



## **Montavilla Neighborhood Association General Meeting**

Monday March 10<sup>th</sup> 2014 | MUMC 232 SE 80<sup>th</sup> St.

Board Members Present: Fritz Hirsch, Diana Marshall, Stefanie Dieffenbach, Lew Scholl, Peter Maris, Steve Rice, Roger Warren, Benjamin Kerensa, Joanna Beatty

Neighbors & Guests: Kelly Fedderson, Suzanne Bader, Susie Pierce, Andre L George, Michael Sonnleitner, Tamara Lynn, Vinal Gharhi (?), Gail Tyls (?), Todd Lofgren, Josh Capps, Patrick (?) Roger Fentev, Paula Cadiente, Diana Scholl, Elaine Hakala, Mark Holden, Hope Holden, Garrett Downen, Wanda Adams, Jeff Milkes

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm

**Approval of the Agenda:** Agenda is located on a large post-it board and copies are available on the tables.

**Introductions/Social Time:** Meet your neighbors, MNA Board Members and special guests. Refreshments provided.

**Announcement:** Stefanie Dieffenbach, MNA Secretary

Please note the agenda and more importantly a Project/Committee Interest sheet with the Board members listed on the back is available on each table. Please fill it out if you are interested in participating in one of our many projects/boards.

**Portland Parks and Recreation:** MLS and Montavilla Park by Parks and Rec- Todd Lofgren (Property and Acquisition Manager for PPR) and Jeff Milkes (South and SE Services Manager).

PP&R is finalizing a proposition from Major League Soccer (Timbers/Thorns) regarding the crumbling and infrequently used tennis courts. MLS will repurpose the tennis courts into what they call a "futsal" soccer court. It will keep the same footprint (fence included) and add a 4 ft. tall wall all the way around with painted lines on a synthetic turf surface for year round use. From Wikipedia: *"Futsal is a variant of soccer and includes two teams of five players each. It is played on a hard court surface delimited by lines. The surface, ball and rules create an emphasis on improvisation, creativity and technique as well as ball control and passing in small spaces."* MLS will pay for the remodel and maintain the surface. The Portland Timbers will be here the first week of August to name the field "Portland Timbers Field at Montavilla Park". PP&R requesting an MNA member to sit in on the naming committee. The total cost is \$100,000 and the name comes with the resurfacing contract (aka if the Timbers move away, so does the field's name for those concerned). Jeff reminds the members that the basketball courts have a Nike "swoosh" in the center because Nike donated millions to resurface all of PP&R basketball courts in 2006. The CocaCola Award of \$10,000.00 is still allocated towards Montavilla Park. This money will be decided upon after plans with MLS have been concluded. Montavilla Community Center will plan to run programs reflecting this new soccer addition. Parking issues have not been addressed.

**Land Use and Transportation Committee:** Lew Scholl, Peter Maris

- ✓ North Tabor Neighborhood Association has recently created/submitted a letter that we have chosen to support regarding transportation and land use along the Glisan corridor. This letter contains principles we want to borrow as we create our own letter regarding Glisan St. and land use/transportation. Included: bike safety, pedestrian safety, flashing beacon crosswalks and businesses.
- ✓ A comprehensive plan is in the works but our committee is looking for community input. We'll start with Facebook and the website. The plan discusses parks, density, development, etc. In essence where the city wants to put its resources in the next 20 years.
- ✓ There's a meeting next month so feedback will be reviewed until then.
- ✓ Update: 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave and Division to be taken over by the city. Millions are needed to fix up 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and transportation doesn't have it in the budget.

**Strategic Planning Committee:** Steve Rice

The Strategic Plan will be available Monday April 28th from 6-8pm @ Multnomah U's Bradley Hall B3. Flying Pie is donating pizza. Please come!

**Guest: St. Peter and Paul Episcopal Church:** Susie Pierce

Susie from St. Peter and Paul Episcopal Church is seeking last minute financial assistance for their Beautification Committee which met in February regarding a multitude of gardening and beautification projects along their block. Handouts were distributed, Susie is available for any questions.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:37pm

Submitted by Stefanie Dieffenbach, Secretary

Anyone interested is invited to stay to discuss Gentrification with Fritz Hirsch is welcome to. Our neighborhood's diverse population is at risk of being pushed out by more affluent families moving, specifically the eastern park from 82<sup>nd</sup> ave. to I-205. Fritz has a list of questions and comments to discuss displayed on the board.

***Gentrification questions...***

1. What does the term "gentrification" mean?
2. Is gentrification the same as neighborhood improvement?
3. Can we have neighborhood improvement without gentrification?
4. What can we do as individuals to counter gentrification?
5. What can MNA do to counter gentrification?