

# MONTAVILLA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

September 22, 2008

Board Members Present: David Linn, Chair/Parks Committee Chair; Lisa Laurenceau, Secretary/SEUL Delegate; Maria Sworske, Treasurer; Stephen Sequeira, SEUL LUTC Delegate; Sandra McDaniel, LUTC Committee Chair; Tricia Satterlee, Outreach Committee Chair; Kevin Hedahl, Crime Prevention Committee Chair.

Other Participants: Kristen Weiner, Southeast Uplift Staff.

David Linn, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m.

Lisa handed out copies of the general meeting summary for approval. There was one correction noted.

Maria stated that some paperwork for Community Funds needs to be filled out for the state. Tricia said she would help with the paperwork. Outreach and Treasurer will work together to complete the paperwork. Maria completed all the other paperwork and also found that all mail was going to Erica, the former Chair. She also said that the MNA Post Office Box is up for renewal. It is at a Post office at 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. During the summer it was close to where she needed to be once a week. Now, she has no reason to go downtown that often and doesn't have time to drive to downtown anymore. Discussion. Lisa suggested that she move the box to a Post office closer to where she lives. Maria said she doesn't have time enough to call around like that. Tricia said she can check online. Maria said she will do that. She said that the cost for the box is \$35/6 months. Lisa moved to release funds for the PO Box renewal. Sandra seconded. Vote was unanimous.

David asked for someone to write job descriptions for each position that will be up for election at our next general meeting. Tricia said she will do it. Tricia said she and Kevin can't run for their positions since they have to move to Tualatin for 6 months. Discussion. Lisa said when they come back if there's no one in the positions, the Board will hold a special election. Kevin will still be able to consult on finances. Discussion on possible budget for MNA. MNA needs to tighten up the finances.

David said he had requests to present from Charles Lewis a candidate for City Council, and the Children's Levy Campaign.

Elections were to be held at the next meeting. Lisa complained that things were “very loose” at the last elections and some positions were forgotten until she, Lisa, reminded the facilitator, etc. Kristen said she could come to help that night. David said we’ll vote by secret ballot. Discussion. Board members agreed to it.

Procedural motions-David said that the Board must support procedural motions made at general meetings.

Justin Cutler, Vice Chair is not here at the meeting, but David brought a request from Justin for funds for a \$500 fee for the speaker/researcher for the Public Safety summit on October 7. Sandra complained that Justin should have let us know sooner. No one thought there would be a charge so he should have let us know in a more timely manner. All the members seem to agree with this viewpoint. Maria asked why we can’t share the costs with another organization to partner with us. David said costs can’t be shared because people are upset with Liz Sullivan of Montavilla in Action. Discussion of policies and guidelines not being met. Board hasn’t wanted to create a budget, so we have to do it case-by-case. Sandra again objected to such a large outlay without proper notice. Lisa spoke out that this was a MNA event, we have to support it. It’s not an outside event. Stephen moved to release the funds, Lisa seconded. Maria objected. The vote was 6 in favor, 1 against motion. No abstentions. Motion passes.

David asked if Eastside MAX Station Planning Commission (new name for CPTED) could present at November general meeting. Kevin moved, Tricia seconded. Vote unanimous. Discussion on agenda. Someone suggested we need to follow the agenda closer. David is trying to accommodate people who want to leave before a long presentation they’re not interested in.

Lisa asked if she could bring information about the cost of printer’s ink for a printer she has at home. The cost of copies is getting to be too much and it’s very inconvenient to have to go to SEUL to copy every time. Maria had once suggested that MNA pay for printer’s ink to make it easier for Lisa to copy at her home. Lisa said she would price the ink and find the best price and then submit it at the next Board meeting.

Stephen asked Kristen about the SEUL Land-Use and Transportation Committee, on hiatus since the Neighborhood Planner at SEUL had quit suddenly. She said that it will be up and running soon, since they hired a new Neighborhood Planner, in October or November. SEUL was changing the name. It will now be known as the Neighborhood Livability Committee. Stephen had already stated his

intention not to run for that position again, however. Kristen reminded everybody of the Neighborhood Grants and the Fall deadline coming up. Discussion

Sandra said that she had a Block Party for National Night Out. The Board had decided last year to reimburse for barricades for Block Parties associated with or around the time of National Night Out. She asked for reimbursement. Lisa moved to reimburse Sandra for \$25, Tricia seconded. 3 in favor, 0 against, 3 abstentions. Sandra then asked to be re-imbursed for a Co-Housing Land-Use Symposium that she went to at City Hall. She asked for \$25. Tricia moved, Maria seconded 4 in favor, 2 against, motion passes.

Sandra said that at the special meeting there should have been a time allotted to rebuttal speakers who had information to give. She had the results of an informal poll she took, among Tri-Met riders, at the 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue MAX station. Tricia echoed her. David apologized. He said he was just winging it, he really hadn't planned it very carefully. Discussion. He said next time he will plan better to give dissenters more time to speak.

Stephen moved for adjournment, Kevin seconded. Vote was unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Laurenceau  
Secretary