the childrens' raffle be scaled back a bit with just 1-3 prizes. Also forgo the facepainting and balloon makers and put more emphasis on having activities for the children and buying prizes to award to game winners. Melaney will propose this at the next board meeting.

Volunteer acknowledgement party: We would like to initiate a party to celebrate all the people who volunteer to make the neighborhood better. This would include the people who deliver the newsletter, the adopt a block people, the gardeners who do the Brooklyn garden as well as the people who maintain the 9th street overpass and the bumpout garden on Milwaukie Ave, musicians who volunteer their time and talents for marathon entertainment, business owners who volunteer room for events, volunteers who hold events or organize neighborhood walks or work on committees etc. Ideally we would like to do it in February, but we could wait until the weather warms to hold it in an outside location.

The committee set a date of November 13th (subject to change for weather) for planting bulbs at the 9th Street overpass and the bump out garden.

Next Meeting December 13th, Rose City Coffee at noon.