

Montavilla Neighborhood Association (MNA)
General meeting minutes for Monday, July 12, 2010, 7:30 – :30 pm
Held at Montavilla Baptist Church

7:30 – Meeting called to order by Brian Wong, Chair, MNA

7:30 – MNA general meeting minutes from prior meeting were reviewed briefly and the membership voted to approve them. Lew Scholl moved to approve the minutes and Maria Sworske seconded.

7:30 - Brian Wong presented the Montavilla t-shirt designs which were also presented at the board meeting immediately before this general meeting. Wong stated the shirts would be available for sale in September 2010. Wong also emphasized that there would be no MNA meetings in the month of August 2010. Wong reminded those present of the Harrison Park School Pepsi fundraiser and encouraged members to participate in the fundraiser by going online to a Pepsi website to vote in favor of Pepsi funds being used for the project, which would be a recreational area. Wong also reminded those present of the Montavilla Kids Festival, which is a neighborhood event Wong is coordinating for the second year in a row. The free event will take place on Saturday, August 28.

7:40 – Michael Clayton of the Masonic Lodge in Montavilla (Cornerstone Lodge #157, corner of 84th Avenue and Ash Street) presented about the Lodge's child safety program, which offers a free child identification program at any receptive community events, and offers to provide it at the Montavilla Kids Festival. The core of the offering is a wallet-sized identification card, three of which are made (2 for parents, 1 for the child to carry on their person), and fingerprint impressions made of the child's two index fingers. Mr. Clayton offered his email address as contact information to any Montavilla residents interested in the program – m67clayton@yahoo.com. Mr. Clayton also stated the his Lodge is available for rent for a modest fee - \$50/day for the downstairs area and \$100/day for the entire building.

7:50 – Joanna George (SEUL Delegate) began the committee/chair position updates by reminding those present that Southeast Uplift hosted an ice cream social on July 8.

Lew Scholl (Land Use Committee Chair) stated that the Land Use Committee is still working on developing ideas for addressing unimproved streets in Montavilla. Lew also stated that the next Land Use Committee will focus on Wilcox School, a somewhat unused Portland Public Schools property in north Montavilla which some residents would like to see utilized for a more community-oriented use. Some residents have been unhappy about what they describe as the relative neglect and disuse of the property.

Roger Warren (Parks Committee Chair) began the Parks Committee update by sharing extra vegetables from his church's community-supported agriculture membership and asking for a volunteer donation for any vegetables taken/consumed. Roger also emphasized to those present that on-site free childcare is available to those attending MNA general meetings. Roger also advertised a free garden maintenance workshop being offered at the garden at Vestal school; the workshop will take place on 7/24 from 10 am – 12 noon. Roger also reminded those present that a free Portland Parks and Recreation-sponsored "concert in the park" will take place on July 20 and 27 in Mount Tabor Park from 6 – 8:30 pm. Roger also reminded folks that a Sunday

Parkways event is scheduled for 7/18, from 10 am – 3:00 pm in the Lents neighborhood.

Liz Sullivan (Sustainability Committee Chair) provided a Sustainability Committee update consisting of a reminder of an upcoming Depave event at Clark Creative Science School in July and also states that she is exploring a potential project with City Repair that might entail a cob structure and/or community bulletin board in the neighborhood.

Fritz Hirsch (Public Safety Chair) provided a Public Safety Committee update by reminding folks that MNA will hold a graffiti removal event on Saturday, 8/14. Fritz also stated that he is holding a garage sale at his house on Saturday, July 24. Proceeds will be provided to a prostitution services nonprofit, with proceeds to be used to provide dental services to prostituted persons. Any persons with items to contribute toward the sale should contact Fritz, and a tax-deduction receipt can be provided for tax purposes.

8:05 – Jacob from JOIN (Connecting the Street to a Home) shares JOIN's idea for JOIN to create a stained glass art installation and associated skill building classes for homeless youth, and asks for MNA's support through a letter of support JOIN is preparing for a proposal to fund said program. Proposal is to Regional Arts & Culture Council; project would be complete in October 2010. Letter of support idea approved by vote of the membership present.

8:10 – Treasurer duties and by-laws discussion. Brian Wong presents the new by-laws as adopted by the Board. Membership present votes to approve the by-laws.

