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Board Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2007

Present: Jennifer Tamayo, Erica Thygesen, Maria Sworske, Craig Bach, Megan McCoy, Sandra McDaniel, Yvonne Garcia, Lisa Laurenceau, Sarah Selden, Dave Barmon
Absent: David Linn, Roger Warren, Victor Flaming
Minutes: Erica Thygesen

7:05pm: Meeting called to order by order by Jennifer Tamayo. Craig Bach made a motion to approve the agenda. Yvonne Garcia seconded the motion to approve tonight's agenda. The motion to approve tonight's agenda passed unanimously.

7:18pm: Committee updates are as follows:

Maria Sworske reported that the address for the bank account needs to be changed. She does not get the bank statements regularly and does not have an accurate treasurer's report. Jennifer Tamayo, Maria Sworske, and David Linn will follow up and coordinate with the bank to insure that they have accurate information and we then have accurate information.

Jennifer Tamayo reported that David Linn was not able to attend tonight's meeting, but that he has agreed to serve as the liaison to Thatcher's as they are planning their annual Montavilla Brew Fest. They have offered the MNA an opportunity to table at the event.

Erica Thygesen reported on some of the planning of the neighborhood cleanup. The MNA will work to coordinate with the Master Recyclers' Plastics Roundup which will be occurring at the same time at the Floyd Light Middle School on 108th and Washington Street.

Sarah Selden reported that she had no recent SEUL update as she had been unable to attend the most recent meeting.

Sarah Selden also gave an update about the land use issue at 76th and Alder that has been discussed over the last several months. The MNA helped the concerned neighbors file an appeal on the proposal to subdivide the lot. Testimony on the proposal will be taken on May 14, 2007 at 9:00am at 1900 SW 4th Ave. Testimony can be provided in written or verbal form.

Sarah Selden also provided a report on the Baptist Manor. The MNA submitted the letter of support for the most recent request for a zone change, and it will most likely be approved.

7:42pm: Yvonne Garcia reported that planning is starting to occur for the as yet unnamed "Big Event." This event will be the result of the grant that Craig Bach, Jennifer Tamayo, and Victor Flaming wrote with the help of Afifa Ahmed – Shafi from SEUL last fall. It is just in the very early stages, so if any one has any ideas or suggestions please get them to Yvonne or come attend the next Outreach Committee meeting on the first Monday of next month.

Yvonne also reported that the next MNA fundraiser will be a partnership night at Burgerville on June 18, 2007. Volunteers are needed to help with that event.

Craig Bach reported on the most recent CPTED meeting and other safety related issues. He will be attending an event entitled Ready, Safe, Go this weekend and will bring any useful information back. He also reported that there is a proposal to extend the prostitution free zone, so we might consider writing a letter of support for that extension. He also reported that a pilot program on bike and foot patrols will be happening in the neighborhood.

Dave Barmon, a neighborhood resident, came to talk about some of the things that are going on at the Mabelville Garden. They are working to use permaculture design, and native plants in that green space on 90th and Burnside. Dave reported that he has been talking with Roger Warren about the MNA's sustainability committee, and he reported that he may be interested in running for the Chair of that committee in May.

Sandra McDaniel reported on the 82nd Avenue of the Roses parade. It is actually happening! The group will be meeting at 9am at Eastport Plaza, and will likely arrive at Stark Street around 10am. There are a lot of volunteers, but there is always room for more.

8:10pm: Sandra McDaniel made a motion that the Montavilla Neighborhood Association contribute \$100.00 to support the after parade event, which is scheduled to take place between 11am and 1pm on April 28, 2007. Erica Thygesen seconded the motion. The motion to contribute \$100.00 to support the after parade event was approved unanimously.

8:17pm: Craig Bach reported that METBA's farmers market is scheduled to open on July 22, 2007. The time will be 10am to 3pm. They are still looking for more volunteers. They also have several fundraising events planned; two Burgerville partnership nights are scheduled for May 21 and July 16, and two events at the Flying Pie Pizzeria are scheduled for April 30 and June 4.

Jennifer Tamayo passed out the proposed changes and updates on the bylaws that were completed by the Bylaws Review Committee. These changes will need to be posted online and then reviewed by the general membership at the May general meeting, so that they can take effect by June 1, 2007. Board members were able to ask clarifying questions. Lisa Laurenceau expressed frustration that she had not been involved in the review of the bylaws. She stated that we should work on them as a group at the general meeting. She was reminded that she had had an opportunity to participate on the Bylaw Review Committee, but had not done so.

9:01pm: Erica Thygesen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Megan McCoy seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn the meeting was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

7:55pm: Victor Flaming reported on the plans for the May 19, 2007 neighborhood cleanup. He reported that he had found a hauler who made a bid for \$100.00 per pick up, and that would be providing the MNA with two drivers for the day. He made a motion that the MNA accept the current bid for \$100.00 per container, with two drivers, but that we continue to seek out better offers if available. If we find a better offer from someone who can provide the service we need at a better price, we will automatically approve it without returning to the board for additional discussion. Sandra McDaniel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8:05pm: Jennifer Tamayo reported that the MNA needs to update its bylaws in order to comply with some changes that were instituted by the Office of Neighborhood Involvement. It was reported that we can either work on them at our next board meeting or we can assign a committee to work on them. They need to be updated by May 1, because they will need to be reviewed and approved by the general membership of the MNA. Erica Thygesen moved that we assign a committee to review and update the bylaws and meet to prepare the changes to be presented at the April general meeting. The committee shall include

Erica Thygesen, Jennifer Tamayo, Megan McCoy, Yvonne Garcia, and Victor Flaming. Megan McCoy seconded the motion. The motion to create a committee to review and prepare updates for the Montavilla Neighborhood Association's bylaws was passed unanimously.

8:29pm: METBA's farmers market was discussed. They are still in the planning stages and are hoping to open on July 29, 2007. They are still working to secure vendors and attract volunteers. METBA has requested support from the MNA, in terms of accessing our insurance policy for the lot. Sandra McDaniel made a motion that the Montavilla Neighborhood Association support METBA's farmers market and allow them to access our insurance policy for their event. Megan McCoy seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

8:33pm: Sandra McDaniel provided an update of the 82nd Avenue of the Roses parade. The committee still has received official approval from ODOT about whether the avenue can be closed that day, so they are considering possible alternative routes.

8:40pm: Jennifer Tamayo reported on the Citywide Conversation on Infill that occurred recently. Jennifer, Maria Sworske, and Sarah Selden attended the event.

8:44pm: The minutes from the February board meeting were reviewed. Megan McCoy made a motion to approve them. Craig Bach seconded the motion. The motion to approve the February board meeting minutes was approved unanimously.

8:51pm: Megan McCoy moved that we adjourn the meeting. Yvonne Garcia seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn the meeting was passed unanimously.