

**MINUTES — 06/12/2017:**  
**MONTAVILLA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:37pm

**Present:** Robert Secord, Jonathan Ogden, Briar Schriber, Benjamin Kerensa, Jennifer Zogg, Mack Ipox, Jane Lawson, Elaine Hakala, Jonnie Shaver, Loui Baulas, Uriel Baulas, Sergey Turzhanskiy, Ben Tertin, Michael Sonnleitner, Jennifer Tamayo

**DISCUSSION ABOUT APPROVING THE AGENDA AND INFO PACKET:**

6:39 — Michael: There is no financial report available and that minutes from 2017 have not yet been made available online for the public, nor are they complete. (Two months missing; Michael says he is working to retrieve these.)

- Notes that board duties must be made clearer.
- Notes that board vacancies must be filled.
- Notes that leadership is needed, for both upcoming events and for the health of the team, overall.

6:42 — Sergey: Moves to push the “filling the board vacancies” to the top of the agenda, rather than its current placement at the bottom.

- Louie seconds.
- Unanimous approval.

6:50 — Approving the Agenda: Jennifer moves to approve. Louie seconds. Unanimous approval. Michael abstains.

**NEW BOARD MEMBERS:**

- 6:51 — Uriel Baulas: from West Coast, working at a start-up tech firm, wants to get involved in a neighborhood association and sees this opportunity as something he wants to pursue. Wants to serve the team with his skills, and he is particularly interested in becoming an at-large member.
- 6:56 — Jonathan Ogden: three years of engineering management experience, wants to help the neighborhood build and come together, good with computers, networks, scripting for automation.
  - Kerensa: Are you interested in increasing transparency of the MNA?
  - Jonathan: Yes.
- 6:59 — Benjamin Kerensa: Has served the board for 5 years. Says he recently left the board because he could not find adequate support for his role, could not shoulder the burden, and says that some neighbors have directly requested that he come back on the board. He wants to see the board culture change, specifically in terms of transparency. Wants an at-large position to help support the new chairperson.
  - Briar Rose: Offers robust support for Kerensa.

7:03 – Jonnie: moves to vote for all three at once. Seconded by Louie. Michael abstains. Elaine abstains. Six yes. Motion approved.

### **BOARD VACANCIES CONVERSATION:**

7:10 — CHAIR: Kerensa moves to appoint Jonnie as the Board Chair.

- Jonnie: Wants to focus on fundraising and community outreach. Says that Benjamin started a solid sponsorship program, wants to help change the culture. Has a degree in public health and wants to not backtrack or keep going over the same things.
  - What is the vision for fundraising?
  - Do a breakfast, have some folks volunteer things for an auction, pursue new sponsorships through a raffle.

7:18 — Kerensa: Seconds the motion. Vote to approve Jonnie as the new chair passes unanimously. Michael abstains.

7:21 — VICE CHAIR: Benjamin moves to appoint Jonathan as the Vice Chair. Sergey seconds.

- Jonathan notes his experience with meetings similar to MNA board meetings.
- Michael resigns as Vice.
- Vote – Passes unanimously. Michael abstains.

7:25 — COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR: Louie moves to appoint Benjamin as the Comm Chair. Uriel seconds. Vote passes unanimously. Michael abstains.

7:26 – Kerensa moves to appoint Tertin as Secretary. Louie seconds. Approved unanimously.

7:30 – Sergey was approved as the Public Safety chair at the last board meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Approved.

### **BANKING RESOLUTION:**

7:37 — Michael presents the banking resolution and clarifies details.

7:45 — Benjamin moves to adopt RES 2017-6-12a of the Banking Resolution. Louie seconds. Motion passes.

- Benjamin moves to edit RES 2017-6-12b by striking the first line and adding “4) The authorized check signers and treasurer have to regularly oversee the transactions by utilizing Quickbooks or online banking.”

