

Montavilla Neighborhood Association
General Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2006

Present: Jennifer Tamayo, Erica Cutler, Sarah Selden, Erica Thygesen, Afifa Ahmed-Shafi, Megan McCoy, Maria Sworske, Roger Warren, Victor Flaming, Craig Bach, Lisa Laurenceau, David Linn

Minutes: Erica Thygesen

7:05pm: Meeting called to order by Jennifer Tamayo. No minutes were available from the last general meeting to review. The agenda was reviewed. David Linn made a motion to approve the agenda. Megan McCoy seconded the motion. All were in favor of approving the agenda for today's meeting.

7:10pm: Introduction of community members. The former and current owners of Utopia restaurant on 82nd Avenue came to show support for the MTA, and brought some delicious food along with them. ___ spoke of the importance of working together to address the crime in the neighborhood.

7:48pm: Committee updates are as follows.

Alema reported that the METBA (Montavilla/ East Tabor Business Association) annual meeting is next Tuesday October 17, 2006 at Stark Street Pizza at 6pm. This meeting is primarily for neighborhood businesses, including any home-based businesses.

David reported on the grant writing workshop that was conducted by SEUL. Jennifer and Victor also attended the workshop and will be working together on a grant application to increase the capacity of the neighborhood association. The deadline for the grant is December 1, 2006. Any neighbor input and assistance is welcome. Contact Jennifer or check the list serve for more information.

Sarah reported that Metro is offering several grant writing workshops in order to assist with the Nature and Neighborhoods grants that are going to be available to the community. The workshops will occur on October 19, 2006 and October 21, 2006.

Victor invited neighbors to check out the MNA list serve on yahoo groups for up to date information on a variety of different topics.

Craig reported about the 82nd Ave Max station cleanup which will be occurring on Saturday October 14, 2006 from 10am – 12pm. More volunteers are needed. Anyone interested should meet at Elmer's Restaurant. Also, anyone interested in traffic calming issues can check out the website isharetheroad.com for information.

Erica C. spoke about the Friends of Trees event is scheduled for March 10, 2006. The deadline for signing up for a tree is December 1, 2006. There will be an announcement

on the list serve about an upcoming meeting for anyone who might be interested in getting a tree or in helping to volunteer for the event.

Jennifer reported that there was still an ongoing discussion with community members and the Portland Public Schools about several of Montavilla's schools, including Bridger, Binnesmead, Clark, and Vestal. No decisions were made by the committee of parents who were working to come up with a plan about the schools, so the decision will mostly be in the hands of the school board. Jennifer also suggested that anyone who has a connection with any of the neighborhood PTAs might help foster a connection between the schools and the MNA.

7:35 Meeting was adjourned.