



Montavilla Neighborhood Association General Meeting

Monday, September 9, 2013, Montavilla United Methodist Church, 232 SE 80th Ave.

Board Members Present: Fritz Hirsch, Lew Scholl, Roger Warren, Ben Kerensa, Steve Rice, Joanna Beatty

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Neighbors and Guests: Twenty-four in attendance

Meeting called to order @ 7:37pm

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved with no additions.

Board Member Introductions/Neighborhood Introductions

Social Time

Julie Steward from Academy Theater: Theater is at a crossroads as industry is no longer producing film and all movies will be exclusively released digitally. They are currently conducting an Indigogo Crowdfunding fundraiser. All funds they raise are kept but they hope to meet their goal of \$75K by September 30, 2013. As of the meeting, they have raised \$22K. Incentives are offered at all donation levels \$10 and above. There will also be an event Sunday, 9/29 with Montavilla chefs offering small plates, wine, a silent auction and maybe even appearances by Grimm actors. Volunteers are needed. Julie asked all to visit the website to donate and to share the campaign with friends and neighbors.

Chair Updates

Parks/Roger Warren-

- Multnomah University Day of Outreach is September 24 from 9A – Noon. Call 503-999-4149 if you know of a project.
- 9/29/13 is the last Sunday Parkways event of the year in SE Portland
- Meals on Wheels out of East Portland Community Center needs volunteer. Contact EPCC if interested.

Land Use and Transportation/Lew Scholl

- 82nd Ave. walks have been successful and several officials have attended. They have brought attention to needed changes to crosswalks on 82nd.
- Oregon Department of Transportation is allocating \$2.5 million to signal work along 82nd
- Recruiting for participation on the Land Use and Transportation committee. Contact Lew if interested: lew@montavillapdx.org
- A short information roundtable and debate was conducted to share concerns, successes and approaches surrounding the Gable Funeral Home crematorium and its impacts on neighbors, Vestal Elementary, the community gardens at Vestal and air quality and noise in general. 2 weeks from tonight (September 23, 2013) at 7pm there will be a special meeting to bring all interested parties to the table to discuss the concerns about The Gable Funeral Home crematorium. Neighbors, MNA board members, the Owner &/or Manager of the funeral home, DEQ, city officials and district/state officials will all be invited to participate. NOTE: the date and details of the event will be confirmed via the Montavilla Neighborhood Association Facebook group and Yahoo! ListServ. No child care will be available at this meeting.

Public Safety/Ben Kerensa

- 2 more weeks are expected before the pedestrian island flashing beacon lights are completed at NE 78th and NE Glisan. The island is already in place. Driver adjustments continue to concern but work on Glisan's road diet is complete. Infractions noticed should be reported to 503-823-SAFE with exact time of problem noted. Officer presence can be increased as more infractions are reported.
- Benjamin is a Montavilla Friends of Trees contact. Tree plantings will happen in November. Contact Benjamin at Benjamin@montavillapdx.org to learn more, volunteer or request a tree.

Communications/Joanna Beatty

- The survey of Montavilla residents is continuing to take place and will be extended for 1-month (through October 11, 2013). The survey is designed to learn straight from residents where their priorities are in an effort to help guide board projects and priorities in the coming year and beyond. Everyone is encouraged to take the survey, share the survey and if they are able, volunteer their time and talents to a project or committee.
- As requested by an attendee, the survey will be distributed via the Yahoo! listserv.

- A Communications Committee meeting will be held Sunday, September 29 at 6:00pm at the Bi-Partisan café. Interested parties should contact Joanna to learn more or if they wish to attend: Joanna@montavillapdx.org

Open Floor Discussion: Group discussion continues regarding the crematorium. Neighbor concerns were voiced, data gathered to date was shared informally and questions from the group were answered. One idea was offered to appeal to parents at Vestal to get Portland Public Schools involved. Fritz offered to let anyone interested in continuing the discussion to stay longer and encouraged all to attend the upcoming special meeting on the issue.

Adjourned @ 8:35pm

Submitted by Joanna Beatty, Communications Chair