

MONTAVILLA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 10, 2008

Board members Present: Justin Cutler, Chair; Brian Wong, Co-Vice-Chair; Jennifer Tamayo, Co-Vice-Chair, Friends of Trees Liaison; Lisa Laurenceau, Secretary/SEUL Delegate; Justin McNew, Treasurer; Liz Sullivan, SEUL Livability Committee Delegate; Karen Fink, Member-at-large.

Residents: Ron Cima, Carol Cima, Raydene Taylor, Bill Smith, Michael Finch, Kevin Finch, Lew Scholl, Jayne Imbach, Kristen Funk-Tracy, Angeline Perlan, Jef Broussard, Noel Brown, Janet Martin.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Justin Cutler, Chair. After introductions, Justin briefly went over the agenda and explained why minutes of the last general meeting would be delayed until the next meeting (copying problems). Copies of the minutes of the last Board meeting were available for information. The report from the Portland Police Bureau Liaison would also be deleted since she was not at the meeting.

Announcements of upcoming events:

Bridger Rain Water Garden Work Party-Saturday, November 15, 9 a.m. -5 p.m.

MNA Board Retreat, Sunday, November 16, 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Public is welcome.

Foot Patrol Report-Patrol calls are less, from 6-8 to 0-2, the Police are doing a good job with their detail cars. There are actually fewer girls out on the street lately. The police detail cars are just a stopgap, however, just until Lifeworks, a local non-profit begins providing services to prostitutes to help them get off the street. Lifeworks will work under contract with the city. Carol Cima announced the recent Craigslist change: Any ads on Craigslist must provide a phone number and a credit card number. This will help reduce ads by prostitutes and help law-enforcement officials to track and apprehend prostitutes who put ads on Craigslist. Craigslist will co-operate with law-enforcement.

Jennifer Tamayo said that the last day to sign up for a tree for your parking strip or yard to be planted at the spring planting is January 19, 2009. Trees cost \$39.99 for parking strips and \$69.99 for yards. She's still recruiting for volunteers

to help plant the trees. Justin Cutler said that at one house last spring, the lady handed out cinnamon rolls.

The Portland Planning Bureau will hold two meetings to present plans and seek public comment on possible improvements to eastside MAX stations. They received a grant to study MAX stations impact on livability. The first meeting will take place at the Banfield Pet Hospital, 1816 NE 82nd Ave, Wednesday, November 12 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Jiffy Lube is collecting food donations and will give out coupons for lube services to anyone bringing a donation. There is one location on 82nd Ave.

Justin McNew gave the Treasurer's Report. There is \$2,029.19 in the Checking Account and \$2,640.47 in the Savings Account.

Liz Sullivan said she attended a meeting of the SEUL Livability Committee. The meeting was not very productive, only 4 NAs were represented, she couldn't understand why it was like that. Lisa said that the committee had been on hiatus for several months and had just re-started. Liz said they talked about the Portland Plan-specifically about the Central City Plan that doesn't include SE Portland. She's looking forward to the Board Retreat. She talked to people at Milepost 5; they will have classrooms and a community room. They'd like to be more involved with schools etc.

Sandra McDaniel was not able to be here this evening, but she sent a written report to Justin C. She's at an ONI budget meeting, room 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., downtown. There was no meeting for the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) today, the next meeting will be November 17th. Gavin of Milepost 5 met with a few of the group during the week to get preliminary guidelines. He had to turn to Regional Arts Council (RAC) to find an artist. Sandra will be meeting with Gavin Thursday, November 13, to go over a few proposals and will be sharing with our Board at the Board Retreat on Sunday. The next step will be to bring this back to CPTED's table. She's looking forward to the Board Retreat Sunday. She found lots of funding venues for improving the 82nd Avenue MAX Station. If anyone needs to get in touch with Sandra they can call her on her cell at 503-257-3346