7:50 — Sergey moves to give Jonnie, Benjamin and Jennifer an MNA debit card. Jane seconds. Motion passes. Michael abstains.

7:55 — **MONTAVILLA GREE LOOP PROJECT**: Brian Wong (visitor) speaks. Serves on the 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave Improvement Coalition. Wants to see 82<sup>nd</sup> function like a normal city street. Presents his project — Montavilla Green Loop one-day demonstration project — and asks for support.

- Discussion ensues.

- Wants to make this happen Aug or Sep 2017. One day long, preferably on a Sunday.
- Would it be the same day as the Street Fair?
  - Not this year. Possibly next year.
  - Benjamin notes that this is the kind of thing MNA has historically supported. Hits MNA's "walkability" goal well.
  - Says METBA supported the project at their previous meeting.
- 8:03 — Tertin moves to endorse the project. Jennifer seconds. Motion passes. Michael abstains.

8:05 – Breaky break.

### **DISCUSSION ABOUT STEERING COMMITTEE:**

8:15 — Michael: Do we want a "president" or "registered agent" to be named? Jennifer is already listed, but we need another official designee.

- Benjamin suggests that Jonnie takes on this responsibility.
- Motion to approve Jonnie Shaver as the "registered agent" for the MNA, to be submitted to the State of Oregon Secretary of State.
- 8:16 — Sergey seconds. Motion passes. Michael abstains.

8:18 – Benjamin moves that MNA amend the steering committee charter to allow up to six board members and up to five non-board members or neighborhood residents.

- Discussion ensues.
- 8:24 — Louie seconds. Motion passes. Michael abstains.

8:25 — Benjamin moves that Jonnie, Jonathan, Louie, Uriel, Sergey and himself be appointed to the steering committee.

- Discussion ensues. Motion passes. Michael abstains.

8:30 – Jennifer and Tertin depart. Sergey begins recording minutes as a substitute Secretary.

### **GENERAL DISCUSSIONS (AFTER 8:30pm):**

Louie: Can we set a date for emergency meeting?

- Jonnie: Can we move upcoming stuff to emergency also?
- Michael: Volunteer to take on upcoming stuff. Need a point person for street fair, Night out

Jade International Night Market

- Jonnie: Do we need to vote if we want to table? Or can we doodle for volunteers?
- Michael: We need to pay 45 dollar fee for these events that have over 10,000 attendees.  
Setting date for emergency meeting

#### Discussion about emergency date ensues

- Louie: This coming Monday.
- Elaine: Can't do Monday.
- Ben: We need to prepare fiscal records to approve budget
- Michael: Will collect information
- Jonnie: Monday at 7pm, Karma Café
- Ben: Lets do lunch.
- Jonnie: OK to meet at 7pm at Namaste.
  - Ben – will make sure we have enough tables.
  - Michael – 19<sup>th</sup>, Namaste, 7pm
  - Louie – as far as budget stuff we need ?
  - Elaine – will get that information to Jonnie
  - Ben – can we get a vote on the dinner and I can get my card?
  - Michael gave it to Elaine, but Elaine did not see a card in there.
  - Michael and Jennifer still have cards, Michael does not have the capacity to now use the cards. Gave to Benjamin to activate.
- Benjamin: Moves to spend up to \$275 on the dinner at Namaste for an emergency meeting. Last time it was only \$220.
  - Sergey seconds.
  - Motion passed. Michael abstains.

#### Financial Discussions

- Benjamin: Asked to do \$30 for facebook reimbursement.
- Michael: We have many reimbursements from Spring Cleanup which will be done.
- Jennifer: \$58.49
- Michael: \$138.87
- Benjamin will write checks tonight for Michael and Jennifer
- Michael will write check for Ben.
- Jonnie- we can discuss in email how we will get me activated to use checks on this new bank account.
- Louie: Moves to reimburse the three. Jonathan seconds. Passes. Michael abstains.

MEETING ADJOURNED.