

Montavilla Neighborhood Association – General Meeting
September 12, 2011

At 7:30pm the Montavilla Neighborhood Association (MNA) General Meeting was called order at the Montavilla United Methodist church with introductions of those in attendance. Board members in attendance include, Brian Wong, Chair; Diana Marshall, Communications; Bobbi McCollum, Treasurer; Fritz Hirsch, Safety; Louisa Lakos, SE Uplift Representative to MNA, Roger Warren, Chair Parks; Lew Scholl, Chair Land-Use Committee, Patrick Collins, Member-at-Large; and Marissa Swenson, Member-at-Large; and Jennifer Tamayo, Member-at-Large.

Unanimous approval received of the August 2011 minutes as well as the September meeting agenda.

As the first order of business, Susan Sansom introduced herself and her desire to serve the MNA Board in the position of Secretary. Dee Taylor motioned to approve Ms. Sansom's candidacy. Mr. Warren seconded. Approved by vote 22-0-0.

The second order of business was for Paul Knight to introduce himself and his desire to serve the MNA Board in the position as Events Chair. Mr. Warren motioned to approve Mr. Knight's candidacy; seconded by Ms. Tamayo. Approved by vote 22-0-0.

Chairman Updates

Chairman Wong announced his resignation from the Board and nomination of Ms. Tamayo and Mr. Hirsch to serve as Co-Chairs for not more than two months until a permanent chairman can be voted. Mr. Warren motioned to approve the proposal; seconded by Ms. Marshall. Approved by vote 20-0-0.

Land-Use Chair Lew Scholl discussed two applications received within the MNA boundaries and two additional applications received outside the MNA boundaries (for informational purposes). No discussion ensued or response given regarding the applications.

Parks Chair Roger Warren updated the group on upcoming events at parks surrounding the community including the LadyBug Nature Walk, Hoots & Howls (Oct 15), Salmon Spawning (Oct 19th), Sunday Parkways (Sept 21st) as well as other activities hosted by the Montavilla Community Center. Treasurer Diana Marshall inquired into an article she read naming Portland "Most Natural City" indicating that Portland is to receive a parks grant for \$20K to put artisan picnic tables in Portland Parks. Mr. Warren agreed to investigate the details.

Public Safety Chair Fritz Hirsch introduced himself and invited attendees to contact him anytime they need public safety support.

Ken Lori – Montavilla Community Center

Mr. Lori introduced himself as the Teen Coordinator at the Montavilla Community Center and described some of the programs he hosts. Mr. Lori discussed his desire for a teen drop-in center at a location on

Glisan near the community center that would double as a thrift store (both food and books) to help offset the costs. Additionally, he plans to train teens to work at the center to promote job placement skills. Mr. Lori indicated he would be contacting the SE Uplift for a grant to support his proposal and requested feedback for any other affordable sites attendees may know about in the community. No questions followed.

Jennie Bernheisel, – Neighborhood Watch Trainer

Ms. Bernheisel introduced herself and her role in at the Portland Police Department in neighborhood crime fighting and prevention. She described the most common issues in our neighborhoods to be drug houses as well as abuse of foreclosed homes left vacant occupied by transients and other criminal activity that endures from those actions. Ms. Bernheisel described the benefits of a neighborhood watch program and knowing your neighbors and fighting crime as a community. Ms. Bernheisel also described a free holistic program sponsored by Public Safety called “Women’s Strength Training” as well as a longer program called “Girls Strength” for school-aged females age 10 – 14. Ms. Bernheisel passed out City of Portland pocket directors with contact information to those in attendance.

At 8:30pm, Ms. Tamayo motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Chairman Wong. Meeting adjourned.