Next was the special election for Outreach Committee Chair (as announced on the listserv) and the Newsletter Manager. Kristen Funk-Tracy has offered to be the Outreach Committee Chair. Justin C. said he heard from someone who wanted

to be the Newsletter Manager, but she didn't come to the meeting tonight. Kristen said she wanted to find out what the hot issues are for Montavilla. She wants to talk to ONI. She says City Blessing Church at Glisan and 76th is involved with Asians and she wants to reach out to that church. Lew Scholl moved to elect Kristen as Outreach Chair, Brian Wong seconded. Vote was unanimous. Lisa said she's looking for someone to share the Secretary position with her since it's too demanding for one person. No one was interested however. Karen Fink nominated Carol Cima for a member-at-large position. Liz seconded. The vote was unanimous. Carol said she will make a presentation to the Board. She would like to compile a history of Montavilla for the 120th Anniversary next year. She said a mortuary nearby has many old photos. Brian Wong's neighbors have old pictures as well.

Some of the accomplishments of the Neighborhood from this past year are:

Thatcher's Brewfest (they donated a portion of the proceeds to Montavilla NA)

Burgerville Partnership Nights-there were several-MNA sells cookies and Burgerville donates 10% of the proceeds during part of the evening to MNA.

Good Neighbor Agreement with Aaron's Wine Cellar-to eliminate problems before they start. Aaron's Wine Cellar owners were very open, wanted a good relationship with MNA and their residents living around them.

Montavilla Foot Patrol-establishment, and from 6-8 calls, down to 0-2/patrol

Montavilla In Action-group launched petition that yielded 1,495 signatures, brought attention to prostitution on 82nd Avenue. City implemented aggressive policy which is still continuing and successful. Safeway Manager donated to M in A (even though Safeway Corporate did not want to be involved-she deserves our thanks)

City is starting social service program to help women exit prostitution.

Save/Reclaim 82nd Avenue March-attracted 200 people to reclaim 82nd Avenue from street prostitutes. People created their own messages to take with them. Local businesses donated signs, food, and other supplies.

Our collaboration with our neighborhood officers and the mobile unit event to target a nuisance house-great community event that helped neighbors take back their block.

Local Business-Safeway, Starbucks (Fubon) Flying Pie Pizzeria (Stark Street) and Mr. Plywood all contributed Food and support of our efforts. Mr. Beets-not only did he support our efforts, but his Halloween display of a haunted pirate ship was spectacular.

Significantly decreased level of prostitution in neighborhood

Fun Activities:

City Blessing Church Kid's Carnival in August-great event and it truly helps out families in our community (fun games for kids, drawing for fun and needed items, free school supplies for attendees).

Montavilla community Festival- hosted by Central Bible Church

2nd Annual 82nd Avenue of Roses Parade

Montavilla Farmers' Market

Thatcher's Brewfest-they donated portion of proceeds to MNA

Burgerville Partnership Nights

New Businesses established in Montavilla:

Salty's Pet Store

Country Cat

The Observatory (going in next to Salty's)

Renee's Gloves

Asian Seafood Store (across from Safeway)

Police are moving into space (where Mt Tabor Video was located) and establishing Roll Call Office

METBA seeking a grant to develop a hip, color walking guide to neighborhood businesses (co-sponsored by MNA)

Sustainability:

Vestal Greenspace

School Clean-ups-brought parents and others in the community to help clean up landscaping at local public schools (Bridger, Vestal Clark)-ongoing clean-ups 4th Saturday of every month

MNA Neighborhood Clean-up (May)-need more MNA volunteers for next year-need to do more advertising

Friends Of Trees tree planting-60 trees-great volunteer effort

MNA:

All key Board slots filled, many others filled as well

Increased participation generally in Montavilla

Public Safety Summit-information and solution seeking small-groups at PCC (October) (Justin is still writing it ups and will make transcript available)

More Announcements:

Karen Fink-Forum on gentrification-sponsored by CNN-several Neighborhoods involved, come and join the conversation. She will post the information on the list-serv. It's an exchange of ideas/problems/solutions, etc.

Eastside MAX Station Planning Committee-next meeting Dec 8 at Banfield Pet Clinic

Update from Milepost 5-they will have Community room space available as well as classrooms, etc. They want to be involved with the community, schools, etc.

Creative Science School will do a presentation at our January general meeting. They want to partner with MNA on a greenspace project.

Brian Wong moved to adjourn, Raydene Taylor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Laurenceau
MNA Secretary