

Montavilla Neighborhood Association General Meeting

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

<u>Board Members Present</u>: Fritz Hirsch, Diana Marshall, Roger Warren, Stefanie Dieffenbach, Lew Scholl

Neighbors and Guests: Benjamin Kerensa, Laura Spidell, Richard Kiely, Paul Harris, Amanda Ryan, Karen Traughber, Robin Hansen, Wanda Adams, Ben Cutler, Kaila Gordy, Matthew Thomson, Hanna Jensen, Jeff Riggs, Chris Anderson, Robert Christian, Abby Coles, Max Drewel, Pam Drewel, Patricia Sanders, Thomas Tilton, Tamara Lynne, Elaine Hogg, Steve Rice, Patricia Morgan, Elaine Hakala

Meeting called to order at 7:38pm.

Approval of the Agenda and Board Introductions: All Board members present took a few minutes to introduce themselves, where they live and what their role is on the MNA Board. Neighbors also took a few minutes to introduce themselves, where they live and why they are here tonight.

Break for Refreshments and Socialization

Chair Updates:

Chair: Fritz Hirsch

Neighborhood Cleanup: Saturday, May 18th 9-3pm @ Montavilla Baptist Church parking lot (92nd and Hawthorne) - electronics, appliances, batteries, etc. (flyer distributed)

Fundraising: Stefanie

- Burgerville Night is Tuesday April 30th from 5-8pm
- Neighborhood Cleanup (expected donation per vehicle, see flyer)

Parks: Roger Warren

- Sunday Parkways- check out link for maps http://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/46103
- East Portland, May 12
- Northeast Portland, June 23
- North Portland, July 28

• Southeast Portland, August 25

SE Uplift/Land use and Transportation: Lew Scholl

- May 4th 82nd Ave. Community Forum planned @ Madison HS from 10am-1pm
 - Various neighborhood associations, elected officials
 - World Café format
 - o Information to come, check MNA website and FB account
- 82nd Ave. Improvement Coalition next meeting TBA
- Parking @ MCC- overflow for the park and CC is available @ Multnomah University, located directly East of the community center
- 77th and Division- land use proposal of a subdivision (7 lots); information will be posted on the website and FB
- Monday April 22nd Glisan St. Forum 7pm @ MUMC
 - PBOT will present their plans- pedestrian island, rapid light beacon, reconfiguring the lanes from 60th to 82nd (2 travel lanes, center turn lane, full time parking on right both sides) to slow the traffic and make this area safer

Guests:

Richard Kiely- Inviting us to the Ave of Roses Parade on Saturday, April 27th from 10-1pm @ Eastport Plaza. Parade will hit Stark around 11am. The carnival is a family event and lasts all weekend. There will be live music, carnival, cultural events and car show.

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Brandon Wang (Hong Phat Market on NE Prescott) - bought Safeway

- general grocery store with an extensive produce line
- large selection of Asian vegetables
- focus on good quality foods at a decent price
- currently doing cleanup outside and will repaint in a Zupans/New Seasons type visual aesthetic
- up to 40 new employees
- est. 40 days to open

Benjamin Cutler: Montavilla Food Coop (outreach@montavilla.coop or FB)

- Consumer coop; REI type company (r/t dividends)
- Other examples: Peoples Food Coop, Alberta Coop
- Soliciting for members
 - elected by the community
 - 170 current member/owners (need 800-1000)
 - o short term goal is 300 new members by July
- Lifetime membership is \$150 (fully refundable, equity investment)- gives you ownership with full voting rights as well
- Marketing study in the works to hire an independent consultant (August)

- Desire to open a store in 2 years; looking at sites in and around Montavilla neighborhood
- Soliciting for community partners to promote healthy families, volunteers and outreach agents (grant writing, table hosting, etc.)
- Community Seeds walk from 12-3 @ Mt. Tabor (trade tools) Saturday, April 27th

Tamara Lynne: Theatre Organization @ Milepost 5: Phase 2

- 82nd Ave. players focus on social justice, equity, access
- Sunday night did a live performance @ MUMC with 40+ guests
- 1st Friday's! @ Milepost 5
 - May 3rd presents a play called "Lunch" based on real life experiences (Roger is participating!)
 - o 6pm Art Show
 - 7pm play begins

MU Day of Outreach: Hannah Jensen (hjensen@multnomah.edu)

- Semester outreach program
- Love neighbors, build bridges
- April 22nd 8am-12pm will be @ PRM, Bridger School, local churches, shelters
- Please contact her for any community needs

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:37pm Submitted by Stefanie Dieffenbach, Secretary