



Montavilla Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

Monday, July 8, 2013, Montavilla United Methodist Church, 232 SE 80th St

Board Members Present: Fritz Hirsch, Stefanie Dieffenbach, Lew Scholl, Roger Warren, Laura Spidell, Steve Rice, Benjamin Kerensa

Neighbors and Guests: Susan Baumgardner, Peter Maris, Michael Cummins

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm.

Approval of Agenda minute's not available but approved.

No MNA Board Meeting in August

Chair Updates

Impromptu Neighborhood Cleanup/Graffiti: Benjamin Kerensa, Fritz Hirsch

- Ben and Fritz provided a neighborhood cleanup/graffiti removal and were able to serve businesses on 80th to 79th and Vestal School. They received a cash donation and free lunch from Hanoi Kitchen. Steve suggested we draft a letter to businesses that have graffiti and are not currently removing it; Fritz agreed this was a good idea. A letter is to be drafted that indicate our ordinances but also offer the MNA's assistance. A variety of places were suggested for paint (Metro, Fred Meyers, etc.). According to Ben, the city is currently replacing their previous contract for graffiti removal.

Community Gathering: Benjamin Kerensa

- Neighborhood Social @ Burger Barn hosted 20+ neighborhood folks. This even was well received and Ben would like to see more of them, perhaps monthly.

Safety: Benjamin Kerensa

- Ben updated the Board on the progress with Montavilla Park's pavilion area where he and other neighbors have witnessed the sale of drugs. The parks rangers have been notified and they stated they are currently working with the PPD regarding a specific individual and his female cohort.

- July 22nd @ 7pm @ MUMC there will be a Public Safety & Graffiti Workshop; ONI/NRT and Portland Police to be in attendance; Brad Taylor and Dennis will speak about foot patrol (15 person minimum) and graffiti.

Communications: Benjamin Kerensa, Fritz Hirsch

- Banner is done, Laura will pick it up
- Joanna will utilize SE Uplift for our new website, then it will launch
- Business cards finalization
- yourfirstname@montavillapdx.org (our new emails)
- Raffle tonight- Board members will abstain; please continue buying GC to raffle off!
- Survey TBA

Finance: Fritz Hirsch

- Finalize with more Board Members present
- A strategy/ vision meeting regarding a focused strategic direction regarding our budget and funding will be established by Steve Rice in August. A 2 hour slot is recommended
- Fritz would like to develop a finance committee with Diana, Lew, Ben and any others interested to develop the budget for this new year

Parks and Rec: Roger Warren

- Concerts in the Park trifold distributed
- July 13th @ Mt. Tabor – volunteers needed to man a table; Steve Rice volunteered.
- August 15th and 22nd @ Berrydale – Stefanie, Diana and Laura (TBA)
- Sunday Parkways- ongoing, will be in the NE this month, see flyer
- Coca Cola gave Montavilla Parks \$10 thousand r/t online voting event, direction of these funds is TBA.

Fundraising: Stefanie Dieffenbach

- Burgerville- A Thursday night in October; Stefanie to contact Heather for options
- Please put Stefanie on the agenda for September r/t preschool

METBA/Street Fair: Steve Rice

- Banner- METBA has chosen a winner, banner to be revealed at the Street Fair
- Street Fair: Sunday, July 21st - we do not have anyone available to man a table this year. Steve Rice projecting we need to make this a priority for next year.

Vision Meeting: Steve Rice, Stefanie Dieffenbach

- to be presented in August with Budget meeting
- Logic model- strategic planning (template will be sent out)
- Grants
 - Activities, short term and long term goals (what do we want for Montavilla)
 - Categorize, committee development, activities with leadership that feed back into the larger group and accountability
- Big Buckets
 - Education
 - Safety
 - Transportation/Land Use
 - Community Involvement

Utilize the survey

Transportation: Lew Scholl

- Sunday at 2pm Lew is doing another “walk” and he’s extending the invitation to all neighborhood folks tonight at the General Meeting
- EPAP- Lew attended this meeting, inviting anyone from the Board to attend their meetings as well
- Lew did some networking with the City Club targeting Neighborhood Association folks (Sam Adams is the new President), he brought encouraging words regarding his interactions at this event.
- ODOT updates are desired on 82nd, Stark and Washington
 - Repairing roadways on 205, patchwork on Glisan and 82nd

Meeting adjourned @ 7:28pm

Stefanie Dieffenbach, Secretary