

MONTAVILLA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY

June 11, 2007

Participants: MNA Board Members Present-Erica Thygesen, Chair; Lisa Laurenceau SEUL Board Delegate/MNA Secretary; Craig Bach, Public Safety Committee Chair; Yvonne Garcia, Outreach Committee Chair; Maria Sworske, Treasurer; Stephen Sequeira, SEUL Land Use and Transportation Committee Delegate.

Guests-Dan Saltzman, Portland City Commissioner; Katherine Anderson, Crime Prevention Coordinator; PPB Liaison Officer Menugian and his partner Kelly Jensen.

Neighborhood Residents: Alema McCrea, Mt. Tabor/East Tabor Business Association Liaison (METBA); Alta Gaylord, Michael Flagg, Michelle Scott, John Stinks, Amy Trieu, Fritz Hirsch, Josh Shirley, Raydene Taylor, Brenda José, Jennel Andrew, Jennifer Temayo.

Erica Thygesen, MNA Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. The agenda was reviewed and unanimously approved without additions, deletions or corrections. Erica then asked the new MNA Board members to introduce themselves. Then she asked all other attendees to introduce themselves.

Officer Menugian gave out handouts detailing recent crime statistics for Montavilla, then he answered questions from meeting participants. One neighborhood resident's question: If we actually see a prostitute working, should we call it in? Answer: Yes, always call. He also referred everyone to the website for more detailed and varied information on crime statistics by neighborhood. He also reminded everyone to ALWAYS lock their car doors and NEVER leave valuables in their cars.

Erica introduced Dan Saltzman, Portland City Commissioner, and said he would speak about sustainability issues. He said he is in charge of Parks and Rec and they have a good budget this year. So, they have planned on having more programs and increased hours in the summertime for the teens that are out of school. "Portland Recycles" have announced new plans. Portland has done a good

job along with other large cities. Waste recycled increased to 44%, but recycling needs to increase to 55%. Alta Gaylord, neighborhood resident pointed out that packagers need to adjust. Commissioner Saltzman said that recyclables allowed would soon include margarine tubs, etc. Soon food waste will be picked up with yard debris. Targeting for recycling construction debris is 75%. He spoke of franchising commercial haulers. The city council will hold hearings on these things. Public comment can also be done on the website. The city is urging businesses to go solar. By July 1st, the city will require diesel to be bio-diesel, and require an increase in ethanol in gasoline. Commissioner Randy Leonard has taken the lead on some of this. The city is currently in negotiations with a company called PPM for all city electricity to be supplied by wind power (through windmills) in Houston, OR. Wind turbines can be up in months as opposed to years for hydroelectric dams. City wants to get “green” building done in Portland. One company will soon open up and produce solar electric cells. Questions and answers followed. Someone asked if farmers are opposed to wind turbines in their area. Someone else said they had relatives who were farmers and lived near wind turbines and no one seemed to oppose to it. Most everybody quite liked them, in fact, because they were an inexpensive, renewable source of electricity. Master recyclers, was mentioned by Erica, that they’re all volunteers, they do plastics roundups, etc.

(5 minute break from 7:55pm-8:00pm)

Announcements:

First Annual International Fair-September 29-The Outreach committee chair, Yvonne Garcia, put out a call for volunteers to help planning. Planning takes place during the Outreach committee meetings on the first Monday of the month at B-partisan Café at 7:00pm.

Larry Krohn’s (a well-loved Montavilla coach) Birthday-The Montavilla Community Center Gym will be named for him. It will be a surprise. They will put up a new scoreboard with his name and then a relative will tell him to meet them at the gym because they need to talk to him. Coffee and cake reception to follow-Saturday, June 16@ 4:00pm at Montavilla Community Center.

Brurgerville Fundraiser for MNA on June 18, 5:30pm-8:30pm. 10% of profits will go to MNA.

Friends of Trees-Jennifer Tamayo reported that tree plantings take place every spring. Portland is the only city that has increased it's overhead canopy, this is largely due to the efforts of Friends of Trees-most cities are losing trees.

Josh Shirley, a neighborhood resident, says he does a Block Party every year for National Night Out. This year he is asking for funds/sponsorship from MNA, in return he will make it a benefit for MNA. The Block Party will involve the serving of alcohol for donations. The MNA Board will discuss this at the next board meeting.

Treasurers Report-Maria Sworske says that he checking account balance is at \$890 and the savings account balance is \$2,300.

Sustainability Committee- Erica will plan a meeting for sometime in July. She is hoping that someone who joins that committee will be willing to be the chair.

Mt. Tabor Music in the Park-Every Tuesday in July. MNA is a co-sponsor of these events. Erica and Yvonne will man a Master Recyclers table.

Southeast Uplift Report-Lisa Laurenceau-The SEUL Board meeting for July will be on Monday July 2nd. It will be an Ice Cream Social at the SEUL office at 3534 SE Main St. This will be a great opportunity to meet neighborhood board members from across the Coalition area, the SEUL Board of Directors and SEUL staff. All our welcome to attend and celebrate the beginning of the new year. SEUL Budget-The Board just approved the budget for Fiscal Year 2007-08. Resources have been provided to restore the Land-Use and Transportation program. Gary Burger, who has been working part-time for 6 months will be going full-time and will be working closely with neighborhood volunteers to advocate for neighborhood-friendly land-use and transportation policies. In addition, neighborhoods will have a slight increase in communications funding this year. Introductory session on Regional Equity Atlas-SEUL will host an introductory session on the Coalition for a Livable Future's Regional Equity Atlas on Wednesday, June 27th, 6:00pm-8:00pm at the SEUL office at 3534 SE Main St. SEUL will present data collected in the atlas to neighborhood leaders and others interested in knowing about our community. The Regional Equity Atlas explores

such questions as: Which communities are affordable, have access to transit, have adequate parks and natural areas? For more information about the event or to RSVP; contact Cece Hughley-Noel at cece@southeastuplift.org. SEUL's New Board Member Orientation will be Saturday, September 15, 2007. Time and location to be arranged. When it's held on a Saturday, they usually hold it during the day and provide a nice lunch.

Our next general meeting will be on Monday, July 9. Our speaker will be Sharon White speaking on Traffic Calming.

Our August meeting will be a "Seed and Produce Exchange" of fruit, vegetables and seeds.

The Farmer's Market-Starting July 22, will be every other Sunday until September 30.

At our September meeting, we will hear from the Berrydale Community and in either August or September there will be an update on the Bridger School Rainwater Garden.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Laurenceau
MNA Secretary