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**Montavilla Neighborhood Association  
General Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2007**

Present: Afifa Ahmed-Shafi, Maxine Deardorff, Jennell Andrews, Jennifer Tamayo, Katherine Anderson, Sarah Selden, Megan McCoy, Maria Sworske, Craig Bach, Alta Gaylord, Erica Thygesen, Yvonne Garcia, David Linn, Alema McCrea, Michael, Michelle, Raylene, Stephen Sequeira, Janet Martin, Lisa Laurenceau

Board Members Absent: Victor Flaming, Sandra McDaniel

Minutes: Erica Thygesen

7:04pm: Meeting called to order by Jennifer Tamayo. The agenda was passed out and reviewed by all. Sarah Selden made a motion to approve the agenda. Katherine Anderson seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

7:07pm: Introduction of community members.

7:14pm: Jennifer Tamayo announced that a committee has been working to update the MNA bylaws to comply with the Office of Neighborhood Involvement's requirements for neighborhood associations. Jennifer passed out the bylaws with proposed changes for review. Everyone present was able to read through the proposed changes and ask questions about anything that wasn't clear or agreeable. Katherine Anderson suggested that the bylaws are more specific in terms of boundaries; for example, stating "the north side of Division" and "the east side of 76<sup>th</sup>" rather than simply Division and 76<sup>th</sup>. After time for review and questions Erica Thygesen made a motion to approve the new changes to the bylaws with the addition of Katherine Anderson's suggestion. Maria Sworske seconded the motion. The motion to approve the new changes to the bylaws with the additional clarification of boundaries was passed.

7:30pm: Jennifer Tamayo announced that it was time for the annual board member elections. Jennifer reported that all positions (chair or co-chairs, vice chair, secretary, treasurer, SEUL LUTC delegate, SEUL board delegate, outreach committee chair, parks committee chair, safety committee, sustainability committee chair, land use and transportation committee chair, and member at large) were up for election tonight. Jennifer and current board members explained the duties of each of the positions for people to consider. After some time, folks announced their intentions to run. Then a written ballot was passed out to all by Jennifer Tamayo and Afifa Ahmed-Shafi. Afifa collected the ballots and counted the votes.

8:36pm: Afifa Ahmed Shafi and Jennifer Tamayo announced the results of the elections. They are as follows:

Chair: Erica Thygesen

Vice Chair: David Linn

Secretary: Lisa Laurenceau

Treasurer: Maria Sworske

Outreach Committee Chair: Yvonne Garcia

Safety Committee Chair: Craig Bach

Parks Committee Chair: David Linn

SEUL LUTC: Stephen Sequeira

SEUL board representative: Lisa Laurenceau

Sustainability Committee Chair: Open  
Land Use and Transportation Committee Chair: Open  
Member-At-Large: Open

8:36pm: Sarah Selden reported that the land use appeal hearing for the proposed division of property on 76<sup>th</sup> and Alder occurred this morning. Sarah reported that about fifteen community members attended the hearing, and about ten or twelve of those present gave testimony. A decision should be made soon, and we should hear about that decision within a few weeks.

8:41pm: Katherine Anderson gave an update on the CPTED meeting and reported that the group is continuing to focus on making improvements at the 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Max stop. One of the biggest proposed changes is to install a crosswalk right at the stairs. Also there will be an open house on the 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Crash Test Corridor on Tuesday May 29, 2007 from 6-8pm at the Montavilla Community Center.

8:46pm: Yvonne Garcia announced that there will be an MNA/ Burgerville Partnership night on Monday June 18, 2007 from 5:30-8pm. Ten percent of the sales during that time will go directly to the MNA, and one hundred percent of cookie sales will be for the MNA as well. We are looking for volunteers to come out that night and help, and we are also looking for people to come on out to buy food and socialize with members of the MNA.

8:49pm Maria Sworske provided an update on the 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave of the Roses Parade that occurred on April 28, 2007. The committee is looking for feedback and suggestions for improvement as they set about planning the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue of the Roses Parade for 2008.

8:50pm: Jennifer Tamayo announced that the Montavilla Farmers Market will be opening on July 22, 2007. They are still looking for more volunteers. Also, they have an upcoming partnership night with Burgerville on Monday May 21, 2007.

8:54pm: Jennifer Tamayo also announced that the Annual Montavilla Neighborhood Cleanup will be taking place this Saturday May 19, 2007 from 9-1pm at the Montavilla Baptist Church. We are still looking for volunteers for this event as well.

8:59pm: Erica Thygesen moved that tonight's meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Yvonne Garcia, and then passed unanimously.

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