



## **Montavilla Neighborhood Association Board Meeting**

Monday September 8<sup>th</sup> 2014 | MUMC 232 SE 80<sup>th</sup> St.

Board Members Present: Laura Spidell, Lew Scholl, Stefanie Dieffenbach, Diana Marshall, Fritz Hirsch, Roger Warren, Benjamin Kerensa

Neighbors & Guests: Kelly Feddersen, Dave Mosier

Meeting called to order @ 6:32pm

**Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda is approved with one addition. Dave Mosier from Milepost 5 is here for assistance with a landlord/tenant issue at his residence.

**Approval of July Board Meeting Minutes:** Ben Kerensa suggests the MNA Board makes the Minutes available during the General meeting. Ben recommends we keep them in a binder.

- ✓ Joanna Spidell makes a motion to have the MNA Board Meeting Minutes available at the General Meetings by placing them in a binder and announcing their presence during each General Meeting. Stefanie Dieffenbach seconds this motion, all are in favor and none oppose. The motion passes.

**Treasurers Report:** Diana Marshall has officially resigned as Treasurer. Fritz Hirsch will act as Treasurer until elections in October. Current financial report is provided (see attachment). Tasks to be completed include finalizing our new annual budget.

**Guest: Dave Mosier, Milepost 5.** Dave Mosier is here to present his current issues with the property manager that is running Milepost 5. Dave has resided as an Artist in Residence at MP5 for 4 years. He has recently seen a high turnover in the property manager position, which has created some disconnect amongst the residents and created safety and noise issues within the building. After emailing a letter to Portland Mercury Newspaper and contacting the Portland Bureau of Development Services in regards to new construction permits and noise during working hours, Dave's lease was not renewed. Dave has since created a questionnaire for MP5 tenants offering anonymity regarding their concerns and has had a conservative response. Dave believes many tenants are fearful they will also be declined renewal of their lease if they participate in any complaints or investigations. Dave is asking the MNA to assist in the investigation regarding permits and noise ordinances that Dave has spearheaded and would like for this to become an open topic this evening at the General Meeting. Lew Scholl is concerned that this is at the core a landlord/tenant dispute but that code violations are something the MNA can get behind. Unfortunately, even with this issue, the MNA is a second party and not privy to the truth. Resolutions NW has been contacted and has offered their support. Fritz Hirsch is concerned there is a conflict of interest as we just hosted a very successful Jazz Festival in August at MP5. Benjamin

Kerensa researched MP5 and recently discovered a lien has been placed on MP5, therefore the Land Use Committee can move forward with any issues regarding safety and code violations. Lew Scholl suggests that the MNA offer a Monday night workshop regarding this issue.

- ✓ Benjamin Kerensa makes a motion that the MNA Land Use and Transportation Committee research any safety and code violation issues at MP5, write up a brief document regarding their findings and present it at the October MNA Board meeting. Roger Warren seconds this motion. All are in favor, one abstains. The motion passes.

**Communication Committee Budget: Joanna Beatty, Communications Committee**

**Chair:** Joanna Beatty provides a handout with the current budget (see attached). She recommends we over-budget the funds to cover any projects that do not pan out as we are always able to move money versus trying to allocate to the exact cent on every possible project. Kelly Feddersen confirms this is how we should fine tune the budget. Stefanie Dieffenbach confirms there is a Trader Joe Card that was purchased last year with funds on it for the meetings (food, beverage, etc.). She will confirm where this money came from (which part of the budget) with Diana. This will be added on the Communications Budget. Joanna would like a vote to approve the budget as is so that she can make adjustments.

- ✓ Lew Scholl makes a motion to approve the Communications Committee Budget as is and to allow the Communications Committee to move forward with any changes regarding said expenses. Benjamin Kerensa seconds this motion, all are in favor and none are opposed. The motion passes.

Joanna's changes include \$150 from marketing (Peter Maris recommends more bling) in regards to our \$150 credit at Home Run Graphics for bling, flyers and other such marketing materials and an increase to \$900 for changes to our Yard Signs.

**October Board Elections: Fritz Hirsch** Elections are in October. Everyone's position is up for grab. Any current Board member that wants to re-run must notify Joanna as she will be announcing General Meeting Elections on FB and the website including any nominees. There will also be a note of clarification regarding "membership" and how this allows for voting rights (what defines a member, ballot information, etc.). Peter Maris no longer resides in the Montavilla Neighborhood but would like to remain a MNA member. This will be voted on at the General Meeting this evening. Peter would also like to remain in his position as the SEUL representative for the MNA. This will be added to the October election if he is approved/elected this evening to remain a part of the MNA by the General members. Kelly Feddersen recommends that we do a call out ballot and leave a space for write-ins. This is how Joanna had intended the vote to be.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm

Submitted by Stefanie Dieffenbach, MNA Board Secretary.