



Montavilla Neighborhood Association General Meeting

Monday April 14th 2014 | MUMC 232 SE 80th St.

Board Members Present: Laura Spidell, Lew Scholl, Stefanie Dieffenbach, Lisa Uzone, Joanna Beatty, Diana Marshall, Fritz Hirsch, Roger Warren, Stephen Rice, Benjamin Kerensa

Neighbors & Guests: Neil Mattson, Mary Kinnick, Lisa Thornton, Gary Inyls, Terry Duldinslzi, Josh Capps, Elaine Hakala, Kristina Rhodes, Wanda Adams, Gabe Graff, Tom Sincic, Raydene Taylor, Elaine Hogg, MAK, John Nesbitt, Richard Mohley, Paul Coner, Tamara DeRidder

Meeting called to order @ 7:38pm

Approval of the Agenda: Agenda on display with no additions (see attachment).

Approval of March General Mtg Minutes: Minutes available online with no additions (see attachment).

Social Time: Fritz is advertising MNA t-shirts and totes for sale. Yard signs also available for free. Refreshments are provided.

Crime and Safety: David from Portland Police announcing a massive training (120+ officers) on Friday April 25th all day @ Multnomah University camps regarding crowd control and emergency preparedness training. Proposing this training will minimally affect traffic. Neighbors may hear some blanks/flash banks between 9am-3pm and the training may stream over onto the park. *This information is not available to the public as of Monday April 14th and will be announced through Multnomah University.*

MNA and Neighbor Introductions: All members and guests take minute and introduce themselves and where they live in Montavilla. Raffle items are raffled off.

Guest: Tom Sincic of House District 45 is here to answer any questions regarding District 45 (North of Glisan St.). He's running for the position.

Land Use and Transportation: Gabe Graff, PBOT Program Manager is here regarding Glisan Street safety updates that PBOT has done including research values that came about in light of the tragic death on NE 76th and NE Glisan last year. A big thanks to Benjamin Kerensa (MNA Public Safety Committee member) and PBOT for their work on the flashing beacon crossing at this intersection as well as the new lane configurations. Dave's presentation includes statistical data to show the impacts these 2 items have resulted in over the year. Dave also announcing that PBOT has funding for a new pedestrian crossing at NE Glisan and NE 66th Ave. at the entrance of Fred Meyer. This project is slated for this summer and is provided for by a large donation from the Jessica Finley Family Foundation. Questions from the neighborhood include greenways, decreased speed limits, how this data was gathered and why the road was configured to 3 lanes vs. 2 with 2 bike lanes. The speed limits on the roads is actually controlled by ODOT and not PBOT, unless a new lobby changes this ODOT must be contacted regarding decreasing the speed limit on Glisan. Data was gathered using roadside cameras and a rubber speed tube across Glisan at the flashing beacon crossing (its accurate!). The 3 lane road configuration is a "best practice" for PBOT resulting in a 30% crash/side swiping reduction and adding a pedestrian island reduces crashes by 76%. In summary, there was a decrease in accidents, crashes, side swiping and speed in the last year as a result of the flashing beacon and pedestrian island crossing plus the Glisan road reconfiguration. A final question regarding congestion on Glisan, as it seems there's more traffic and a longer wait. Another question to piggy back this regarding the timing of the stoplights and has it changed to accommodate the increase in cars. Gabe assures us the lights are timed according to higher traffic flow and introduces the idea of "perceived" waits and "actual" waits... as they are different. Statistically,

we are not waiting longer nor is there more traffic. A suggestion from a neighbor concerning parking on Glisan... to create a parking line to indicate it's for parking only (like on other roads) vs. leaving it unmarked as cars are still swinging around other cars to pass them. Gabe assures the NA that this isn't an issue on other streets and it just takes a little while for people to get used to the new lanes.

Treasurer's Report: Diana Marshall has flyers advertising the Neighborhood Clean-Up Event for Saturday May 17th at Montavilla Baptist Church (9204 SE Hawthorne Blvd). Diana is asking neighbors to volunteer for the event... food and drink will be provided and there are shifts available. A sign-up sheet is passed around. One new addition is the reception of lawn debris this year.

Communications Committee/Strategic Planning Event: Steve Rice announces "Plug Into Montavilla", the MNA's Strategic Planning meeting slotted for Monday, April 28th at Multnomah University's Bradley Hall from 6-8pm to share the Community Survey results and break out into focus groups to flush it out. The Communications Committee is tentatively planning a second Planning Event for your convenience, so feel free to contact Joanna Beatty with alternative days.

Land Use and Transportation Board: Lew Scholl announcing a special meeting Thursday @ Multnomah University Lovett Hall @ 7pm with City Planners assigned to Montavilla as guest speakers. They will be wrapping up the city's comprehensive plan and taking additional input regarding zoning on Glisan and 82d as well as transportation system planning.

Crime and Safety Committee: Ben Kerensa encouraging neighbors to fill out the committee signup sheets if neighbors are interested in getting more involved in specific areas of the MNA. Ben asking all neighbors to report suspicious activities (call non-emergency) as there has been a rash of car break-ins South of Glisan and East of NE 80th. With warmer weather comes a small rise in these types of crime. The next Public Safety Committee meeting has guest Brad Taylor and they will discuss how to make our properties more secure, neighborhood watch (goal of 15 neighbors watching out for each other per area) as well as a Public Safety Question and Answer session.

Parks and Recreation: Roger Warren is announcing that the 2014 Sunday Parkways maps are available. Saturday, April 26th is the Annual 82nd Ave of Roses parade! A family friendly event, it begins @ the East Portland Plaza ends @ SE Yamhill. Floats, bands, kid's activities. Free t-shirt for volunteers! If you're interested be at the PCC campus @ 8:30am for your street assignment.

Guest Paul Cone: Paul Cone, neighborhood resident and city employee, is here to discuss the proposed changes to city code regarding residential properties, bed and breakfasts and rental situations. Paul recently discovered and collaborated with Suzanne from Rose City Park NA (LUAT Committee and city planner) that a company called Airbnb (www.airbnb.com) is currently seeking out customer service and office space in Portland. Airbnb is a company that rents rooms in people's homes at a discount price compared with hotels but with home-like accommodations. Airbnb is under scrutiny regarding their "codes" and has been lobbying to change them to fit with the Portland venue. One code amendment according to Suzanne is to include using commercial space for rent. The problem with this addendum is that it will increase commercial space in residential areas, and this issue is hitting the Rose City Park area hard. According to Suzanne, all the long term rentals are being grabbed up by Airbnb and such companies without license and fee requirements. There is an impact on public safety and neighborhood livability as these renters are not familiar with the landscape or transportation laws, thus the children playing in their neighborhood are less safe. There is a meeting planned for April 22nd but we as a NA can write letters or submit letters of support for the RSPNA in opposition of this change to the city code. The meeting will be at 1900 SE 4th Ave suite 7100. Address your letter to the City Planning Commission Attn. Morgan Tracy re: Opposition to short term rentals (in RYCAP 6 annual update) sections 12-14.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:51pm.

Submitted by Stefanie Dieffenbach, Secretary.

