

## **BNA Meeting Minutes 9/20/16:**

**In attendance:** Jay Elder, Deb Walter, Patti Sievert, Beth Milton, Barb LaForge, Elaine Harmon, Laurie Dils

### **1. Welcome new members and take their pictures for the website**

**2. Orientation:** Jay reviewed yearly routine, committees, duties, City business, ONNA

**3. Barb's presentation of the 9/12 CNA meeting on Code Enforcement:** Barb summarized the 9/12 meeting, which she attended. It is recommended that neighbors take photos, keep logs of illegal activity witnessed, and talk with or send letters to offending property owners if possible, as well as report violations. Discussion of several neighborhood code violations, including the Beck House (where illegal activity such as drug dealing is also occurring), Dr. Duane's houses on East Bay Drive (where obstacles to foot traffic are often found on the sidewalk), the foreclosed house at 402 Quince (where there is no heat source and tenants), and Doug Heay's property (where construction materials are stored at the new garage behind 405). Jay volunteered to contact the owners and/or Code Enforcement office.

**4. Pick dates for Bigelow Orchard / Springs work parties (not 10/20):** Oct. 1 and Oct. 15 were chosen for work parties and will include weeding/clearing and readying site for tree planting.

**5. Crime trends, block watch:** Barb will contact Amy Stull with OPD to schedule Block Watch presentation on Oct. 18 (date of next BNA board meeting) – BNA members will be invited to attend, Jay will look into potential meeting locations.

**6. Shall we have a Novemberfest / Caroling party this year?** Board members agreed on hosting Novemberfest on Nov. 6, Jay and Peggy can host; Jay will send out SurveyMonkey to assess interest in Caroling, Deb will take the lead if enough neighbors indicate interest.

**7. What to put in the September newsletter?** Block Watch meeting, work parties, recommendations on addressing code violations (keeping logs, taking photos), a reminder to rake out storm drains, keep leaves raked to avoid drain blockage, and notice/photos of new board members.

**8. Consider Eric Bailey's letter for board action:** Board members present voted NOT to join Eric as signers, but rather to monitor the situation (loud music being played after hours at Charlie's Tavern during the summer) next summer and consider possible future action.

**9. Eco-Awareness presentation?** It was recommended that Eco-Awareness's legitimacy be checked with PSE, which Jay will do. If they are legitimate, their letter about a utility rebate program will be sent to BNA members.

**10. Other concerns:** Discussions about litter resulted in a suggestion to host monthly “litter walks” and a suggestion that BNA purchase a few litter grabbers. Beth is interested in taking a lead on litter walks, Elaine is already doing them on her own, others are interested.