



Montavilla Neighborhood Association General Meeting

Monday, November 12th, 2012, Montavilla United Methodist Church, 232 SE 80th St

Board Members Present: Fritz Hirsch, Diana Marshall, Lew Scholl, Roger Warren

Neighbors and Guests: Stefanie Dieffenbach, Lisa Uzunoe, David Linn, Becky Warren, Kat Bugansky, Chris Holt, Wanda Adams, Robin Hansen, Paul Harris, Marisa Swenson, Amy Stephens, Woo-Lim Ko, Clare Argast, Alissa Keny-Guyer, Rick Humphrey, Bobby Harsell, Thomas Elisundo

Meeting called to order at 7:34pm.

Approval of the Agenda and Board Introductions: All Board members present took a few minutes to introduce themselves, where they live and what their role is on the MNA Board.

Treasurers Report: Diana reported that the MNA currently has \$4827.70 in its checking account and \$2660.33 in its savings account. Diana reported 2 recent donations from Thatchers Lounge and SE Uplift.

Communications Position: Fritz soliciting for a Communications person to join the MNA Board who has skills in writing. Job includes providing written communications to the SE Examiner, updating Web content, updating Facebook, creating a new MNA brochure and creating a calendar of neighborhood events and activities. Anyone interested is to contact Fritz.

Break for Refreshments and Socialization

Land Use and Transportation: Lou reported a workshop meeting the 4th Monday of every month with special focus topics. Last meetings topic was transportation and safety with SE 82nd/SE Division and SE 82nd/SE Stark/SE Washington. Safety issues discussed included subpar sidewalks, bus stop improvements, parking lot cut cut-throughs and pedestrian islands. Lou reported the meeting was productive and multiple pedestrian islands are currently on the agenda to be created. Lou reported another paving project is due on I-84. Keep abreast by checking the paper and news. This month's workshop meeting hosts Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability's John Cole to discuss the comprehensive plan for the city (by state land use) and planning laws. Meeting is scheduled for November 26th @ 7pm here and the MUMC. Example

discussion topic includes the city's policy towards college and institutions in regards to parking and zoning issues around them.

Parks Committee: Roger brought to our attention the 26th Annual Fix It Fair at Madison High School, a Portland institution. Advertisement pamphlet was distributed with class information and times. An overhead further explained the fair by categorizing by topic. Roger encouraged public transportation use as MHS is located on NE 83rd Ave. Roger reporting that his wife Becky has provided 2 wagons filled with books for the taking while also soliciting for book trades. Rick Marshall asked about the highly successful Berrydale Park Concerts; Roger responded they will be reviewed again in February 2013 for the next year.

Secretary Position Vote In: Stefanie Dieffenbach has volunteered to be the MNA Board Secretary. Stefanie provided a brief introduction.

- ✓ A motion was made by David Linn and seconded by Lou Scholl and passed unanimously with 14 votes.

Special Guest: Fritz introduced Alissa Keny-Guyer State Representative of House District 46 and asked her to give a brief report on legislature. Alissa reports currently there are federal funds/grants directed towards rural and urban groups regarding transportation. Rural groups desire to utilize these funds for industrial parks and transportation to the corridors. Urban groups desire to utilize these funds for bike access and livability. The priority is currently towards livability, high crash corridors, trees and pedestrian access. Alissa was excited to report that the Montavilla Neighborhood was the sole NA to come forward requesting for livability. Alissa reported on the Sept 17th deadline she turned in 40 different concepts for review. They are due to return by Dec 6th for review and be resubmitted as bills. Alissa encouraged everyone to attend a Coffee House meeting (please check her website for dates and times) to hear more about public health, inclusionary zoning and affordable housing. Alissa mentioned a public safety reform currently under way with Partnership for Safety and Justice, a North Portland advocacy group, and the Mayor. The issue is the budget for prisons is higher than the budget for Higher Education. The questions are how can we spend our money more wisely for prevention and treatment? How can we break the cycles and establish more creative sentencing? How do we cut down on reentry? Alissa has 2 email lists, one for legislature (those who want updates) and another for campaigning, which is utilized during the 2 month blackout so she can continue to communicate with her House. Alissa is encouraging anyone who desires to be on her email list to sign up for both. Alissa explained a "fusion party." Alissa ran unopposed on the Democratic Ticket. Because she ran unopposed and people of other parties wrote her name in as a nominee, she decided to graciously accept their nominations and thus she became a fusion party nominee.

Guest: Roger introduced Lisa Uzunoe, Reverend Minister @ Konko Church of PDX. Lisa is here to announce a pending SE Uplift Grant for Konko Church. Lisa is originally from the Montavilla area and has a strong desire to reconnect with her community. Her church is located across from the Creative Science School/Berrydale Park and her current focus is instilling immediate intervention in regards to childhood trauma. Lisa's spouse is involved with Academy Sports/Robbie "Treb" Trebelhorn who currently runs afterschool programming at multiple schools in East Portland. Robbie is known for getting down to the kids level and encouraging parental involvement. Lisa would like to see a partnership with Academy Sports and hopes to rent the Montavilla Community Center for every 2nd Friday of the month with plans for a Family Play Night. The focus age level would be children aged 3-12 years and their guardians. Activities would include team building and family building. Lisa envisions 4 seasonal events as well (spring picnic, summer national night out, fall diversity, winter snow play). Lisa will know by January if she gets the grant.

Advertisement: Fritz reminded all guests that Chinook Books are for sale for \$20 for a book and \$15 for the App.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Submitted by: Stefanie Dieffenbach, Secretary