

# **MONTAVILLA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

## **BOARD MEETING SUMMARY**

**FEBRUARY 25, 2008**

**Board Members Present: David Linn, Acting Cha; Lisa Laurenceau, Secretary/SEUL Delegate; Maria Sworske, Treasurer; Stephen Sequeira, SEUL LUTC Delegate; Michelle Scott, Sustainability Committee Chair.**

David Linn, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The summary of the last general meeting was up for approval. After some corrections and clarifications noted by Lisa Laurenceau, Secretary, Michelle Scott moved to approve the summary for forwarding to the general membership. Stephen Sequeira seconded. The motion was unanimous.

David mentioned the upcoming tree planting by Friends of Trees. Jennifer Tamayo, MNA liaison to Friends of Trees and Coordinator of the Montavilla tree planting has asked for a donation of \$200. Maria Sworske asked what the donation was for. David said that Jennifer said it was mostly for mulch. After some discussion about food and e-mailing Jennifer about some concerns of participants, Stephan moved to donate \$200 for mulch. Stephen asked if he could go. He hadn't signed up because he hadn't known that he would be free that day, but he is. There was discussion about where they are meeting and what time etc. Michelle felt sure it was fine for him to go, he could just e-mail Jennifer. Lisa seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Lisa Laurenceau, SEUL Delegate brought up an old piece of business that was brought up several times but never taken care of. Southeast Uplift (SEUL) has always given start-up funds to neighborhoods for clean-ups. The last few years they have asked for a small donation, just a small portion of the clean-up proceeds. The other Board members said they remembered that. After discussion and after finding out there was no information on the net proceeds from the clean-up and after David said he would ask Jennifer Tamayo, the former chair, if she had the information, Stephen moved to donate \$200 to Southeast Uplift, Michelle Scott seconded. Maria said she would drop by Lisa's apartment with the check so Lisa could take it with her to the SEUL Board meeting the first Monday of the month..

Discussion about the Outreach Committee centered on the Newsletter. Maria talked about problems with getting it out as quickly as the Editorial staff would like and some complaints from advertisers about the newsletter taking too long to come out after they have already paid, etc. Board members brainstormed and offered problem solving advice.

David gave a report about on the Outreach/Parks/Planning meeting. They had the newsletter editors and some others come and talk about the newsletter. After that, most people left. One resident, Bethany Johnson came for the planning meeting, but everyone else had left, so he just talked to her about the Montavilla Plan and the neighborhood, but nothing much was actually accomplished.

David opened a discussion on the upcoming meetings and speakers. He said he was trying to figure out how to decide if a speaker would be of interest to the residents who attend. Discussion was of previous speakers that were not really of interest or talked too long. He said he sometimes had requests from speakers just a day or two before the general meeting. Lisa suggested that there be a definite deadline, of maybe a week before the meeting. Then David could e-mail all the Board members for feedback on the proposed speaker. David thought it was a good idea. There was consensus on this from the other Board members. David passed out a rough draft of upcoming speakers already decided on. Discussion on changing the format of the meetings. Lisa said that the Board should keep the meetings to an hour or a little more. Residents seem to like a shorter meeting. Discussion on how to get more people involved without burning them out. Michelle has dropped the selling of Chinook Books for this year, it's too late. Lisa suggested that she get an earlier start next year and announce it at every general meeting and on the listserv etc. She said she'd probably do that for next year.

David said he would entertain a motion to adjourn. Lisa moved to adjourn Maria seconded. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Laurenceau