



## **Montavilla Neighborhood Association Board Meeting**

Monday April 14<sup>th</sup> 2014 | MUMC 232 SE 80<sup>th</sup> St.

Board Members Present: Laura Spidell, Lew Scholl, Stefanie Dieffenbach, Lisa Uzone, Joanna Beatty, Diana Marshall, Fritz Hirsch, Roger Warren, Stephen Rice, Benjamin Kerensa  
Neighbors & Guests: Neil Mattson, Mary Kinnick, Lisa Thornton

Meeting called to order @ 6:32pm.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Agenda approved with no additions, Diana will be late therefore Treasurers report is pushed back.

**Approval of March Board Mtg Minutes:** Minutes were approved online with no errors.

**82<sup>nd</sup> Ave of Roses Parade Donation Request-** Richard Kiely of Home Run Graphics and Board member of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave of Roses Parade is requesting the MNA continue their support for the parade by providing a donation of \$100 per a flyer Fritz received from the parade board. The parade is scheduled for Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30am at PCC-SE Campus and ending on SE Yamhill usually around 10:30am. MNA donated \$200 in 2013. Joanna Spidell mentioned Home Run Graphics did not charge us for the posters they printed for the Strategic Planning Community Meeting scheduled for the end of April (therefore we still have a balance there) and they verbalized their excitement that we would be supportive and present at the parade this year. Fritz questions if we should donate \$100 as requested via the flyer since no one from the parade has come to ask in person. Lew Scholl is on the committee and would like us to repeat our donation of \$200 to show our good faith. Diana and Joanna will investigate which budget this donation will come from (General or Communications).

- ✓ A motion that MNA donate \$200 to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave of Roses Parade was made by Lew Scholl and seconded by Diana Marshall. The motion was approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Diana handed out a copy of the budget up to date (see attachment). The MNA currently has \$3202.48 in its checking account and \$2667.89 in its savings account. At Diana's request, a board votes are needed regarding SEUL's fiscal sponsorship application, the CSS follow up education grant and the color posters for the Neighborhood Clean-Up @ Homerun Graphics. Fritz tabled SEUL's application until Kelley and Ben are available despite Diana's reference to the email chain regarding such vote. Diana and Fritz also agree that adding Wilcox School to the application does not need a vote and can be added. Finally, Diana bringing up the Fred Meyer Community Awards program money and when it's set up utilizing SEUL's tax number, we should be able to use this money at our discretion but what fund it goes into (General, Communications, etc.) needs to be clarified. Roger reminds us that there is still a \$1000 donation for childcare or children's music before the MNA meetings as specified by Roger's friend's widow that needs to be added to the budget. Roger confirms the money can be used at our discretion (childcare or children's music) as Steve voices a concern that music at a meeting will be distracting.

- ✓ A motion to add Wilcox School Funds to the SEUL application, place monies from the Fred Meyer Awards Program into the General account and the \$1000 donation from Roger's friend's widow be set aside for childcare in any capacity for the MNA is made by Roger and seconded by Joanna. The motion was approved.

**Friends of Mount Tabor Park Weed Warriors:** Weed Warrior Crew Leader Mary Kinnick is putting in an application for a Portland Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods restoration and education grant to develop more capacity so they can retain all the changes they've made the last few years with the Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) collaboration. Mary is seeking the partnership of all the neighboring Neighborhood Associations. She wants us to sign our support to her letter knowing our role is currently vague and will be pinpointed at a later date. The primary goal of the Weed Warriors is to increase the native food sources for local birds. Secondary is storm water issues. Mt. Tabor structure is deteriorating as Himalayan blackberry and English ivy (2 main invasive non-native species) regenerate and keep native flora from reproducing. Mary provided the MNA with a handout exemplifying ideas of involvement.

- ✓ A motion is made to list the MNA as a supportive partner in Friends of Mt. Tabor Parks grant application by Lew and seconded by Ben. The motion was approved.

**Montavilla Jazz Festival August 2014 @ Milepost 5:** Neil Matteson and Fritz Hirsch are starting their fundraising efforts tonight by approaching the MNA to financially support this new festival by donating \$500. The Portland Jazz Ensemble is a nonprofit that began with 4 graduate students from PSU and Charlie Grey. They develop around 3 events a year and they have approached Neil to bring a venue to this region. This family friendly event will bring Montavilla (specifically Glisan St) some much needed attention. Ben would like an opportunity for lower income families to attend at a discounted price. Neil and Fritz have not settled on ticket prices or day pass prices yet (it's a 2 day event). Neil and Fritz are hoping the fundraising will cover the cost of the festival so tickets would be their profit. Ben is requesting visibility in print for MNA (such as posters, t-shirts, etc.). Neil agrees and a discussion begins regarding guidelines for size and visibility with donation levels. Steve inquires about alternative locations for more than one concert (example: one band playing at Milepost 5 while another plays elsewhere within walking distance) and his concerns about bringing attention to Glisan St. as Milepost 5 is not actually on Glisan St. Neil and Fritz agree for next year, they want to keep it contained for its first year. Laura and Diana are discussing where this money would come from (what fund, which budget, etc.) as we don't currently have \$500 in our General Fund. Fritz corrects his request and states his meaning was in general not specifically from the General Fund.

- ✓ A motion is made by Ben that the MNA donate \$500 in support of the Montavilla Jazz Festival with the caveat that details surrounding advertisement and MNA visibility are flushed out with Joanna so the MNA receives a clear benefit and that opportunities for lower income families are researched and implemented when ticket prices are settled. The motion is seconded by Steve Rice. The motion was approved.

**Friends of Wilcox School-** Lisa Thornton and Roger Warren are presenting for Friends of Wilcox School which has fundraised \$1400 to help remodel the school's unused playground and parking area. Roger has 3 benches they'd like to see permanently placed somewhere in the lot. Their volunteers are connected with PPS and have been given permission to upgrade this space. Ideas include de-paving, a rain garden, benches, community garden, etc. Anything that will benefit the neighbors that utilize this

space. They are requesting that the FOWS be part of a Committee as the funding has been approved into our budget.

- ✓ A motion is made that the Friends of Wilcox School and their current \$1400 in our budget become part of a Committee within the MNA by Lew. The motion is seconded by Laura. The motion is approved with one abstention.

Meeting adjourned @7:32pm.

Submitted by: Stefanie Dieffenbach, Secretary