

AOTB History Project
Feb. 5 2011

The first meeting was held at Marc Apter's home. Twelve folks from AOTB attended. The group discussed the book project and the video project and how they might be melded together. Everyone wrote down what they wanted to do, how much time they could give, the equipment they could provide, ID others to bring into the project, willingness to be part of the leadership group and sources for historic photos and stories.

The skills needed included researchers to do library and oral history types of research. Writers, editors, transcribers of oral history, folks to go after grants, those who could offer layout and design of the book and others who could organize the entire process.

The group agreed to meet again for brunch at 10 am on Saturday February 19th at Marc Apter's home at 1292 Magnolia Ave to flesh out the structure of the book. Everyone was tasked with thinking about how the book should be organized. That would include proposing what the chapter heading should be and how far back should the history project begin. For example should it start with the settling of the neighborhood in the late 19th century or should it go back to colonial or pre-colonial times if only briefly?

It is suggested that we think this outline through and send our thoughts to "all" the folks on the email list serve before the meeting. Some may not get to put their thoughts on paper before the meeting but will hopefully be prepared to discuss their ideas this coming Saturday.

A number of folks volunteered to take on specific tasks.

Phillip Allen- go to AOTB storage and see what kinds of history records we may already have

Marc Apter and Alan Hinman- work with AOTB Webmaster to get a passcode accessible section of the AOTB website built for those active in the project to share and message ideas and prose. Another open area for those who want to donate photos and written records to the project. Also develop a list serve for editing and brainstorming purposes.

Pam Duncan- interview folks she knows that were among the first owners in AOTB, she would also contact the writers of other other books written in adjoining neighborhoods

Nancy Weller- offered to use her scanner to get folks pictures into the process. She also offered to bring food to the next meeting at Marc Apter's home

Ed Johnson- contact current and former residents for old pictures

Dave Delia- offered to serve as an editor and had good detailed ideas for a chapter-by-chapter organization

Philip Allan- will draft an article for next Newsletter as well as work on the video part of the project

Edie Dolberg – offered to serve as the point of contact for those interested in providing pictures, written and oral history

Fern Underdue- offered to run a search of Library of Congress records that pertain to AOTB

Roy Karten- offered to do layout and design of book

Billy Keyes- offered to give anyone interested a tour of his history laden out building