

MONTAVILLA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

April 27, 2008

Board Members Present: Justin Cutler, Vice-Chair, Lisa Laurenceau, Secretary/SEUL Board Delegate; Maria, Sworske, Treasurer.

Guest: Press-Jonathan Shapiro, Reporter, Portland Mercury.

Justin Cutler, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. David Linn, Chair, is not available for this meeting. Introductions followed for the reporter. The agenda was gone over. Will the Outreach Committee have a meeting soon? No one has heard from Chelsea Ingle since the March general meeting. Justin will ask David to contact her. Will the Land-Use Committee have a meeting soon? Sandra McDaniel, MNA Land-Use and Transportation Chair is not in attendance at this meeting. Lisa Laurenceau, Secretary will contact her. Will there be any Public Safety Committee meetings? Probably not, since the Chair position for the committee is still open. Stephen Sequeira, SEUL Land-Use and Transportation Committee Delegate, said that the SEUL LUTC is on hiatus indefinitely. Lisa, SEUL Board Delegate, says that this is probably because SEUL has decided not to hire anyone for the open Neighborhood Planner position, who is also supposed to be Staff Liaison for the SEUL LUTC, until the next fiscal year. The new fiscal year starts July, 2008. The suggestion was made by Lisa, that perhaps Stephen could assist Sandra McDaniel, MNA LUTC Chair, until the SEUL LUTC convenes again.

Newsletter discussion: Justin suggested newsprint to save money and perhaps mailing some of the newsletters to areas of the neighborhood that don't get covered by hand delivery.

Mt Tabor Symphony in the Park has asked for the yearly donation. Discussion centered on the donation last year, what amount, etc. Lisa moved to donate \$250, Maria Sworske seconded. The vote was unanimous. MNA also set aside funds for Capital Improvements and Bridger Elementary School PTA is raising funds for a message board. All the other schools have them, Bridger does not. They have asked for a donation. \$500 was discussed. No vote was taken. We don't know how much they will ultimately need. It was decided that the Board will ask Jennifer Tamayo, Bridger PTA liaison, for the exact amount that the message board is going to cost and how much they have raised before we vote on the amount to donate.

The discussion then turned to the MNA budget. Justin had suggested before that the NA should have a budget. Lisa argued against it saying that in any one year, MNA doesn't know how much in donations and partnerships that they will collect during the year, and also they have no way of knowing what donations the Neighborhood will asked to consider. So, there is no real way for the Board to make a budget. The Board has not made a budget before; they have just tried to be as fiscally responsible as possible from year to year. Justin insisted that MNA would be more fiscally responsible if the Board had a budget. Maria weighed in. She said that a budget might help. She said something needs to be done. She often doesn't know what deposits have been made, and where the money is coming from, since there is more than one person making deposits. Lisa suggested that all monies should be submitted to Maria (or at least Maria should be notified of all deposits), that no one should make deposits on their own, and that maybe it would help Maria if she used a ledger to keep track of deposits and checks written. Maria said that would help a lot. Justin offered to help Maria get more organized; he has experience with budgets and accounting. Justin asked about the Communication Fund (money we get from the city through Southeast Uplift to help with newsletters, advertising of meetings, etc.), Maria wasn't sure how much is still in it. Lisa mentioned that we have to use it before the end of June or we lose it. Maria said she will contact the Fiscal Manager to find out how much we have left. We can have a discussion at the May Board meeting as to how to use it. Maria's report is that the checking account has \$2,626.44 in it, and the savings account has \$2,341.67 in it.

The Vestal Greening Project and the Mableville Garden and Swale have asked for letters of recommendation for the Neighborhoods Grants Program grants they are applying for. Lisa moved to send one supporting The Vestal Greening Project and Maria seconded. The vote was unanimous. Stephen moved to send a letter supporting Mableville Garden and Swale and Lisa seconded. The vote was unanimous. The letters will be sent out for approval by e-mail instead of waiting until the next Board meeting cognizant of the fact that time is short until the grant proposals are due.

Justin proposed that we have a some people come to an upcoming meeting, perhaps some people he knows at a church that works to get prostitutes off the street, to talk about 82nd Avenue's problem with prostitution and the Prostitution Free Zone, whether it is effective and whether we should mount a campaign to get it reinstituted in Portland. Lisa suggested a panel and that we invite Neighborhood

Response Team Officer Stephen Mirau and also the Commander of the Southeast precinct. Brainstorming by the Board included asking the Mayor and City Commissioners and candidates for city positions. We could invite several surrounding Neighborhoods to take part. Stephen suggested a future group, Multineighborhood Task Force of Community members, to work on drug dealing and prostitution.

Justin said he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Lisa moved for adjournment and Maria seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Laurenceau