

Montavilla

neighborhood association

Montavilla Neighborhood Association General Meeting

Monday, January 13th, 2014, Montavilla United Methodist Church, 232 SE 80th Ave.

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

Neighbors and Guests: Terry Dublinski, Kelly Federson, Marie Chiu, Ty Boice, Eve Milanders, Becky Warren, Max Drewel, Pam Drewel, Greg Burrill, Jake Raimussen, Kerry Nolan, Matt Merenda, Darci Merenda, Ryan Meagmer, Elaine Hakala, Tina Granzo, Todd Dennis, Kristen Brown, Christine Egan, Neil Mattson

Meeting called to order at 7:37pm

Agenda displayed, referenced and approved with no additions.

Raffle Items this evening are a Gift Certificate donated by Bai Yok Thai Cuisine restaurant and Guitar Lessons.

Introduction and Refreshments: All guests and Board Members introduce themselves and state where they live as well as any involvement with the MNA. Light refreshments and a brief social time follow.

Land Use and Transportation

Guest Terry Dublinski visits from North Tabor Neighborhood Association. Terry is presenting on the safety and modernization of Burnside, called the Burnside Road Diet. Terry is working with PBOT, Metro's Active Transportation Plan (ATP) and the Burnside High Crash Corridor program regarding narrowing Burnside to one lane (each side) east of 47th. Terry is also requesting a long term study regarding this problematic area. Terry is inviting the MNA to join in a stakeholders committee to give input and become involved in this project. Other focal points include parking, paved line adjustments and an increase in accidents. Terry will propose three 10 foot lanes with 2 bike lanes (like Division and 30th) in the stated problem area to decrease the traffic around 60th. Lew Scholl offered to create a workshop for this project, more to come. Check out www.mttaborpdx.org for more information.

Portland Community College: Guest Christine Egan from Portland Community College SE Campus announcing the publication of their Bond Program Annual Report (materials provided) discussing how PCC has made use of the bond money from last year. PCC is allocating 1 million into SE Portland's campus with this new construction to increase class offerings. There will be 6 buildings with 200,000 square feet including a library that will be open 7 days a week and open to the public (collaborating with the local libraries). Also included will be a bookstore, student commons, science labs, etc. Finally, PCC SE Campus will include retail space and coffee shop space on the main floor of these new buildings facing 82nd and Division streets respectively. They are currently interviewing prospects to fill these spaces. PCC has partnered with JE Dunn Construction for demolition, construction and conservation of

existing historical sites (see map provided). Some discussion was had regarding walkability/bike ability in and around the campus, specifically the NW corridor border and surrounding neighborhood. No road improvements have been finalized at this time but work is in progress with the neighbors, school and local churches in that specific area. Finally, PCC SE Campus is hosting an Asian New Year Celebration February 17th from 11:30am-2pm (flyer provided). All neighbors are invited.

Milepost 5 update- Guest Ty Boice announcing the 4th season of a the Bon Ton Roulet at the Shakespeare Café (flyers provided), a lusty theatre program located in Montavilla at NE 81st and NE Oregon (across from Montavilla Park). Bon Ton won 3 Drammy's last year (<http://www.portlandmercury.com/portland/bon-ton-roulet-at-the-shakespeare-cafe/Event?oid=11430475>). The season premier for Bon Ton Roulet at the Shakespeare Café is Thursday, January 23rd and runs until Feb 9th. Showtimes are Thur-Sun @ 7pm, tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at www.boxofficetickets.com. More information @ milepost5.net (website not available yet) or check out their Facebook site.

Education

Guest Vivian Fallow from Bridger School PTA is announcing the Building Bridges for Bridger Auction Saturday, March 1st from 5:30-10pm (21 and over only) @ the Madeliene Hall. The theme is Mardi Gras. Montavilla's Bridger School is K-8, Title 1 and hosts a robust Spanish Immersion program to fit its dense diversity. The PTA helps fund much for the school, including busses for field trips, a music teacher, arts programming and maintenance of their community garden. Vivian is here soliciting for donations, volunteers and attendees. See provided flyer for more information or check out bridgerpta.org/auction.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54.

Submitted by Stefanie Dieffenbach, Secretary.