

MONTAVILLA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

BOARD SUMMARY

November 26, 2007

Participants: Erica Thygesen, Chair; Lisa Laurenceau, Secretary/SEUL Delegate; Craig Bach, Public Safety Committee Chair; Yvonne Garcia, Outreach Committee Chair; Michelle Scott, Sustainability Committee Chair; Stephen Sequiera, SEUL LUTC Delegate.

Excused: Maria Sworske, Treasurer.

Erica Thygesen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Lisa Laurenceau moved for approval of the agenda, and Craig Bach seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Summary of the last Board meeting was reviewed. A few spelling corrections were called to the attention of the secretary and were noted. Michelle moved for approval of the summary, Stephen Sequiera seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Erica said that since our next Board meeting falls on the week of the Holidays, it would be cancelled. Board will meet again on the fourth Monday of January.

Lisa said Yvonne did a great job at facilitating the last general meeting in the absence of Erica and David Linn, Vice-Chair. The other members of the Board agreed.

Yvonne Garcia, Outreach Chair, reported on the last Burgerville Partnership Night. Cash for Cookie Sales were \$20.00. That night was really slow since it was rainy and cold and took place the same week as Thanksgiving. We don't have information on the amount from Burgerville as yet.

Yvonne said there would be no Outreach Committee meetings in December and January. The next meeting will be the first Monday in February.

Stephen said he was not able to attend the last SEUL Land-Use and Transportation Committee meeting.

Craig Bach, Public Safety Committee Chair, said he attended a Public Safety meeting at Multnomah Bible College, at 1:00pm two weeks before Thanksgiving. It was mostly for the new college students, and was poorly attended. Craig felt it was because it was sunny outside and there was a big football game on T.V. at that time. Craig recommended to the presenter that he get updated crime statistics from PPB SE Precinct since the ones the school had were out-of-date. There will be an MNA Public Safety Meeting at SE Precinct on Wednesday, November 28th at 6:00pm. There will be an 82nd Avenue of Roses meeting at Montavilla Community Center on Thursday, November 29th at 6:00pm. Craig said he went to an 82nd Avenue MAX Station meeting and 2 city-wide Safety Forums about all MAX Stations and Tri-Met Buses/stops/stations.

Michelle Scott, Sustainability Committee Chair, said that she had been approached about “Chinook Books.” She said that Montavilla could sell them at the meetings, and to family and friends, to make money for MNA. They sell for \$20 and \$10 would go to the publishers of the books. We would not have to front any money, nor would we be responsible to pay for books we don’t sell. There was discussion and questions and answers. Stephen asked if MNA Community Center could sell them at the front desk. No, Parks and Rec has not approved that and it is “a touchy situation.” Michelle would be in charge and anyone on the Board who sells any would coordinate with her. Michelle moved for approval and Craig seconded. After some further discussion the vote was unanimous. Stephen asked if this was the first year that MNA would be selling them. Lisa, who has been a Board member since 1996 said, yes.

Michelle said she would be in contact with Tim O’Neal, SEUL’s AmeriCorps Volunteer for Sustainability, about how to build Sustainability Committee. She also attended a workshop called “Agent of Change,” done by the Northwest Earth Institute.

Announcements:

Jennna Plank, Deputy District Attorney, is assisting Craig with the letter to convenience store owners regarding drug paraphernalia being sold in the stores. Stephen asked when the letter would be ready for the Board to review, Craig said he didn't know since the Holidays are coming up, etc.

Michelle asked about the summary of our Strategic Plan meeting. Erica said she and Afifa (Afifa Ahmed-Shafi, SEUL staff liaison for MNA) had started working on it together, but since then Afifa had left SEUL to take a new position.

Michelle asked about Alta Gaylord a longtime active member of MNA, who hasn't been to the last 2 or 3 meetings. Craig said he would ask her daughter, works for the city in the Graffiti office.

Stephen said that the PDC funds that were given to Lents for the Lents Town Center were for urban renewal for "blighted areas." Montavilla isn't blighted, so it wouldn't qualify.

Erica said we need to be, as a Board, very warm and welcoming to new people so that we can get residents involved and engaged. Craig mentioned the MNA lacks involvement from the business community. Discussion followed about how to engage the businesses.

Yvonne moved for adjournment, Michelle seconded. Vote was unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Laurenceau
MNA Secretary