

MONTAVILLA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY

SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

Board Members Present: Erica Thygesen, Chair; Lisa Laurenceau, Secretary/SEUL Board Delegate; Maria Sworske, Treasurer; Stephen Sequeira, SEUL LUTC Delegate; Craig Bach, Public Safety Committee Chair; Michelle Scott, Sustainability Committee Chair.

Guests: Officer Erik Daniels, PBB; Rich Newlands, PDOT.

Neighborhood Resident: Raydene Taylor, Alta Gaylord, Erin Robson-Smith, Michael Flagg, Jeanell Andrews, Janet Martin, Fritz Hirsch, Maxine Deardorff, Josh Shirley, Nicholas Hunot.

Erica Thygesen called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Introductions followed. The Montavilla Community Center Director asked for volunteers for the Halloween Carnival the Community Center is having.

Officer's report-The new Neighborhood Response Team officer is not able to come to the meeting so Officer Erik Daniels came. He said Sergeant Hunter Graham is the head of the NRT for Southeast Precinct. He talked about the Drug-Free Zone and the Prostitute-Free Zone. The Prostitute-Free Zone is not to be renewed as a matter of social policy. The "Johns" (prostitutes' clients), are easier to prosecute than the prostitutes and pimps (prostitutes' managers). The PFZ works but it's been watered down. A long discussion followed. He also talked about Streetway Improvement for 82nd Avenue-to make it more pedestrian friendly. There are long distances between stoplights with crosswalks on 82nd Avenue.

MNAs Post Office Box needs to be renewed. It's not at the nearest Post office so it's not very convenient, but there were no boxes available at the nearest Post Office. Michelle Scott moved to renew it.

Stephen Sequeira seconded. The vote was unanimous. Maria Sworske, Treasurer will check to see if MNA is on the waiting list at the nearest post office to make it more convenient.

Erica announced the First Annual Montavilla International Festival on September 15 at Portland Community College's Southeast Center. She said that more volunteers are needed. Natalie (the intern working on the Festival), said there would be Haitian Dancers, a Russian Rock band and a band that plays Rock, Rhythm, and Blues. Erica called attention to posters in multiple languages.

Rich Newlands from the Portland Department of Transportation talked about a new Action Plan for 82nd Avenue. It is a High Safety Issue, a template for a future Safety Corridor. In some places there will be medians placed between traffic going two different ways to assist pedestrians to cross more safely at a place where there are no crosswalks or signals. There are long distances between lights with crosswalks. Participant asked if the time between signals could be adjusted to allow more time; at some signals, the time allowed to cross is very short. He admitted times are too short. He said the time could be adjusted to allow more time for pedestrians to cross. He said that NE 82nd and Halsey, at the MAX stop, is a bad crossing and it's high on the list. He talked about speed monitoring saturation patrols.

Southeast Uplift Land-Use and Transportation Committee-Stephen Sequeira said that the SEUL Land-Use and Transportation Committee is not taking a position on Measure 49. He has posted some files about the measure on the Montavilla website and links to websites about it. He said it's a very controversial issue.

Newsletter Delivery-Yvonne Garcia said that the printer said the newsletters will be delivered any day now, they're late in coming from printer. Distribution will start as soon as they're delivered to Yvonne's house.

Vice Chair's Report- David Linn attended the block party (hosted by Josh Shirley) in August and took some pictures but doesn't have them, yet. He said he handed out brochures in several languages to block party participants and also handed out several surveys as well.

Treasurer's Report- Maria Sworske, Treasurer, reported that there is \$2,232.89 in the checking account. The savings account is around the same amount.

Sustainability Report-Michelle Scott, Sustainability Committee Chair said to save paper, everyone can go to a website (address is on the table) to stop junk mail. Recycle all that you do get into scrap paper. Erica said the next plastics round-up is at Floyd Light Middle School on September 29. SEUL hired an AmeriCorps person. He will help NAs form sustainability committees. On Wednesday is a class on sustainability and Michelle, the Sustainability Chair will attend. There are flyers on the table about using natural cleaners, etc.

Craig Bach, Public Safety Chair, said that the Board needs to approve a letter already approved and used by several other NAs. It's to go to Convenience Store owners to alert them that some seemingly innocent retail items (i.e. the fresh roses with a glass tube attached with water in it, to make sure the roses stay fresh-tube can be used to smoke crack or meth) can be made into drug paraphernalia. The letter is to request that they stop selling such things.

Center Neighborhood is planning a celebration for Rosemont Bluff. Montavilla Neighborhood gave Center Neighborhood this small piece of land and there will be a plaque put up there.

Erica said the Land-Use and Transportation Committee Chair position is still open.

Copies of the summary for the last general meeting were distributed. Some misspellings of names were pointed out. David Linn moved to approve of the minutes as corrected. Michael Flagg seconded. Motion to approve passes unanimously.

Erica reminds everyone of the Produce exchange, some gardeners brought some produce and it's on the table. Everyone may help themselves.

Yvonne Garcia moved for adjournment. David Linn seconded. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Laurenceau
MNA Secretary