

Montavilla

neighborhood association

**Montavilla Neighborhood Association
General Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2007**

Present: Alta Gaylord, Jennifer Tamayo, Victor Flaming, Maxine Deardorff, Roger Warren, Becky Warren, Lisa Laurenceau, Tim, Fritz, Craig Bach, Don McLean, Maria Sworske, David Linn, Yvonne Garcia, Erica Thygesen

Board Members Absent: Sarah Selden, Sandra McDaniel, Megan McCoy

Minutes: Erica Thygesen

7:07pm: Meeting called to order by Jennifer Tamayo. The agenda was passed out and reviewed by all. Erica Thygesen moved to approve the agenda. Victor Flaming seconded the motion. The motion to approve the agenda was approved unanimously.

7:14pm: Jennifer Tamayo passed out the minutes from the last general meeting for review. She explained the purpose of the minutes and the need to review. Community members were given time to review the minutes. It was noted that the date of the meeting was incorrectly recorded on the minutes. Lisa Laurenceau noted that she was listed as present at the meeting when she was absent. No other corrections were noted. David Linn made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2006 general meeting with the corrections noted. Lisa Laurenceau seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes from the December 2006 general meeting with the corrections noted was passed unanimously.

7:14pm: Introduction of community members.

7:25pm: Committee updates are as follows.

Officer Brendan McGuire discussed the issue of speeding through neighborhoods, including how to request having photo radar set up. There is a connection between speeding in neighborhoods and the high concentration of car dealerships, who send people out for a test drive through neighborhood streets. Officer McGuire also reported that there was nothing unusual or extraordinary that occurred over the last 30 days in Montavilla.

7:51pm:

Alema McCrea was not present to give a Montavilla East Tabor Business Association update.

David Linn recommended that everyone should try the new Thai restaurant on 80th and Glisan. Maria reported that she is hoping to get them to advertise in the upcoming newsletter.

Maria Sworske provided the treasure's update. We currently have \$2168.89 in checking and \$2335.27 in savings. She requested that people who patronize neighborhood businesses bring any leads to her for advertising.

Jennifer Tamayo reported that Erica Cutler, the former Outreach Committee Chair, resigned her position.

Sarah Selden was not present, so Jennifer Tamayo provided an update from the Land Use and Transportation Committee and Southeast Uplift.

Roger Warren reported that he had no update for the Parks Committee, but provided information on a newly forming Sustainability Committee. Roger has several ideas for projects that he would like to see tackled by the Sustainability Committee. He would like to connect with the Northwest Earth Institute (NWEI) to organize some of their study groups. The host study groups on voluntary simplicity and other issues, and come highly recommended. Roger would also like to connect with other groups that are focusing on similar issues, whether it is neighborhood churches, schools, or community groups. Finally he would like to see Montavilla host some naturescaping workshops. We will be in need of someone to head up this newly formed committee, and will continue to discuss this topic at the January 22, 2007 board meeting.

Victor Flaming reported on the Sam Adams Town Hall budget meetings that have been happening around town. They are almost over. It is a great way to give feedback to City Commissioners about how we would like to see money spend and which services we would most like to have available.

Lisa Laurenceau had no update tonight.

Jennifer Tamayo announced that Mayor Tom Potter was going to be in Montavilla on January 20, 2007 at the Touchstone Coffee House on 78th and Glisan to participate in the 10 Minute Conversations with the Mayor. This is an event that is open to all residents of Montavilla; however, there are a limited number of slots available, and sign ups occur on a first come, first serve basis. This is a great opportunity for Montavilla residents to connect on an informal basis with Portland's mayor and to express any concerns, hopes, or questions they have about neighborhood issues.

Jennifer Tamayo announced that the Montavilla neighborhood Friends of Trees tree planting will occur on March 10, 2007. It is too late to sign up for a tree, but we are looking for anyone who is interested in helping out with the planting. It is an event that is a lot of fun.

Jennifer Tamayo also announced that volunteers are needed to help with the annual Montavilla Neighborhood Clean Up, which will occur in mid to late May. It is a great event for the community, and help is both needed and appreciated.

8:35pm: Erica Thygesen moved that the tonight's meeting be adjourned. Roger Warren seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn tonight's meeting was passed unanimously.