



Special Meeting: Futsal Court @ Montavilla Park

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 6:30-7:15pm

Meeting called to order @ 6:34pm

Agenda approved with no additions

Letter attachment: Kathryn Hartinger

Q&A's:

1. What is the proposed name for the field?
2. Since the turf to be used when the field is installed will be turf taken from the current Timbers field, which failed to meet MLS specs for how a ball should bounce and roll, does this have any relevance to the use of the turf for public use at Montavilla Park?
3. What is the plan for the ongoing maintenance of the turf?
4. Where and how will the Timbers name/logo be displayed?
5. Will the footprint of the new field exactly match the footprint of the current tennis courts?
6. Are any statistics available about current use of the tennis courts for tennis playing?

Lew Scholl brings to the table voting to support the proposition as is (thus a strong support) or voting not to support it as is (weak support). Lew would like to make a proposal that MLS will maintain PP&R the property and turf as long as their name is on it and that the naming policy is in compliance with naming ordinances. If MLS maintenance is not an option, Lew suggests that a trust be established (after the Nike model) by MLS to maintain the court. Lew also feels that police patrolling should be increased in this area in case more crime is noted as a result of this new structure. Laura Spidell confirms that Portland Police do view new policies such as these and make adjustments to their patrolling in order to accommodate possible issues.

Roger Warren has recently visited the Hacienda Futsal court (<http://www.portlandonline.com/Fish/index.cfm?a=427328&c=47686>) with Jason King (Hacienda programmer). They have a covered Futsal court that is sustained by the Hacienda Neighborhood. It is lighted during the evening to keep crime at bay. Roger has also recently visited Providence Park and spoke with the field maintenance crew. The crew claims the current MLS players, coaches and maintenance staff do not like the artificial turf despite its top notch quality. Roger also questions who indeed owns the turf as the maintenance crew believes it's the City of Portland whereas PP&R claims MLS does. This is the turf we will be receiving for our field (Hacienda has a hard court). Roger also proposed other uses for this turf with a variety of visuals.

Fritz Hirsch specifically answers question #2... it is not relevant. MLS turf must meet specific specs; these are not relevant to our amateur field. Ben Kerensa put in that MLS needs to be rid of this turf as it's a large investment and must be replaced every 2 years therefore the Futsal project @ Montavilla Park is just one way to do so.

Laura Spidell questions whether PP&R will create summer/fall classes surrounding this new addition and she questions whether or not the field will be locked up during the evening.

Ben Kerensa has provided a copy of PP&R Guidelines, Policies and Procedures specifically looking at their policies regarding naming space at a park and partnerships with for profit agencies (such as MLS). <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/43957>.

Ben, Lew and Steve discuss the disparities of policies within policies. Fritz encourages the members of MNA to dig into the wording of these policies and bring these disparities to the table with PP&R when they meet to finalize the name of the court. This places the ball in PP&R court as they will have to resolve these violations before they can conclude this project and deal with MLS.

Steve Rice desires for "Montavilla" to be part of the name as it is our neighborhood and one of our parks, more specifically "Portland Timbers / Thorns Field @ Montavilla Park." MLS to include the Portland Thorns would be fantastic. MLS should also consider the occasional game or special event by the Timbers/Thorns to commemorate, celebrate and advertise this new court. Fritz Hirsch reads a letter from a neighborhood member at this time regarding her opinion of the court (see attached letter).

#### **Official Vote**

Roger Warren makes a motion in favor of supporting the proposal as we understand it put forward by Portland Parks and Recreation regarding the naming of the Futsal Court to be placed at Montavilla Park in the current tennis court area which is to be furnished by MLS and the Portland Timbers. Steve Rice adds that we desire Roger Warren and himself to serve as MNA representatives for the naming committee as requested by PP&R. Lew seconds the motion including that we as a board would like to further investigate the PP&R policies and procedures regarding such "naming" and collaboration with for profit businesses. All are in favor, none are opposed and none abstain. The motion passes.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:18pm.