



Montavilla Neighborhood Association General Meeting

Monday September 8th 2014 | MUMC 232 SE 80th St.

Board Members Present: Laura Spidell, Lew Scholl, Stefanie Dieffenbach, Fritz Hirsch, Roger Warren, Joanna Spidell, Peter Maris, Benjamin Kerensa

Neighbors & Guests: Abby Coles, Jennie Shaver, Kelly Feddersen, Dave Mosier, Raydene Taylor, Wanda Adams, Elaine Hakala, Rick Brounstein, Tamara Lynne, Itzel Solls, Patricia Sanders, Tom Tiffon, Whitney Covington, Greg Burrell

Meeting called to order @ 7:38pm

Approval of the Agenda: Agenda is located on each table. 3 additions to the Agenda include: Peter Maris, Dave Mosier from MP5, Tamara Lynne from Living Stages.

- **Peter Maris** has been serving the MNA on the Land Use and Transportation Committee as well as our SEUL liaison. He has recently relocated just outside the neighborhood but would like to continue to serve in these roles. A vote is needed to keep Peter Maris on the MNA Board.
 - ✓ Lew Scholl makes a motion to vote Peter Maris, a non-neighborhood member, into the MNA Board in the capacity of Land Use and Transportation Committee and SEUL Liaison. Greg Burrell seconds this motion. All are in favor, none are opposed. The motion passes.
- **Dave Mosier** from MP5 (recently spoken to the MNA Board) is here requesting to be added to the Agenda this evening
 - ✓ Lew Scholl moves to add Dave Mosier to tonight's agenda limiting his time to 10 minutes. Benjamin Kerensa seconds this motion. Majority are in favor, 2 oppose. Motion passes.

Dave expresses his discontent with recent noise (re construction within) and with the Property Manager turnover at MP5, leading to discrepancies regarding safety and code violations. An article in the Portland Mercury recently sited these concerns (www.portlandmercury.com/portland/milepost-5-years-later/Content?oid=13333787) and since its publication, Dave believes he's been targeted for his willingness to voice his concerns and investigate violations. His lease was not renewed and Dave is here asking the MNA to look into his situation. Dave is fearful that other tenants are unwilling to come forward for fear their leases will also not be renewed. Peter Maris clarifies to the MNA general public that the MNA will look into the code violations only and allow Dave to work out his tenant/landlord issues privately.

- **Tamara Lynne** is here to give a brief update of the Living Stages program (www.teatrocambio.org).
 - ✓ Roger Warren makes a motion to add Tamara Lynne to tonight's agenda. Wanda Adams seconds this motion. All are in favor, none are opposed. The motion passes.

Tamara received the Creative Engagement Grant and is here to update the MNA on this grant. SEUL provided LS a fine arts performance grant in order to move forward with more programs to engage Montavilla neighbors in justice-action plays. A You Tube video is available for your

viewing and Tamara would like to show this video at the October meeting.
(www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4l7VCr5_v8)

Approval of July General Meeting Minutes: Minutes available online with no corrections.

Social Time: Refreshments are provided. A raffle is completed.

October MNA Elections: Joanna Spidell and Fritz Hirsch: All board member positions are available. Anyone interested is to contact Joanna @ elections@montavillapdx.org in the next 4 weeks and yes you can nominate yourself. Neighbors are encouraged to come to the October meeting to vote (via ballot) or run for a position. The positions will be up on the MNA website and FB site as well as the MNA Bylaws describing the duties of each position. There are committee sheets available on each table describing each committee if anyone is interested in joining one in October.

Board Member and Committee Updates

Land Use and Transportation: Lew Scholl is discussing his ongoing “82nd Ave Walks” the next one is September 22nd at 7pm. Lew is also here to present on the Jade District and their mini urban renewal fund which will host a Night Market (www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2014/07/jade_night_market.html) later this month. Lew is also here to update the neighborhood that 80th Ave will become a neighborhood greenway for increased safety re: crosswalks and this will connect Halsey St. to PCC! Drive by and see the progress.

President: Fritz Hirsch is announcing that the MNA meetings will be reformatted for next year. He would also like to recognize Laura Spidell who will be stepping down from the MNA Board and Education Committee. Laura has accomplished much this last year such as finalizing SUN School at Vestal and creating funding for Montavilla School’s to connect them with the MNA and promote education in the community. (Applause)

Parks and Recreation: Roger Warren and the Know Your Neighbor Program: Roger Warren and Rick Brounstein are here to discuss preparedness and prevention for our safety in our neighborhood. The tagline for the Know Your Neighbor Program is “My House, My Family, My Neighbors.” Roger and Rick are encouraging the neighborhood to sign up for this program to receive a free seminar hosted by Roger and Rick whom have both attended NET Team online training and continued ED with the Portland Fire Department. Roger and Rick are looking for neighbors who are committed to crime, safety and preparedness. To know where the gas lines are, to be prepared if the water is shut off, etc. A sheet is provided, information about the NET program is available online.
(www.portlandoregon.gov/pbem/31667?)

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm

Submitted by Stefanie Dieffenbach, Secretary MNA