



Montavilla Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

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

Board Members Present: Fritz Hirsch, Stefanie Dieffenbach, Lew Scholl, Roger Warren, Steve Rice, Benjamin Kerensa, Joanna Beatty, Diana Marshall,

Neighbors and Guests: Lisa Uzunoe, Peter Maris, Marissa Burnett, Greg Burrill, Paula Cadiente, Romanna Flores

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm.

Approval of Agenda. September minute's available and approved.

Chair Updates:

Fritz Hirsch

- Elections- according to bylaws, the Board member terms begin in October and re-elections are every other year on even years (aka 2014). Every October we will post open positions (voting form provided by Fritz to be distributed during General Meeting to gauge interest and vote immediately). Peter Maris is here and will be voted into the SEUL delegate/liaison position. Other positions: social media, vice chair, at large (multiple) and SEUL (Peter).
- General Meeting Agenda- passed out by Fritz

Steven Rice

- Visioning Meeting- Steve requires the notes that were taken. The next meeting will be Monday October 26th at 6:30pm here at the church. An Operating Cost was discussed and the Finance Committee can approve such costs (easels, food, recording device, etc.) as they are permitted via bylaws.
 - *A motion is made to allow the Finance Committee to decide on Operating Costs at leisure. Stefanie makes this motion, Peter second's the motion, all in favor and none are opposed. Motion passes.*
 - *Another motion is made by Steve to allow \$30 towards the cost of food for the next Visioning Meeting. Lew seconds this motion, all are in favor and none are opposed. Motion passes*
- A large Visioning meeting is suggested for next year inviting the entire community to lay witness to our new format as a Board.
- METBA- next meeting is October 22nd @ Stark Street Pizza. Fritz would like to partner with METBA concerning visual appearances on Stark St. and Glisan St.

regarding graffiti removal and trash/weeds. JOIN clients can assist with their contract (landscaping at cost).

- *Lew makes a motion to approve Fritz representing the MNA at the METBA meeting regarding partnership. Ben seconds the motion, all are in favor, none apposed. Motion passes.*

Lew Scholl

- The bike path on Stark Street has already been approved and construction is already underway. It will run from I-205 to SE 76th St. No parking will be affected as they will narrow the lanes and move the center strip over.
- 82nd Ave. Improvement- Bob Kellet has suggested a partnership with MIURP @ PSU, SEUL and MNA to move forward with this project. Brian Wong from the Jade District and Bob have begun seeking interest from PSU and are planning to survey residents along 82nd Ave (including Madison South and Montavilla neighborhoods).
- Glisan St- the flashing beacon at the crosswalk will be working in 2 weeks. Steve Rice voiced there are still problems regarding the lane changes during rush hour.

Benjamin Kerensa

- Vehicular break-ins have increased the last few weeks. Ben and Fritz (and Brad Taylor our Crime Prevention Rep) are reaching out to the Neighborhood Response Team rep's to create quarterly meetings to discuss crime, problem properties and prowlers. Roger offered a reminder that Neighborhood Watch programs are desired and this should be discussed as well.

Roger Warren

- Presentation and handouts regarding Lady Bug Walks via Parks and Rec.
- Fritz, Roger and Diana are currently working out the kinks with Anne from SEUL regarding our Biannual Burgerville Fundraiser monies and Concerts in the Park.
- \$ was used to purchase an easel pad and Lisa Uzunoe purchased a t-shirt from Roger.
- Presentation and information regarding a Poetry Route (Glisan and 78th)

Diana Marshall

- Budget- nothing to report, we need to vote on our Budget tonight. Fritz will follow up with Thatcher's concerning their annual Brewfest donation.
- Diana presents a basic format for our budget, see handout.
 - ✓ *Roger makes a motion to approve the Budget as is. Lew seconds this motion, all are in favor and none oppose. Two abstain from the vote. The motion passes.*

Joanna Beatty

- Survey is complete. There is much to evaluate and Joanna's asking for assistance. The Top 5 Concerns were walkability, access to healthy foods, safety @ the parks, homelessness and prostitution/speeding on 82nd. >70% do

not attend MNA meetings because of time and >70% do not have nor participate in a Neighborhood Watch but desire one.

Presentation: Romanna Flores w/ Robotics Club

- Romanna is here on behalf of the Bridger School Lego Club offered as a part of SUN school @ Bridger. Once a child reaches Middle School, the Lego club lacks the funding and mentors to continue and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) is subsequently lessened. Romanna has since spoken with PP&R to establish a club for all neighborhood kids (including Montavilla) and thus far has been successful with funding. PCC has created space for this club at their new STEM facility. A short term goal is to have this club running by fall 2014 and Romanna will return in the summer to solicit for fiscal funding (food, supplies, t-shirts, etc.) from the MNA.

✓ *Roger makes a motion to move forward and prepare a support letter for Romanna Flores and the Montavilla Robotics Club for 6-8th Grades. Diana seconds the motion, all are in favor and none oppose. Motion passes.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:34

Submitted by Stefanie Dieffenbach, Secretary