



BOARD MEETING
October 10, 2011

Icebreaker - 5 minutes

Minutes review and approve - 5 minutes

Child care at MNA meetings - 10 minutes

Outstanding business from prior board meeting - 5 minutes

Goals for MNA Board visioning session - 25 minutes

What are we trying to do? (discussion includes vote on paying for food)

**Montavilla Neighborhood Association – Board Meeting
October 10, 2011**

Temporary Co-Chairman Fritz Hirsch called the meeting of the Montavilla Neighborhood Association (MNA) Board to order at the Montavilla United Methodist Church at 6:30pm. Board members in attendance include, Diana Marshall, Treasurer; Bobbi McCollum, Communications; Fritz Hirsch, Co-Chair/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, Co-Chair/Member-at-Large, Susan Sansom, Secretary; Paul Knight, Events.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Ms. McCollum made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Collins seconded the motion. Motion passed by vote 10-0-0.

First order of business was to discuss the topic for the MNA workshop to be held on October 24th. It was decided that the workshop will host representatives from the City of Portland and area residents to provide an open forum to provide further details and allow open discussion pursuant to a recent shooting incident that occurred in the MNA area of NE 79th Street and Glisan. Ms. Swenson prepared fliers to be distributed to area residents. The meeting will be held at the Montavilla United Methodist Church from 7:00 – 8:00pm.

Discussion resumed around childcare during MNA board meetings. Ms. Marshall proposed the MNA hire high school students who have completed babysitting training courses to babysit during MNA meeting in order to ease Mr. Warren's monthly burden of finding babysitters. Mr. Warren indicated that the church hosting the MNA meeting location employs a safety policy that no person under 21 years of age will be permitted to be solely in charge of minors on the premises. However, Mr. Warren indicated that church officers agreed to the change so long as parents who leave their children in the charge of the teenage sitter sign an official waiver. Ms. Tamayo asked if the babysitting training course included infant CPR and Ms. Marshall indicated that it did. Mr. Hirsch inquired if the board was required to perform criminal background checks on the teenage sitters and asked what liability MNA would assume with the change. Mr. Knight inferred that the "risk" would be inherent with the church itself and not the MNA board, as the childcare is being offered at the church location. Ms. Lakos noted that should any charges be brought against the board as a result of an incident pertaining to the childcare, the MNA board's insurance policy provides appropriate coverage.

Old Business. Mr. Scholl noted that the board previously voted to have a continued relationship with the Hillsdale Neighborhood Association but noted a lack of follow-through and asked that the issue be kept present. Mr. Warren asked if the board raised any objections to proposing at the October 2011 general meeting a Public Education chair be added to the board. No objections were noted. Ms. Marshall reported that the Multnomah outreach project was a huge success and indicated that the next planned outreach date is April 23, 2012.

The final order of business was to discuss the MNA Board's visioning session scheduled for October 27, 2011. Ms. Lakos inquired of the board what goals they wish to accomplish with this session so she can properly plan a meeting outline for the event. Ms. Lakos suggested ideas such as defining board member roles, operating the general meeting (change meeting time, adding food, entertainment, social hour, etc), energizing the public and keeping the public involved and attending the meetings. Mr. Hirsch indicated that he would like to see increased efforts on fundraising for the association. Ms. McCollum suggested defining "resolutions" or goals for the board to achieve on a quarterly or yearly basis. Further ideas included "welcome wagon" gift to new neighborhood residents, energizing the community through block parties, food drives, holiday parties, and promotions.

At 7:30pm Ms. Tamayo motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Scholl. Approved by vote 10-0-0.