

Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Association
General Meeting Minutes for August 06, 2009, at the "Neighbors Night Out" Event.

In attendance: Barry Diggs, Vickie Rymal, Wynn Kaiser, Sharon White, Paul Rinehart, Jon Brown, Joshua Green, Dick Hazeltine, Malcolm and Suzy Hancock, Jena Peace, Justin Zimmerman, Traci Silverman, Officer Purcell, Officer J. Baxter, Officer Tom Rhodes, Carol Uhte, Gail and Richard Kiely, Clark Blakeman, Mary Miller, John Reichlein, Colyn Ward, and Onnie Granados.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by Chairman, John Reichlein.

In the absence of our Secretary, Barry Diggs recorded the first half and John completed the second half of the session.

The Chair extended welcomes to all who turned out for the celebration and also a "thank you" to those who contributed food.

While the attendance sign up sheet was being circulated, people introduced themselves: guests included Clark Blakeman (Executive Director of the "Second Stories" organization) and Justin Zimmerman (from the Woodstock N.A.).

The Portland Police Department, S.E. Division, was well represented by three officers, including: Tom Rhodes, J. Baxter and Purcell. The primary focus of the report made by Officer Rhodes was on a recent application for a liquor license by "Carneseria Y Takeria El Torito", located in the neighborhood on S.E. 72nd Ave. Comments and questions reflecting neighbor concerns were voiced: Susan Hancock wondered about late night business hours; Dick Hazeltine commented on such issues as the number of customers, the fence that would be erected, the attraction of gangs and gang graffiti; others called into question how late night noise levels (especially from electronic music) would be controlled, the need for security personnel, and possible effects on activities at the local park.

As Chair of the B.D.N.A. Public Safety Committee, Dick Hazeltine along with Justin Zimmerman and John Reichlein reported that they had attended a special meeting called the previous week by Rosann Lee (Crime Prevention, Office of Neighborhood Involvement), the O.L.C.C. and the Portland Police to go over the liquor license request. A result of the meeting was the proposal to draw up a "Good Neighbor Agreement" between the business, our Association and the City of Portland. A preliminary draft of the agreement would be drawn up by the City's Jenni Bernheisel (Crime Prevention Coordinator, Office of Neighborhood Involvement) and submitted to our membership for consideration before any final decision would be made.

Additional reports made by the police officers included the following:

1. medications (prescription and over the counter) would be allowed to be disposed of at Eastport Plaza, Saturday, August 29, 10 A.M. until 4 P.M.
2. Officer Baxter spoke on the topic of crime statistics in our area.

Community Parks, "Big Screen on the Greens" - Gail Kiely, Chair, reported that the upcoming movie, scheduled for August 27 in Hazeltine Park, is "Pirates of the Caribbean".

Woodstock Library Report - Woodstock Librarian and Administrator, Carol Uhte, said they had been very busy lately and encouraged people to attend the library's adult literature classes.

Friends of Trees - Paul Rinehart reported that his organization was in its sixth season planting trees. The fee is still \$35, he said. For information, call Paul at: 503-775-9127.

Meeting Break - There was a suspension in the meeting in order for everyone to participate in the "Neighbors Night Out" potluck.

After the meeting resumed, eight raffle tickets were drawn by Paul Rinehart and prizes (provided by the Portland Nursery) handed out by Susan Hancock to the winners.

OLD BUSINESS

The "Second Stories" organization - Clark Blakeman, Director, spoke about the reason he and his organization wanted to become involved with our association. He indicated that they connect church volunteers with neighborhood associations, using a network approach. Their history included, he said, a summer food program and they planned to have college students volunteer in 2010, on Martin Luther King Day. To a question about how his organization is funded, he said that along with charging for some of their services they receive money from grants and churches.

Safe Streets to Schools - The Chair passed round photos he had taken of the area around S.E. Flavel St. and 72 Ave. The purpose of the photos was to provide visual evidence of the lack of sidewalks along the former street which leads to and from Whitman Grade School.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Schools Representative, Lane Sun School - Joshua Green

Reported on a number of recent developments: the "A.S.L." program, receiving a 5 yr. \$25,000 grant which provided for a 40 hour Community Involvement Coordinator, and a Family Nights program every Tuesday.

New Member - Justin Zimmerman

Spoke about a couple of major concerns of his: the effects of cuts to the City's Bureau of Development Services; and the need for sidewalks.

Sharon White, from the Portland Department of Transportation, set up a table on which she displayed items related to pedestrian and bicycle safety. She asked that members participate in a survey.

The General Meeting was adjourned at about 9 P.M.

Substitute Secretaries,

*Barry Diggs &
John Reichlein*