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Montavilla Neighborhood Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 26, 2007

Present: Jennifer Tamayo, Erica Thygesen, Maria Sworske, Craig Bach, Megan McCoy, Sandra McDaniel, Victor Flaming, Anne-marie Anantha, Vik Anantha, Bill Davidson, Sandy Davidson  
Absent: Lisa Laurenceau, Sarah Selden, David Linn, Roger Warren  
Minutes: Erica Thygesen

6:35pm: Meeting called to order by order by Erica Thygesen, board secretary, as Jennifer Tamayo, board chair will be arriving late for the meeting. No agenda was available for approval at this time, so the board jumped into board business.

6:36pm: Megan McCoy reported on the most recent Southeast Uplift land use and transportation committee meeting. Tri-Met gave a presentation at that meeting about the proposed Max line to Clackamas Town Center. It will be running alongside the bike path and I-205. There was discussion about a bridge that would be constructed across Stark and Washington. Also both Powell and Main have proposed Park and Ride sites attached to them, although some concern was expressed at the SUEL LUTC meeting about the design of those sites with regards to accessibility issues.

6:43pm: Craig Bach reported about the City of Portland Budget Hearing that occurred on February 22, 2007. The budget meeting was an opportunity for citizens to learn about a variety of budget proposals and to give feedback with regards to those or other proposals. This was the first budget hearing that was set up in a round robin style, where community members centered at tables of small groups to give more detailed feedback. It appeared to be a successful approach, as long as each table had a skilled facilitator.

6:47pm: Jennifer Tamayo arrived with the agenda and other materials. She passed out copies of the City of Portland's proposed budget for everyone to review. There is information in the packet which discussed other opportunities for public comment on the budget.

6:56pm: Victor Flaming provided an update on the tour of the former Baptist Manor property that occurred on February 19, 2007. Present were the property own, staff from Sam Adams office, and many community members. The proposed development by Beam is occurring in partnership with the Regional Arts Council, and is attempting to design both condos and apartments for artist live/ work spaces. One concern that has been voiced by community members is the issue of parking spaces. The developer has not designed much parking, as the idea is the area will be served by mass transit.

7:05pm: Sandra McDaniel reported on the 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave of the Roses parade, which is still scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup>, although a route has not been clearly confirmed yet. The upcoming planning meeting will occur on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Bank of the West. They are looking for people who would like to have floats and who would like to volunteer for other tasks.

7:09pm: Presentation by guest neighbors on the propose subdivision of a lot on 76<sup>th</sup> and SE Alder. Our guests, Annemarie and Vic Anantha and Bill and Sandy Davidson are neighbors who live near the lot on 76<sup>th</sup> and Alder. They have been in attendance at Montavilla Neighborhood Association land use meetings when the proposed subdivision has been discussed. They expressed their desire for a proposal that fits in in a more consistent way within the neighborhood. Sarah Selden, Montavilla Neighborhood Association

Land use and Transportation Committee chair was not in attendance tonight, but had written up a draft of the letter in opposition to the proposed subdivision for the board to review. The board had time to read the letter that had been drafted by Sarah Selden.

7:25pm: Megan McCoy moved that the Montavilla Neighborhood Association board approves Sarah's letter to support the denial of the proposed subdivision of the lot at 76<sup>th</sup> and Alder. Erica Thygesen seconded the motion. 7 people voted in favor of the motion. 0 people were opposed. 0 people abstained. The motion to approve Sarah Selden's letter in support of the denial of the proposed subdivision of the lot at 76<sup>th</sup> and Alder passed unanimously.

7:32pm: Jennifer Tamayo reported that the last Friends of Trees tree orders need to be in tomorrow. Anyone volunteering will need to meet at 8:30am at the Mt. Tabor Presbyterian church. Jennifer also reported that the Friends of Trees has requested that the Montavilla Neighborhood Association contribute \$125.00 to the cost of truck rental. They are asking the same amount from each of the other neighborhoods involved in the March 10, 2007 tree planting.

7:40pm: Erica Thygesen made a motion to approve the donation of \$125.00 to the Friends of Trees to use towards the upcoming tree planting. Victor Flaming seconded the motion. 6 people voted to approve. 0 people voted to oppose. 1 person chose to abstain. The motion to approve the donation of \$125.00 to the Friends of Trees was passed.

7:46pm: Craig Bach reported that the next METBA Farmers Market planning meeting will occur on Saturday March 20, 2007 at Flying Pie Pizza at 9am.

7:50pm: The board discussed upcoming speakers for the next few general meetings. Sarah Peters was invited to speak in March, Robert Liberty was invited to speak in April, and Mr. Luan was invited to speak in May.

7:58pm: It was announced that the Creative Science School was holding an upcoming auction and dinner on March 10, 2007, the same day as the Friends of Trees planting. The Creative Science School has requested that Montavilla Neighborhood Association purchase some tickets or provide a donation for support. The board discussed financial concerns and came to the conclusion that now may not be the best time to make a donation. No motion to support or withhold funds occurred.

8:02pm: We have received a request to provide support to the Mt. Tabor Summer Concert Series. They have asked for a donation of \$500.00, which is the same amount that was donated by the Montavilla Neighborhood Association last year. Concern was again raised about limited financial resources at this time. It was suggested that \$250.00 may be a more reasonable amount this year. Perhaps we could contribute \$500.00 again next year if resources are more available.

8:07pm: Sandra McDaniel made a motion to contribute \$250.00 to the Mt. Tabor Summer Concert Series. Craig Bach seconded the motion. The discussion that followed focused on the need for the Montavilla Neighborhood Association to do more fundraising in the future, so that we can be more flexible in how we allocate funds. 6 people voted to contribute \$250.00 to the Mt. Tabor Summer Concert Series. 0 people voted to oppose the motion. 1 person chose to abstain. The motion to contribute \$250.00 to the Mt. Tabor Summer Concert Series passed.

8:17pm: Maria Sworske brought up Roger Warren's idea about selling Chinook Books as a fundraiser. A brief discussion occurred, but as we were running out of time, the discussion was tabled until later. It was acknowledged that fundraising will be an important issue to focus on in upcoming months.

8:19pm: Newsletter distribution was discussed next. There are a few newsletters left to distribute. There has been a lot of interest in the most recent newsletter. Distribution will continue on as planned.

8:26pm: There was a discussion of the upcoming Citywide Conversation about Infill that is scheduled for March 24, 2007. It will take place at 1900 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.

8:27pm: Erica Thygesen discussed the ongoing process to prepare for a strategic planning session for the Montavilla Neighborhood Association board. It seems reasonable to plan to do a strategic planning session in June, after the new board has been elected. In the meantime, Erica will keep working with Afifa Ahmed Shafi from Southeast Uplift to put together a process for the strategic planning session.

8:32pm: Thatcher's is planning on holding another Montavilla Neighborhood Brew fest this summer, and asked if the Montavilla Neighborhood Association would like to partner on the project with them. Several questions arose in terms of should the MNA be involved in an event centered on alcohol, are we "family friendly," and so on. No consensus was to be had at this point, but it was clear that these could be good topics to address in a strategic planning session in terms of our mission, values, and goals as an association. This topic will be revisited in the future.

8:42pm: The minutes from last month's board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded that the minutes from last month's meeting be approved. 4 people voted to approve last month's minutes, 0 people opposed, 2 people abstained. The motion to approve the minutes from last month's board meeting was approved.

8:51pm: Megan McCoy moved that we adjourn the meeting. Maria Sworske seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn the meeting was passed unanimously.