8:15 – “Beloved Community” discussion. Roger Warren and Patrice Mays present “Beloved Community” concept, which is based around both the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Junior and the age-old teaching to “love thy neighbor”. The question at the heart of the discussion is: “What can MNA do to engage those most in need in our community, and those who are different from the typical MNA participant”? Group discussion with following report-out occurs at tables in the church hall. Roger Warren suggests that “Beloved Community” be taken up as a discussion topic at the September general meeting; most seem to agree that would be a good idea.

Meeting adjourns by vote of the membership at 8:33.

Montavilla Neighborhood Association (MNA)

Board meeting minutes for Monday, July 12, 2010, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

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Individuals present were:

- Liz Sullivan, Chair, Sustainability Committee
- Brian Wong, Chair, MNA and Chair, Outreach Committee
- Fritz Hirsch, Vice Chair, MNA and Chair, Public Safety Committee
- Lew Scholl, Chair, Land Use Committee
- Roger Warren, Chair, Parks Committee
- Louisa Lakos, SE Uplift representative to MNA
- Joanna Beatty, Board Member-at-Large and
- Patrice Mays, community member.

6:30: Meeting called to order by Mr. Wong. Minutes from prior board meeting reviewed by those board members present; Mr. Warren and Mr. Scholl move to approve these minutes. Motion passes unanimously.

6:30: Mr. Wong gave an update on MNA t-shirt concept, presenting two t-shirts each with different colors/designs. Mr. Wong stated cost is \$6 per shirt for MNA to produce. Those board members present discussed potential prices for the shirts, with \$12 – 20 per shirt being mentioned as a reasonable price range.

6:40: All present discussed MNA Treasurer (board member position) duties. Key items mentioned included that Treasurer reports can be made available to MNA residents on request and a summary of recent expenses and revenues, account balances will be given at each monthly MNA general meeting. Also mentioned was that SEUL should get a yearly summary of our financial activities and a regular update on donations received by MNA (either monthly or yearly basis). Ms. Lakos of SEUL also mentioned that MNA must provide its State of Oregon corporate information update on or prior to 6/19/10. Also, discussion of the proposed changes to the MNA by-laws for Treasurer duties ensued, with Mr. Warren moving to approve the by-laws changes as presented, with Ms. George seconding, with unanimous approval following after. At that point the by-laws changes goes to the MNA general membership meeting for approval.

7:00: Mr. Hirsch presented idea to put together a grant proposal in competition for SEUL graffiti abatement grant funds. Those board members present voted unanimously for Mr. Hirsch to write a draft grant proposal and share with MNA board members. Mr. Hirsch also opened discussion about the McDonald's franchise located at SE 82nd and Stark and the public safety challenges some have observed there (e.g. prostituted women patronizing premises, undesirable activities occurring in parking lot). Mr. Hirsch shared a draft letter which could be presented to the franchise owner outlining the issues which neighbors have observed and asking the franchisee/management to adopt a pro-active stance to address issues present. Mr. Warren suggested that instead of obtaining MNA board or membership approval of the draft letter and making this issue public, Mr. Hirsch and one or more other MNA board members meet as a small group with franchise owner to discuss challenges and seek resolution. Mr. Warren moved to adopt the suggestion, Mr. Hirsch seconded this motion, and all present approved the suggestion.

7:15: Mr. Wong presented a list of questions which form the basis for a research project being focused on the Montavilla neighborhood/community proposed by Adele Kubein, an OSU Ph.D candidate in the Department of Anthropology. The heart of the research project would be a confidential interview of neighborhood residents. A brief discussion of the interview questions followed, with a focus on how to effectively solicit the input of limited English-speaking individuals. Those board members present determined unanimously to approve the interview questions with the caveat that MNA would be able to suggest changes to the questions through 8/31/10, and that the board suggest to Ms. Kubein that she develop an approach to reach limited English-speaking individuals.

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Montavilla Neighborhood Association Treasury
August/September 2010

	Checking	Savings	Total
Previous month balance	\$3,659.02	\$2,642.34	\$6,301.36
Expenses:	547.24	*	547.24
Revenues:	233	0.26	233.26
Current month balance	\$3,344.78	\$2,642.60	\$5,987.38

Date of bank statement through July 2010

Check detail

1157 Brian Wong	131.09
1158 Roger Warren	15.00
1160 Marisa Swenson	401.15
Pending 1159 City Blessing	185.00

Deposits:

135.00 Community Donations – City Blessing School Supply Fundraiser
50.00 SEUL Reimbursement
48.00 T-Shirt Sales

Deposits pending:

102.00 Raffle Fundraiser
~~80.00~~ T-Shirt Sales
32.00