

MONTAVILLA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY

September 11, 2006

Jennifer Tamayo, MNA Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

1. Thatcher's Restaurant gave a report on the Brewfest partially benefiting MNA. 450 people attended. Jerid Wilcox, manager of Thatcher's presented NA with a check for \$750. He said it was difficult for a small restaurant to get the Brewfest together. He said the restaurant would like the neighborhood to be more involved in the next Brewfest, i.e. having a booth/table, making signs, etc. Thatcher's would really like to be able to donate a couple of thousand next year. They'd like to grow it with help from MNA to make it bigger. They'd like more input/participation from MNA. A great debt is owed to Jerid Wilcox (speaker was not JW though JW was present), Manager of Thatcher's who did a lot of the work. Victor Flaming talked about what a great restaurant it is; great burgers, games, outside seating for non-smokers, etc. Thatchers has been there since the 1950s and before that it was Montavilla Café for many years. There was discussion of smoking vs non-smoking and how that effects business for bar/restaurant owners. Brewfest was on the same day as Symphony in the Park at Harrison Park, school clean-ups and crime prevention meetings.

2. Officer Brendan McGuire, PPB Neighborhood Response Team was not present. He was unable to come. He had to be on duty because of 9/11 anniversary.

Introductions of participants came next and included all neighborhood delegate and committee reports.

3. Volunteers with Multnomah County Search and Rescue were present and asked for new volunteers to join.

4. Roger Warren announced Montavilla United Methodist Church Parking Lot Sale. Individuals may reserve a free table to sell their own items.

5. Sara Selden, SEUL Board and Land Use and Transportation Delegate gave an update on Baptist Manor, the former Nursing Home and Retirement Residence. The building and land is for sale. There are developers interested in turning it into condos and having a café on the ground floor (which requires special permits). Parking is still a problem. The main parking lot is too small for a condo development and the Baptist Manor overflow parking lot was already sold to a

developer who wants to put a six- or nine-plex on that property with no off-street parking which will exacerbate problem since off-street parking is already full with cars of local residents. Everything is just preliminary.

6. Sara said the Walking Tour of Montavilla is on October 12 from 6pm-8pm. organizers are still seeking ideas.

7. Sara explained the Neighborhood Grants Program. These grants are for outreach projects by neighborhood associations or community groups and special consideration will be given if the project targets an under-represented group. Sara suggested that a committee be formed to come up with ideas for a project for MNA could do that a grant could be applied to. First deadline is in November. There are also grants available in the spring as well. Deadline for spring is not available.

8. Craig Bach, Crime Prevention Committee Chair, talked about securing windows against burglars. Recently, burglars have been taking advantage of unlocked doors and windows both day and night.

9. Victor Flaming, Member-at-large, who is on the Crime Prevention committee, gave a short presentation of the "Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Committee," that is currently working on 82nd Avenue MAX Station to make it safer. They are going to install more security cameras, more lighting and remove barriers that may hide criminal activity. He mentioned the need for a foot patrol since there has been reports of a man with a pit bull who stations himself at the bottom of the stairway leading to the MAX platform, demanding a fee from those wanting to access that platform in order to board MAX, among other complaints of criminal activity. There is also a problem with bus patrons running back and forth across traffic without using the crosswalk. The committee is talking to ODOT about changing the timing of the signals at the crosswalk so that pedestrians don't have to wait so long for the light to change.

10. Jennifer (Chair), mentioned the incident at 80th and Alder last week of a woman who came home to find an intruder in her house. He had a hammer and assaulted her before she strangled him to death. Jennifer mentioned the listserv discussion about increased crime, etc. She said that everyone should report crime and suspicious activity, get to know their neighbors and communicate with them about suspicious activity, etc.

11. Maria Sworske, Treasurer and member of the newsletter committee said that if anyone has a business, the newsletter would like to advertise it.

12. Erica Cutler, Newsletter Editor, reported on the update to the website. It should be completed soon. Let her know if someone wants to join the listserv.

13. Don Webb, Mount Tabor Foot Patrol Member, gave a presentation on what foot patrol does and how it operates. Foot Patrol is not confrontational. They wear reflective vests identifying wearers as Foot Patrol and carry only flashlights and cellphones. They call PPB Dispatch if anything happens and a patrol car will be sent. He also shared about other things besides foot patrol matters, such as abandoned vehicles and graffiti, etc. He encouraged Montavilla to have its own foot patrols. Foot Patrol is a minimum of 2, preferably 6, to patrol a particular area for a particular time. Foot Patrol members set their own days and hours, whatever their own schedules allow. Each patrol time is from hour to an hour and a half.

14. Anne Peterson of the Downspout Disconnect Program encouraged everyone to disconnect their downspouts. The program was developed to reduce sewage overflow into the Columbia River as a result of heavy rain runoff. For further information and to sign up, leave a voice mail message at 503-823-7010.

15. The secretary position is still open. Lisa Laurenceau, interim secretary, explained the duties of the secretary and said that it could be one person or it could be a shared position between two people. When someone said they were interested in the position, Lisa said that she would be interested in a shared position. So co-secretaries, Lisa Laurenceau and Erica Thygesen were elected by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lisa Laurenceau
Co-Secretary