

Montavilla Neighborhood Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2006

Present: Jennifer Tamayo, Erica Cutler, Sarah Selden, Erica Thygesen, Afifa Ahmed-Shafi, Megan McCoy, Maria Sworske, Roger Warren, Victor Flaming, Craig Bach, Lisa Laurenceau, Ben Cannon, David Linn

Minutes: Erica Thygesen

6:30pm Meeting called to order by Jennifer Tamayo.

6:32pm Ben Cannon, the Democratic candidate for district 46 and a guest of the board, invited people to attend the Town Hall on Comprehensive Revenue Reform Package which is being held at Portland Community College Southeast Campus on Saturday September 30, 2006 from 10am – 12pm. Mr. Cannon made reference to today's Oregonian article that reported that only 15 out of 100 high school students in Oregon go on to graduate from college. Four Oregon senators are going to be presenting their ideas for reforming funding for Oregon schools.

6:39pm David Linn reminded the board that there are two upcoming neighborhood grant writing workshops, one on September 28, 2006 at 6:30pm and one on October 12, 2006 at 6:30pm. Both David and Jennifer are planning to attend one of the workshops. Other interested members are encouraged to attend. Sarah reported that she will not be attending either class, as she is attending another grant writing class which conflicts with these scheduled classes. The deadline for application for the neighborhood grant applications is December 1, 2006. The board will solidify ideas for one or more applications in October, and will identify people to take the lead on the application writing. Afifa suggested that partnering with another organization would be a key component in any grant applications.

6:45pm Roger Warren gave updates on the Citywide Parks Team, the Revenue Reform Town Hall, and the Parking Lot Sale. One of the goals of the parks team is to ensure that playground equipment is placed within a half mile of every house. This will not likely affect Montavilla, but will have more impact in other neighborhoods. Roger also reiterated the information shared by Ben Cannon about this weekend's upcoming Town Hall. Finally, Roger reported that the neighborhood association earned \$21.00 from September's parking lot sale.

6:48pm Sarah Selden reported on the upcoming neighborhood tour which is scheduled for October 12, 2006 from 4-6pm. There was a suggestion to put together a PowerPoint or some handouts as a presentation. It was also suggested that that information be presented at the general meeting. Sarah then reported about a proposed big box development at NE 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and Siskiyou Street. The Roseway Neighborhood Association is asking that MNA support their opposition to that development. Updates will be provided.

6:55pm Maria Sworske reported that some neighbors have complained about the lack of timeliness in the delivery of the MNA newsletter and stated that this may hurt advertising revenue. One advertiser stated that it is unlikely that the business will advertise again in the newsletter as none of their customers had received it.

7:02pm Erica Cutler reported that there is an upcoming Friends of Trees meeting at the BiPartisan Café. The deadline for signing up for a tree planting is December 1, and the neighborhood is far short of its goal for number of trees at this point. Erica also reported that there is a newsletter meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and October 11<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for any articles for the newsletter.

7:04pm Craig Bach raised a concern about graffiti and encouraged neighbors to report any graffiti directly at the City of Portland's website. Craig also gave an update on the Ave. of the Roses, which is working on a partnership with CPTED. Progress is being made on getting sign caps for 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave. There is an upcoming crime prevention meeting that will be announced on the list serve.

7:14pm Jennifer Tamayo reported that Lisa Laurenceau had received a request from a neighbor for reimbursement of \$30 for the cost of barricades for a block party that occurred over the summer. After some discussion Sarah Selden moved that MNA does not reimburse the resident for the cost of the signs. Lisa Laurenceau seconded the motion. The vote not to reimburse the resident was passed 9 to 0.

Jennifer also reported that a home based business notice had been filed for a hair salon at a residence on 93<sup>rd</sup> and Glisan.

7:20pm David announced that the Sullivan Gulch neighborhood would like other neighborhood associations to show their support for the planned Sullivan Gulch trail. Meghan reported that a letter of support had already been written.

7:21pm Afifa Ahmed-Shafi introduced the Board to the concept of strategic planning, described the process, and began a brainstorming session on the strengths and weaknesses of the Montavilla Neighborhood Association. After the brainstorming, Afifa reported the MNA could benefit from a developing a strategic plan. Afifa reported that a plan could be complete for short or long term goals. It was suggested that this conversation should continue at the next board meeting.

7:35 Meeting was adjourned.