

# MONTAVILLA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY

DECEMBER 10, 2007

Board Members Present: Erica Thygesen, Chair; David Linn, Vice- Chair; Lisa Laurenceau, Secretary/SEUL Board Delegate; Maria Sworske, Treasurer; Stephen Sequiera, SEUL LUTC Delegate; Craig Bach, Public Safety Committee Chair.

Residents: Alta Gaylord, Raydene Taylor, Roger Warren, Kham Somvong. Kevin Hedahl, Tricia Satterlee, Jennie Birt, Montavilla Community Center Interim Manager.

Guests: Officers Leslie Pintarich and Wayne Sholl, Portland Police Bureau; Craig Kolins and Linda Degman, Portland Community College.

Excused: Yvonne Garcia, Outreach Committee Chair.

Erica Thygesen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m. Introductions followed.

Portland Police Bureau-Police Officers Leslie Pintarich and Wayne Sholl passed out current Montavilla crime statistics, and answered questions from residents. Car Prowls are up because closer to the holidays, thieves know people are Christmas shopping and will keep gifts in car. Other questions followed. The police advised people to obtain and hang “No Property In Here” tags in their cars. It might help. Prostitution is up since the city council got rid of the Prostitution Free zone. Police advised residents to “bark” at Mayor Potter and City council since they are the ones who made the decision to do away with the Drug-Free and Prostitution-Free Zones.

Portland Community College-Southeast Center is celebrating it's Anniversary-4 years since they moved to new campus at SE 82<sup>nd</sup> and Division. The new campus is a \$25 million center. It's an investment in 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave, a redevelopment of that corner. One resident asked how many students at PCC. There are 10,000 at Southeast Center, 90,000 at all campuses put together. Students-some are in the first two years of a Bachelor's Degree, some are in two-year vocational/technical programs; some are English as a Second Language

students, some are working on getting their GEDs, some are older adults engaged in lifelong learning and/or personal enrichment; both credit and non-credit courses. But the campus is already in need of expansion and a Bond measure is needed. The campus needs to expand just to meet current and near-future (1 year from now) needs. To be a comprehensive campus, they need a library, but there is currently no space. Only Aviation is offered now, they want to add welding (Portland needs welders), no room for that program. There was a question regarding transportation, how many students using public transportation, no way to know for sure. But plans are to add more bike racks, there are not enough to fill need. They need auditorium space since they often get requests for use of space, but they can't fill those requests since all they have is classroom space (largest space holds 75) and that is maxed out. Other campuses support SE Center expanding and adding programs since there are long waiting lists for many of the programs offered at PCC. SE Center also doesn't have it's own lab space. Marshall high School labs are used in the evening. SE Center wants to expand to add space for it's own labs, add more classrooms etc. Peak times are mornings and evenings. PCC Board has vision of a large campus like Cascade at SE Portland. There are experiments involving "University Center" with having 4-year universities taking up shop at PCC campuses so that those who get two years at PCC won't have to travel to get a four year degree. SE center offers high-end computer training, they have full-time Social Sciences faculty, they've restored some classes and programs previously cut. One political science course is taught at SE Center. Questions and answers followed. David Linn suggested that maybe community members could let SE Center know what kind of courses they want at SE Center. They said that would be great. They gave contact information and also directed those interested to The SE Center website. Someone asked about the timeline-speakers gave an explanation of the timelines.

Vice Chair/Parks Report- David Linn invited ideas for Rain Water Garden at Vestal. Discussion followed Maria Sworske talked of the last clean-up work party and said Montavilla NA needed to be represented more.

Craig Bach, Public Safety Chair-Discussed yellow tags. David Linn said don't park in the dark, park under a light. Don't park on the street if you have a driveway. 2 residents said they were from The Bicycle Safety Alliance and started discussion of Southeast not having all the streets side walked and asked if residents would be interested in having a Pedestrian and Bicycle Comprehensive Plan for Montavilla and/or Southeast Portland.

Stephen Sequiera, SEUL Land-Use and Transportation Delegate-He was too ill to attend last meeting and there will be no SEUL LUTC meeting in December.

One resident discussed possibility of redevelopment of Montavilla especially with it's proximity to Gateway Regional Center.

Discussion of having someone from Montavilla/East Tabor Business Association attend MNA meetings. Craig Bach and Maria Sworske attend their meetings.

Secretary Report-the meeting summaries for October and November were submitted for review and approval. Some corrections were noted by Lisa Laurenceau, Secretary.

Next Avenue Of Roses meetings is December 18, 6:30pm-8:30pm, here at the Community Center. Sam Adams will be one of the speakers. Puitong open 11:00am-9:30pm. Owner's wife owns the Beauty Shop across from Glo-Loca. David Linn said food was very good.

Lisa Laurenceau moved to adjourn, Raydene Taylor seconded. Vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Laurenceau