



Montavilla Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

Monday, September 9th, 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, Joanna Beatty, Diana Marshall

Neighbors and Guests: Kelly Feddersen (SEUL rep), Maureen Sloan, Katelin Ryan

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm.

Approval of Agenda minute's not available but approved.

Additions:

Stefanie Dieffenbach- Burgerville Community Partnership Night is October 24th from 5-8pm. Minimum of 4 volunteers needed. Activities will include filling and passing out balloons, coloring sheets with free cones advertised, sales of MNA t-shirts and totes and serving/bussing tables. Please wear your MNA t-shirt!

Chair Updates

Lew Scholl

- Drafting a letter to put a flashing beacon at all pedestrian crosswalk on 82nd Ave.
- Continuing his 82nd Ave. walks. Recent walk included Bob Stacey with Metro Counseling and Christine Eagen with PCC (public relations)
- 77th Street project has been declined

Roger Warren

- Concerts in the Park recap meeting will be the 3rd week in September

Joanna Beatty

- Survey has 97 responses. A link to the survey is available on the MNA Facebook account and will be available on the MNA Website (to be launched soon). Most of the responses have come from the 97213 zip code and Joanna reports 78% of the responders do NOT attend the MNA meetings. Joanna would like to alter the demographics to include "domestic partnerships."
- \$24.00 is needed to renew the survey for another month
 - *Roger Warren moves to renew the survey for another month at a cost of \$24.00. Stefanie second's this motion. All in favor none apposed. Motion passes.*

Communications Committee

- Next meeting is Sunday September 29th @ 7pm @ MUMC. Lew agrees to create a roster for each subcommittee.

Benjamin Kerensa

- Glisan Street Project- pedestrian signal is 2 weeks out (lights and wiring needed).
- Ben requesting a letter to Portland Police in regards to assisting with traffic enforcement as the lane changes has posed some issues with drivers. Chris Davis will be looking into this issue. Ben instructed to wait 30 days and if the problems continue, to draft a letter and note examples.
- PBOT will be increasing the speed of the 82nd Ave. light to decrease congestion on Glisan. Questions were posed regarding the parking signs on Glisan. Ben wants a rep from the transportation crew/Public Safety to speak to this question.
- Graffiti Abatement letter was dispersed via Ben and Fritz. A copy will be emailed to the Board. This letter will continue to go out to blatant offenders.

Steven Rice

- Steven would like to see an increase in MNA involvement at the Street Fair.
- METBA positions are open

Laura Spidell

- Education liaison will be conducting outreach to the principals at Vestal in regards to Sun School
- Academy Theater fundraising discussed
- Crematorium issue reopened. It is the largest topic of conversation on Facebook specifically the noise (noise citation?), the smell and the sight of smoke. Russ from BBS has sent an enforcement letter to the East Coast in regards to putting any violations on record. Fritz wants to step up our involvement in this issue. Ben desires to push legislature in making an emissions law. Lew believes Alyssa K-G has been supportive by speaking with neighbors regarding this issue. He proposes we have a Community Forum in 2 weeks regarding the Crematorium and have DEQ, the Mausoleum and Russ from BBS here to answer neighbor's questions. Joanna states other crematoriums exist in the metro area and would like to research how their NA's deal with complaints. There is a DEQ contact in regards to air quality that can be called upon; though it appears they are quite lenient in their restrictions.

Diana Marshall

- Budget – to be continued at next Board meeting due to time constraints

Presentation: Stefanie Dieffenbach presented on behalf of Friends of MECEP regarding a repeat donation to the Early Childhood Education Program @ Montavilla Community Center. Funding would go toward special projects such as classroom equipment, teacher CEU's and fundraising events. She also requested MNA partner with the Friends of MECEP for their Rummage Sale in 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34

Submitted by Stefanie Dieffenbach, Secretary