

**Old Town Battle Ground Association**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting July 9, 2008**

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***In Attendance:***

Dan Mueller, OTBGA President (*Paper Moon*)  
Nola Cross, OTBGA Secretary (*Battle Ground Computers*)  
Judy Ost, OTBGA Treasurer (*Express Tax Service*)  
Bonnie Gilberti, City of Battle Ground  
Rob Charles, City of Battle Ground, Planning Department  
Debbie Hanson, City of Battle Ground, Parks Director  
Jill Kurtz, Mural Committee (*Jackson, Jackson and Kurtz, attorneys*)  
John Hopper, NNO Committee (*Hopper's Martial Arts*)  
Jane Wulff, Member at large  
Diane May (*First Independent Bank*)

***Treasurer's Report:***

After making recent payments to Kara McGhee in the amount of \$5,051, our balances are:

Checking: \$786.81

Savings: \$916.63

A new donation check for \$250 has just been received and will be deposited to checking. Mural sponsorship pledges now total between \$7,000 and \$8,000 and are expected to come in in the next few weeks. No further major expenses will be incurred/paid until some of these funds come in.

***Old Business:***

Bonnie Gilberti updated us about **National Night Out**, now scheduled for Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Main Street will be closed off from 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Grace, from 2:00 to 10:00 pm. Festivities themselves will run from 5:30 to 8:00. Additional agencies will be attending this year, hopefully Search and Rescue and Red Cross. If a Battle Ground business wishes to exhibit, they will need to have their participation form to Bonnie by July 11<sup>th</sup>. Exhibits should be safety-oriented. OTBGA will have a booth set up and will be selling raffle tickets benefitting the mural, with the **"Face in Time" cameo portrait** as the prize. The drawing will take place at 7:30 and will be announced at the band stand on loud speaker.

John talked with us about the **NNO Scavenger Hunt**. Exact details are now being ironed out. Basically, clues to participating businesses will be listed on a paper or card that children carry with them from business to business; the child collects stamps or stickers from each business visited. When a certain number of places have been visited – number to be determined – the child brings the card to the OTBGA booth for their prize. They collect a small prize and also are eligible for a drawing for a major prize. Prizes are still to be determined. Clues will be written from a safety perspective.

Dan updated us on the **Mural Project** which is now well under way. The building face has been painted a dark gold color and gray primer has been applied to the tanks in preparation for a metallic silver finish. Kara will begin painting artwork on the tanks this week. Andersen Dairy has been an awesome partner to work with, donating the cost of the labor to get the painting done (approximately \$17,000!) In addition, United Rentals donated the painter's lift and Miller Paint donated the paint itself. Even with these generous in-kind donations, the cash budget is still about \$35,000 with only about \$5,000 of that collected in cash so far. The Rotary grant is still pending.

Dan brought up the enormous stash of old cancelled **Dairy Co-op checks and stock certificates** in Value Giant's attic. We are still trying to come up with creative ways to use them. The Reflector has written an article about it which we hope will be published next week. We are looking for someone to volunteer to sort and catalog the payee names in hopes of contacting descendants and getting them interested in the mural project in some way. We may also use the old checks as prizes, souvenirs, or thank-yous. (The checks bear an engraved image of a rural dairy; Kara will be adding this image to the mural.)

***New Business:***

Debbie Hanson, the new Parks Director, talked with us about the current contest to **name the new Community Events Building** at Fairgrounds Park, which is scheduled for completion by September. Jane

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suggested we name it after a historically significant local citizen, such as Vernon Plamondon, Florence Robison or Everett Eaton. After discussion, we decided not to submit a name as a group; individuals are welcome to submit a name. The last day to submit a name is July 18<sup>th</sup>; applications are available online on the City's website. Or email Debbie at [debbi.hanson@ci.battle-ground.wa.us](mailto:debbi.hanson@ci.battle-ground.wa.us). Debbie was also pleased to inform us that a permanent city **Christmas Tree** will be planted this summer at Fairgrounds Park. (This is excellent news, as we've been trying to bring holiday celebrations into Old Town for several years.) She said it is still to be determined whether Harvest Days will return to Fairgrounds Park in 2009.

Rob Charles asked for our input on putting in a **dedicated loading zone** in front of Main Street Mercantile. The business owner has customers who need to load or unload heavy furniture pieces, and wishes to provide a parking spot close to the door. The general consensus was that Main Street parking is already limited, and if we okay a loading zone for one business, we might be setting precedent for other businesses wanting the convenience of dedicated parking. We agreed that a spot on South Clark might be more workable. Dan will chat with the business owner. Issue is tabled for now.

We decided to **meet again in two months** and return to our alternate-months schedule. Our next meeting will be September 10<sup>th</sup> at the usual place and time. We will begin to discuss holiday planning at that time.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Nola Cross, association secretary.