

Montavilla Neighborhood Association (MNA)

Board meeting minutes for Monday, July 12, 2010, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Held at Montavilla Baptist Church

Individuals present were:

- Liz Sullivan, Chair, Sustainability Committee
- Brian Wong, Chair, MNA and Chair, Outreach Committee
- Fritz Hirsch, Vice Chair, MNA and Chair, Public Safety Committee
- Lew Scholl, Chair, Land Use Committee
- Roger Warren, Chair, Parks Committee
- Louisa Lakos, SE Uplift representative to MNA
- Joanna Beatty, Board Member-at-Large and
- Patrice Mays, community member.

6:30: Meeting called to order by Mr. Wong. Minutes from prior board meeting reviewed by those board members present; Mr. Warren and Mr. Scholl move to approve these minutes. Motion passes unanimously.

6:30: Mr. Wong gave an update on MNA t-shirt concept, presenting two t-shirts each with different colors/designs. Mr. Wong stated cost is \$6 per shirt for MNA to produce. Those board members present discussed potential prices for the shirts, with \$12 – 20 per shirt being mentioned as a reasonable price range.

6:40: All present discussed MNA Treasurer (board member position) duties. Key items mentioned included that Treasurer reports can be made available to MNA residents on request and a summary of recent expenses and revenues, account balances will be given at each monthly MNA general meeting. Also mentioned was that SEUL should get a yearly summary of our financial activities and a regular update on donations received by MNA (either monthly or yearly basis). Ms. Lakos of SEUL also mentioned that MNA must provide its State of Oregon corporate information update on or prior to 6/19/10. Also, discussion of the proposed changes to the MNA by-laws for Treasurer duties ensued, with Mr. Warren moving to approve the by-laws changes as presented, with Ms. George seconding, with unanimous approval following after. At that point the by-laws changes goes to the MNA general membership meeting for approval.

7:00: Mr. Hirsch presented idea to put together a grant proposal in competition for SEUL graffiti abatement grant funds. Those board members present voted unanimously for Mr. Hirsch to write a draft grant proposal and share with MNA board members. Mr. Hirsch also opened discussion about the McDonald's franchise located at SE 82nd and Stark and the public safety challenges some have observed there (e.g. prostituted women patronizing premises, undesirable activities occurring in parking lot). Mr. Hirsch shared a draft letter which could be presented to the franchise owner outlining the issues which neighbors have observed and asking the franchisee/management to adopt a pro-active stance to address issues present. Mr. Warren suggested that instead of obtaining MNA board or membership approval of the draft letter and making this issue public, Mr. Hirsch and one or more other MNA board members meet as a small group with franchise owner

to discuss challenges and seek resolution. Mr. Warren moved to adopt the suggestion, Mr. Hirsch seconded this motion, and all present approved the suggestion.

7:15: Mr. Wong presented a list of questions which form the basis for a research project being focused on the Montavilla neighborhood/community proposed by Adele Kubein, an OSU Ph.D candidate in the Department of Anthropology. The heart of the research project would be a confidential interview of neighborhood residents. A brief discussion of the interview questions followed, with a focus on how to effectively solicit the input of limited English-speaking individuals. Those board members present determined unanimously to approve the interview questions with the caveat that MNA would be able to suggest changes to the questions through 8/31/10, and that the board suggest to Ms. Kubein that she develop an approach to reach limited English-speaking individuals.