

Montavilla Neighborhood Association General Meeting

Monday, May 10th, 2010, Montavilla United Methodist Church

Board Members Present: Brian Wong-Chair, Fritz Hirsch-Vice Chair, Marisa Swenson-Secretary, Joanna Beatty-SE Uplift Delegate, Roger Warren-Parks, Eli Elder-member-at-large, Carol Cima-member-at-large

Neighbors&Guests: Patrice Mays, Zack Banker, Sydney Linden, Jayne Imbach, Maria Sworske, Marc Jolin, Patrick Collins, B Darrin, Dee Taylor, Laura Benjamin, Liz Milliken, Susan Schaffer, Don Kingsborough

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

Approval of the Agenda: approved (19/0/0)

Approval of the April Minutes: Roger Warren moves to approve the April minutes with the following changes: add Patrice Mays as in attendance, motion seconded by Don Kingsborough.

New Business - Thatcher's Project – discussion, list of proposed projects that the Thatcher's brewfest (August 21st, 2010) donated proceeds could go towards supporting is presented. Don Kingsborough moves that MNA should review list and condense to 3 choices then vote on the final project at the next (June) general meeting, motion seconded by Marc Jolin, approved (19/0/0).

Brian Wong- Montavillage is at May 16th 1-4 pm at the Creative Science School, MNA hosting a booth with face painting.

Chair Updates:

Parks- Roger Warren- list of neighborhood cleanups that are close to Montavilla: Sat May 29th 9-1 at 3227 SE 64th also the Sunday Parkways Event is May 16th in NE neighborhoods.

Public Safety/Vice Chair- Fritz Hirsch- August (TBD) is the next graffiti cleanup that is being planned. Fritz is putting together a letter in support of funding for the prostitution advisory council for MNA support, will present at next meeting.

SE Uplift Delegate- Joanna Beatty- hand out survey for PSU project in regards to collecting data to benefit the Montavilla neighborhood food coop.

7:45pm - Depave! Naomi Lowinger- program works to remove unused asphalt from properties, has worked on several projects in the Montavilla neighborhood including Vestal School, Creative Science School, JOIN. There will be a project at the Creative Science School July 18th.

Community Gardens Vestal - Laura Benjamin- works with the school gardens, will also be involved with summer camps (for gardens), currently all of the community garden spaces are taken but there is a wait list to get on for the future.

7:55pm – Gangs & Prostitution Detail - Dave Golliday, Portland Police – Prostitution activity has decreased in the neighborhood due to the prostitution detail cars. The detail cars work the “hot spots” or high crime areas in the precinct. The gang car is on 4 days and works all of the gangs in the E precinct. MAX stop (on 82nd) is “hot spot” for gang activity. Advise to neighbors to help with gang issues, if you see new graffiti get photos of it and send them to and call non-emergency, this will help identify (if gang related) which gangs are in the area. Shooting at 89th & Division was inter-gang related 1 person killed.

The amount of gang members living in Montavilla is less than average. Also, call non-emergency and report suspicious activity to help prevent car thefts, home break ins etc.

8:15pm – JOIN –Marc Jolin

There is a new mural at the JOIN facility that was installed by Madison students. JOIN assists homeless people, families with home placement, they provide community resources (showers, laundry, computer access etc.), the facility is open to the public during business hours. Marc met with and researched with neighborhood police in the facilities exterior design to help prevent crime issues i.e. fenced courtyard for bikes and shopping cart storage, security cameras. Neighbors are welcome to stop by and look at facilities 10-3 Mon- Friday located at 81st and Halsey.

8:30pm – **Adjourned** – Raydene Taylor moves to adjourn seconded by Roger Warren, approved (19/0/0)

Submitted by: Marisa Swenson, Secretary