

MONTAVILLA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

Participants: Erica Thygesen, Chair; Lisa Laurenceau, Secretary/SEUL Board Delegate; Maria Sworske, Treasurer; Yvonne Garcia, Outreach Committee Chair; Craig Bach, Public Safety Committee Chair; Stephen Sequeira, SEUL Land-Use and Transportation Committee Delegate; Michelle Scott, Sustainability Committee Chair.

Erica Thygesen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The agenda was reviewed. Yvonne Garcia moved and Stephen Sequiera seconded to approve the agenda. The first item on the agenda was an update and review of the First Annual Montavilla International Festival. Craig Bach said at least one person “didn’t like the location, it was too far south. Posters were up in the South end sooner than in the North. The entertainment and food were good.” But, food vendors didn’t do too well and may not be willing to come back next year. There was too much free food. Erica said there were an estimated 300+ people in attendance! MNA Board had expected 200 or less. Erica said that they needed to get started on the grant proposal for next year. She said she would attend a grant writing workshop that’s offered for free. She would also like to work with Craig on it, since Craig wrote for the grant last year and did such a good job. She mentioned that SEUL was very supportive

Farmer’s Market-the Farmer’s Market organizers would like MNA to sponsor it next year. It costs us nothing to do that. It would cost them \$8,000 for liability insurance, but with our sponsorship, they would be covered under SEUL’s insurance for free. Craig moved and Lisa Laurenceau seconded the motion:

Shall MNA sponsor the Montavilla Farmer’s Market in 2008 to provide it liability insurance coverage under SEUL’s umbrella coverage?

The vote was unanimous.

Erica gave the Board members handouts detailing goals that the MNA Board had set at the beginning of the yea (see attachment). Some of them have already been met.

Public Safety-Craig said there would be a meeting on Tuesday about safety on 82nd Avenue. Also a meeting with the mayor about 82nd Avenue issues. A hearing on the 82nd Avenue Prostitution-free zone was cancelled. It looks as though they're going to just let it expire. If anyone disagrees they can write a letter to the mayor and courtesy copy the commissioners.

Outreach-Yvonne said we need to get more businesses involved with MNA.

Upcoming events:

Friends of Trees is having a tree planting in March of 2008. Friends of Trees has no records on Montavilla having tree plantings even though Montavilla has had one annually for the past 8-9 years. We don't know why this is since they have records for other neighborhoods. Lisa Laurenceau, who has been a Board member continuously for 11 years, says there were definitely plantings even if Friends of Trees don't have records.

Avenue of Roses Parade-still no firm date, yet. They still want MNA to host an "after party." Yvonne said the party is a good opportunity for outreach.

The Spring Cleanup will be in May, no definite date, yet. Erica asked Board members to think about chairing that committee.

Montavilla Baptist Church, where we hold the Spring Cleanup every year, has asked MNA to co-sponsor and help plan a picnic to thank Clark Elementary School staff since the school will be merging with Binsmead next year.

Second Annual Montavilla International Festival-some work has already been done. MNA will apply for a Neighborhood Grant again. MNA will need to advertise more. More temporary permits may need to be applied for, for food vendors, if it's bigger next year. MNA will need more volunteers to help with planning. The Board will need to delegate and not be afraid to ask. Maybe there should be fewer meetings next time.

Treasurer's Report-Maria Sworske says the Checking Account balance is \$2,614.00. The Savings Account Balance is \$2,339.56. She still does not have access to the Savings Account, however. She and David Linn, MNA Vice-Chair, went over to the Bank and thought they had done everything, but Bank still says the Savings Account has not been changed over. She and David will follow-up on that.

Outreach-Yvonne has 1900 copies of the newsletter left at her house. They still need to be delivered. Discussion followed on how much has been done, how much still to do.

SEUL Land-Use and Transportation Committee-Stephen said the committee had presentations on safer routes to school and the 20/40 Vision Plan. They still have not taken any position on Measure 49. Stephen says he is putting together an information session for voters, separate from our regular general meeting.

SEUL Board- Neighborhood Board member orientation is set for Saturday, October 6. It's open to any Neighborhood Board member who is new and wants to know how to do the best in their position, or a returning member who'd like some more information. There are basic and advanced workshops. It's from 9am-Noon. SEUL will provide a continental breakfast of coffee or tea and pastries.

Gary Burger, SEUL staff liaison for the SEUL LUTC, wants to introduce Montavilla Neighbors to Tim, who is a new intern for Sustainability.

Erica says she has had three residents call and indicate interest in being the Land-Use Chair. Lisa suggested having co-chairs. Erica said it was a good idea.

Save Madison South-there will be a hearing on Oct. 16-more information on the website: savemadisonsouth.org.

Lisa moved to adjourn, Maria seconded. Motion was carried. Erica adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Laurenceau

MNA Secretary

