

Montavilla Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

Monday, January 14th 2013, Montavilla United Methodist Church, 232 SE 80th St

<u>Board Members Present</u>: Diana Marshall, Lew Scholl, Roger Warren, Stefanie Dieffenbach

Neighbors and Guests: Lisa Uzunoe, Bob Kellett

Meeting called to order at 6:38pm, Lew Scholl presiding

Approval of the Agenda: Agenda approved with no additions.

Introduction of guests

Unavailable Guest: Brenda Fox, Principal @ Bridger School- Diana claims that Brenda (who is ill this evening) wanted to discuss the issue of a sighted increase in adult presence during and after school on school property. One individual was seen with an open container and when asked to leave by Mrs. Fox the individual verbally accosted her. Some references were given to Diana regarding school security.

Chair Updates

President: Lew Scholl reporting for Fritz Hirsch

- Fritz has contacted someone to do brochure and to help with website layout
- Fritz has recruited/desires to recruit 2 volunteers to write the newsletter

Finances: Diana Budget Report

- Chinook Book deposits
- Lew Scholl will check in with Burgerville for the annual fundraiser
- Purchase of totes, t-shirts and pens with the current logo. T-shirt colors: white, black and brown.
- \$300 for the Jake District to be approved
 - ✓ All in favor. None apposed. Diana to sign check for the Jake Project and to move forward with purchasing merchandise.

SE Uplift: Lew Scholl/Bob Kellett

- Article for SE Examiner- passing on Secretary's notes to Connie for collaboration. Stefanie Dieffenbach to email Fritz for confirmation.
- SE Uplift Training- per Bob Kellett this training will be in February. Diana and Lew are interested in attending.

Public Safety: Lew Scholl

Lew reporting on the refurbishing SE 82nd and Division project. Lew has reported to the transportation advising committee for PDX. Some talk was had regarding creating a sub-committee. Representatives were present from a multitude of neighborhoods (though they are seeking more representation from Montavilla). Next meeting is Wednesday January 30th at 7pm at SE Uplift offices. Fritz Hirsch, Brian Wong and Lew Scholl had collaborated in a project to create a broader group to discuss 82nd Ave. improvements as there are several NA's that represent 82nd Ave.

Bob Kellett reporting that there are other projects currently in action regarding the 82nd Ave corridor. Bob is meeting with a former colleague from the NE 82nd Ave corridor to collaborate with these groups.

Lew Scholl reporting that the land across from Madison HS will become a Buddhist retreat center that will develop a path that will be open during the day to the community. Also, off road bike trails are in progress as ODOT and P&R are collaborating over some land near the highway. Finally, the lot across from PCC SE is still up for review as the strip club is not opening. Ted Gilbert (developer in this area) was contacted by Lew to discuss what his thoughts were regarding the block across from PCC.

Other Calendar events:

June (?)- Garage Sale @ Montavilla Community Center April (?)- Neighborhood Cleanup @ Montavilla Baptist Church January 28th Workshop on Homelessness and Montavilla Methodist Church

Roger Warren reintroduced a conversation regarding the homeless problem at MUMC. This topic was mentioned at the last MNA meeting and there has been a neighborhood response. Roger wants to connect with Brian Wong. The "Ash Street Churches" (the row of churches on Ash St.) is collaborating with MUMC in a workshop (January 28th @ 7pm). Part of the agenda is to ask the neighborhood to continue its outreach beyond the Ash Street Corridor as the transient problem is spreading into the neighborhood. Many churches have banned sleeping at their church doors and some have ended their giving/financial support (bus ticket, meals, etc). This will change the dynamics of the church tremendously.

Parks: Roger Warren

Neighborhood cleanup- Roger has contacted Kevin Stone @ Montavilla Baptist Church. Kevin states there are 8-9 other neighborhoods that have scheduled a neighborhood cleanup and he would like to assist us as well. We can use their parking lot. It is recommended that we schedule ours soon sometime after Easter. The MBC will staff

the cleanup as well. Diana volunteering to chair this committee, Lew and Roger to assist. April 27^{th} or May 4^{th} are 2 suggested dates. Meeting adjourned at pm

Submitted by: Stefanie Dieffenbach, Secretary