

# Montavilla

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**Montavilla Neighborhood Association  
General Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 2007**

**Present:** Maxine Deardorff, Jennell Andrews, Jennifer Tamayo, Sarah Selden, Maria Sworske, Craig Bach, Alta Gaylord, Erica Thygesen, Yvonne Garcia, David Linn, Alema McCrea, Michael, Michelle, Raylene, Lisa Laurenceau, Victor Flaming, Sandra McDaniel, Stephen Rice, Karen King, Ann Krohn, Robert Liberty, Janet Martin, Leon Lindstrom, Kate Dingmann, Vik Anantha, Allison Suter, Anne-Marie Anantha, Officer Pintarich, Officer Koroteyev

**Board Members Absent:** Roger Warren, Megan McCoy

**Minutes:** Erica Thygesen

7:05pm: 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. Craig Bach seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

7:07pm: Introduction of community members.

7:16pm: Ann Krohn and Karen King made a presentation to the neighborhood association about a request to the City of Portland's Parks Bureau about a name change to the gymnasium of the Montavilla Community Center. A proposal has been submitted to name the gym the Larry Krohn Gymnasium after Larry Krohn, a long time community member and former director of the community center. Several neighbors who were present at the meeting reported that they had known Larry Krohn over the years, and stated that he had indeed had a profound and positive effect on them. He was once known as Mr. Montavilla. Larry will be turning 75 on June 16, and his birthday party will be a celebration at the community center, where the family hopes to unveil the new name of the gymnasium. They requested an endorsement of the name change from the neighborhood association.

Lisa Laurenceau made a motion to endorse the name change of the gymnasium at the Montavilla Community Center to the Larry Krohn Gymnasium. Victor Flaming seconded the motion. The motion to endorse the name change in honor of Larry Krohn passed unanimously.

7:20pm: Officers Pintarich and Koroteyev from the Southeast Precinct were in to answer questions as Officer Brendan McGuire was unavailable to attend tonight's meeting. They answered questions about crime statistics and police activities in the neighborhood.

7:27pm: Jennifer Tamayo introduced Metro Councilor Robert Liberty, who is tonight's guest speaker. Mr. Liberty is the Metro Councilor for a district that includes Montavilla, along with other areas of north and southeast Portland. His primary areas of interest are on helping the region develop a responsible transportation plan that will include both longer distance regional travel and short distance travel. Mr. Liberty also discussed the region's plan to accommodate the massive growth that is expected to occur over the next several decades. The plan is to encourage growth to occur around model town centers and regional corridors. The idea is that town centers will provide many of the area residents' needs, and will allow for safer pedestrian and bicycle transportation and encourage use of mass transit for errands.

8:03pm: Several neighborhood residents discussed the land use issue that was taking place at 76<sup>th</sup> and Alder. This issue has been discussed over the last several months at MNA general meetings, board

meetings, and land use committee meetings. The owner of the property has made a request to be able to subdivide the lot into three oddly sized lots. That request has been approved by the city of Portland, and the neighbors would like to appeal that decision. The deadline to appeal that decision is this Wednesday at 4:30pm. They are requesting that the MNA file an appeal on their behalf.

Erica Thygesen made a motion that the MNA appeal the land use decision to allow the lot on 76<sup>th</sup> and Alder to be subdivided into three lots on behalf of the neighbors. Anne-Marie Anantha seconded the motion. 17 people voted in favor of the motion, no one opposed it and 2 people abstained. Therefore, the MNA will request an appeal of this land use decision.

8:33pm: General announcements were as follows:

The 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue of the Roses parade could use some volunteers for the day of the event, and also to pass out fliers before the event notifying neighbors that the road will be closed for a period of time on April 28, 2007. If you would like to volunteer for either activity, please see Sandra McDaniel for information.

The Montavilla Farmers Market, which is being organized by METBA, is scheduled to open on July 22, 2007. They are still in need of volunteers to help with the day of the event, and also to do writing, editing, and graphic design for market promotions. METBA itself meets the third Tuesday morning of each month at 9am.

There is a meeting at the East Precinct on May 8 that is focusing on neighborhood foot patrols. If you would like more information, see Craig Bach.

Thatcher's restaurant is planning another Montavilla Brew Fest this summer. David Linn will be the neighborhood liaison for the event.

Victor Flaming reported that at the most recent CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) meeting, it was reported that all of the cameras at the 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Max station have been installed. Additionally, ODOT and PDOT are exploring a proposal to install a crosswalk directly across 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from the Max station exit to the bus stop across the street.

If you know anyone who would like to advertise in the neighborhood association newsletter, see Maria Sworske.

Sarah Selden reported that the next land use committee meeting is on May 2, 2007 at 7pm at the Bipartisan Café. Montavilla has seen a number of sensitive land use issues arise over the last several months. It is a great committee to get involved with, as it is possible to have a powerful impact on the shape and direction of development in the neighborhood.

Leon Lindstrom, an assistant for state representative Ben Cannon came to provide an update on the current legislative session and to answer some questions. Ben Cannon will be present at an upcoming neighborhood association meeting, after the session ends, to provide a more detailed overview of this session and to explore some of the highlights of it.

Jennell Andrews reported that the Montavilla Community Center is storing a limited supply of food rations on site, in case of an emergency, as are other neighborhood community centers. So in case of a major disaster, your neighborhood community center will likely be a good resource.

Alta Gaylord encouraged everyone to check the expiration dates on all canned foods, as they do go bad.

8:58pm: Yvonne Garcia moved that tonight's meeting be adjourned. Craig Bach seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.

