

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

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

Board Member Updates

Communication Ben Kerensa proposes he create a mailing list that primarily serves the MNA Board for communication purposes. It will be made available to the public but will also contain a privatized setting/list for just the Board members.

- ✓ *Lew Scholl makes a motion that Ben Kerensa create said mailing list. Peter seconds the motion. All in favor, none oppose, none abstain. Motion passes.*

SEUL Diana, Kelly and Fritz met to discuss SEUL's fiscal sponsorship with the goal of improving relations with SEUL this year. The main discussion point: any donation the MNA receives requesting a tax form for tax purposes and/or specifies where this money is to be used, SEUL will be managing this money. Any donation MNA receives that does not request such forms nor specify where the money is to be used, the MNA manages this money.

Treasurer

Diana provided a budget printout. Items of discussion:

1. *Thatcher's Brewfest monies.* Fritz has spoken with Michael regarding this money (annually donated money from the Brewfest to MNA) as we have yet to receive it. Updates to come.
2. *Rummage Sale.* Discussion regarding partnering with the Friends of Montavilla Early Childhood Education Program (MECEP) during their Rummage sale on Saturday, March 29th from 9-3. MNA will keep the Neighborhood Clean Up in the summer (training will be in February) and further explore this idea in February per time constraints.
3. *Bridger Auction.* Diana is requesting a repeat MNA donation of \$150 to purchase a table/8 auction tickets for the Bridger School Auction. The Board is requesting Diana write a proposal for Bridger PTA to request the approved \$200 maximum donation per school by the MNA via the Education Grant.

- ✓ *Ben Kerensa makes a motion that the Board approve the request of \$150 contingent on Bridger satisfying all the requirements for the Grant through an application. Lew seconds this motion. All in favor, none opposed, none abstain. Motion passes.*

Land Use and Transportation

Lew discussing progress with Commissioner Steve Novick and the 82nd ave crossings, including a rapid flash beacon requested for each of the existing pedestrian islands along 82nd ave. PBOT has initiated a "Vision Zero" Project with similar goals, promoting a crossing at SE Harrison near PCC as a result of students crossing unsafely. Lew provided a draft tonight and via email.

- ✓ *Peter Maris makes a motion to send the said letter draft to PBOT. Benjamin seconds the motion. All approve, none oppose, none abstain. Motion passes.*

Education

Laura Spidell provides a hard copy (also on email) of a draft of the Education Grant for MNA. It has already been approved that each school can ask for a maximum of \$200 as we approved allocating around \$200 per school. Laura has added a cutoff date for the end of the year and will add a signature line/line item for official approval.

- ✓ *Joanna Spidell makes a motion to approve Laura's letter and to send such letter to all Montavilla schools. Lew seconds this motion. All in favor, none oppose, none abstain. Motion passes.*

Music Proposal. Roger Warren again proposing we include children providing music during the meetings. Though Roger's widowed friend has supposedly sent \$1000 to SEUL in support of this idea, Roger has since been unable to contact his friend and Kelly is unaware of such money. Roger instead suggesting that we as a Board provide such entertainment during the meetings, and offers a printout of suggested songs. Second, Roger provided a copy of a letter he received regarding Friends of Wilcox (Wilcox School) with a balance in the account. More discussion regarding this project for the February agenda. Finally, Roger provided a spreadsheet regarding his Poetry Post Campaign and the money raised from his church (MUMC). This money will now be allocated towards other projects for the neighborhood (block parties, neighborhood watch, etc).

Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm

Submitted by Stefanie Dieffenbach, Secretary