

MINUTES — 6/19/2017:
Montavilla Neighborhood Association Board Meeting — SPECIAL MEETING

Call to Order — 7:10pm

Present: Jonathan Ogden, Briar Schriber, Benjamin Kerensa, Jonnie Shaver, Loui Baulas, Uriel Baulas, Sergey Turzhanskiy, Ben Tertin, Michael Sonnleitner, Eli Foster

BOARD DUTIES DISCUSSION:

7:17 — Benjamin: Says that MNA is due for a board duties list updating.

7:30 — Michael: Notes that the increased responsibilities will add volunteer hours to members, and suggests that the board carefully consider the impact of increased requirements.

- Benjamin moves to approve the Board Duties policy. Jonathan seconds. Six yes. Michael abstains. Motion passes.
- Michael: Notes again that we need to keep the human side in mind and not overburden.
- Louie: Notes that her hope is that a culture is created where people want to serve.

RESOLUTION AGAINST HOMELESS SWEEPS:

7:44 — Benjamin: Says the city has been doing homeless sweeps for a long time.

Notes the increases in homelessness, to the tune of a 10% increase. Says that sweeps are expensive and that sweeps are not helping solve the issue, that by pushing homeless people around makes them other peoples' problems, he believes that this creates a bad cycle.

7:50 — Tertin: Says the resolution will likely set the MNA in opposition to the businesses and other neighbors in the neighborhood. Asks if we are wanting to treat certain neighborhood residents members unequally by giving a pass to people who break the law if they are not housed but enforcing the law for those who are housed..

7:55 — Michael: Notes that the issue is bigger and that state legislature needs to make significant moves toward solutions on their end.

7:57 — Jonathan: Suggests that we begin talking more about community based health care. There is a good model we could look at from the Portland Psychadelic Research Council.

7:58 — Jonnie: We're already pretty actively doing this [work with the homeless], and this is by-and-large a good idea moving in the right direction.

- Louie moves to approve the resolution. Sergey seconds. Five yes. Tertin opposes. Jonnie abstains. Motion passes.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

7:59 — Eli: He is a PCC student and Montavilla resident. Wants to be more active in the community. Says that he wants to work with the Filipino community; he being a member of that community.

8:01 — Briar: Computer science, former board member of the Stumptown Syndicate team, currently an at-large member, works with training board members, is civic minded and wants to offer her services to MNA.

- Benjamin: Says he approves and gives a strong recommendation for her.
- Michael: Notes his concerns for diversity.
 - Notes that we have just lost two older, more experienced members, who represent a demographic within Montavilla that we cannot ignore.
 - Says that we need to find people who are over the age of 60 in an effort to create strong diversity on the team.
 - “Strongly” urges the board to consider others who are older.
- Benjamin: Says that there are neighborhood associations that have been controlled mostly by older homeowner stronghold over neighborhood associations, and notes that he wants to move away from that model. He likes the diversity piece but also says that the MNA is more diverse than it has been in three years.
- Louie: Moves to accept Eli and Brian as new at-large board members. Uriel seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

8:05 — Tertin departs. Sergey taking notes for last part of meeting.

NEW OFFICER APPOINTEES:

8:10 — Benjamin: Moves to nominate Briar Rose as MNA Treasurer

- Sergey seconds. Jonnie abstains. Motion passes unanimously.

FINANCIAL DISCUSSION:

8:15 — Fiscal sponsorship agreement review

- Will be an online application to compliment the form,
- Project name, tax ID, other info, etc. will be forwarded to a committee.
- Greater concern over how money is spent, fiscal projects should never be political in nature.
- MNA must vote on a committee to approve projects for fiscal sponsorship, in the meantime the board will make this decision.
- Use existing pending application to be approved via the board, the process is to be documented and is to become the responsibility of a committee for this purpose (yet to be created).
- Contract approved.

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT & GENERAL DISCUSSION:

8:30 — Authorized communications need to be reviewed and signed by the communications chair.

- In the past this has not been occurring.
- Board members are not allowed to terminate “for cause” wherein it would need to be deferred to the general members at the next general membership meeting.
- Exception for matters of sensitivity and exclusion from public record, concerns from Michael and Briar over the language being overly broad.

- Item will be tabled into the 10th, action item for all members to bring a revised version for discussion at that time.

8:40 — Communication Tools

- Board hasn't standardized on tools or required software to participate
- Will make it clear through agreeing to this that G suite (Google) etc. as a standard.
- Persistence is important, can't rely on only phone communications as an "official" communications.
- For important communications there should be a record.
- Tabled until Comms Committee produces a plan.
- Motion to appoint Briar, Jonathan, Uriel to the Comms Committee. Sergey seconds. Jonnie abstains. Motion passes unanimously.

8:50 — Break

MNA BUDGET & NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION:

9:00 — Budget

- Concern over \$400 for all projects, is intended to be the seed money for fundraising events that would facilitate future projects.
- Currently not a lot of fundraising activities, suggestion to have a meeting specifically for fundraising to set goals.
- Comms funds going forward need to focus on board-specific communications starting next year, the intent of this is to encourage spending money on engaging under-represented communities.
- Louie moves to pass new budget guidelines. Briar Rose seconds. Jonnie abstains. Motion passes unanimously.

9:05 — Neighborhood Development: Beets Automotive property/Randy Rapaport

- Development of a four-story building, top three floors "affordable housing" as defined by 60% of AMI.
- Hopes to have no renters more than \$35k annual income (per person?).
 - First level would be an art gallery (already partially operation).
 - Local to Portland operation would be the grocery store (speculatively Green Zebra).
 - 15 parking spots for residents, 10 parking spots for the grocery store.
 - *Does this meet the Portland requirement?*
 - Yes, it does.
 - Timing is of the essence, in order for this to pan out it will require PDC to support (public money), to get that in the competitive atmosphere he needs actual input and support.
 - *What is holding him to this plan?*
 - He himself, if we support the overview (apartments, gallery, grocery, etc.) and the architecture is aesthetically satisfactory.

- Concerns over the property having rents raised, allegedly unable to do so if supported by the city funds.
- Within the scope of 'Portland for Everyone,' group opposes parking as a general rule, due to it increasing housing costs.
- People from the neighborhood will be present Thurs and will be concerned with this.
- In private the developer seems to be fairly community-minded, this affordable housing.
- What about MilePost5?
 - They seem to be increasing the rent now that their terms have expired, this is a noteworthy concern, how long are the rent terms for this development.

9:15 — Motion to approve, amendment: encourage a participatory role for the developer and the associated business with the existing population.

- Jonathan seconds. Jonnie abstains. Motion passes unanimously.

9:17 — Meeting adjourns.