



## **Montavilla Neighborhood Association General Meeting**

Monday, July 8, 2013, 2013, Montavilla United Methodist Church, 232 SE 80<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Board Members Present: Fritz Hirsch, Lew Scholl, Roger Warren, Stefanie Dieffenbach, Ben Kerensa, Steve Rice, Laura Spidell

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Neighbors and Guests: Peter Maris, Susan Baumgardner, Gina Berquist, Karen Birt, M Dorton, Patrick Collins, Erica Timm, Wanda Adams, Michael Cummins, Jenniffer Zogg, Raydene Taylor, Rebecca Warren, Brad Taylor, Eve Nilendess, Steven Nilendess, Patrick Hicks, Jennifer Tamayo, Dunje Jennings Marcum

Meeting called to order @ 7:37pm

No meeting in August!

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved with no additions.

## **Board Member Introductions/Neighborhood Introductions**

### **Social Time**

**Friends of Trees- Erica Timm** a Coordinator with Friends of Trees is seeking volunteers to serve as Volunteer Coordinators for the Montavilla Neighborhood. Erica prefers two or more for these roles as the work is extensive. Group training is Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:30pm @ Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church (2828 SE Stephens St Portland, OR 97214). Montavilla plantings will be Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please sign up online @ [www.friendsoftrees.org](http://www.friendsoftrees.org)

**Music Access Project of Portland- Dunja Jennings Marcum-** MAPP/Vibe of PDX is an afterschool music program currently serving schools in the SE such as Bridger, Harrison Park, Kelly and Creative Science. Dunja desires a school hub in Montavilla for art/music enrichment and to establish an art/music community within the schools. Dunja would like to offer music/art during the day in order to maximize the clientele. Website: [www.mappmusic.org](http://www.mappmusic.org) and their merging organization's website: [www.vibeofportland.com](http://www.vibeofportland.com)

### **Chair Updates**

**Thatcher's Annual Brewfest- Michael Cummins** is the new general manager of Thatcher's and is here to announce the Annual Montavilla Brewfest which will be on Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup> from 12-9pm. Thatcher's will be utilizing local breweries. The festival will be held in back parking lot and offers live music, beer and food. Thatcher's info: 7906 SE Stark St/(503) 254-2918/[thatcherslounge.com](http://thatcherslounge.com)

**Roger Warren-**

1. Summer Concerts trifold handed out advertising Summer Free Concerts in the Park ([www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/446661](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/446661)). Roger specifically pointing out those concerts is every Tuesday in July @ Tabor Park and there are 2 Thursday concerts in August @ Berrydale Park.
2. Ladybug Nature Walks trifold ([www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/432245](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/432245)) advertised. A Preschool aged focus educational program offered at many parks through Parks and Rec.
3. Portland Sunday Parkways continues this summer with North Portland on July 28<sup>th</sup> ([www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/58929](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/58929)), sponsored by the Portland Bureau of Transportation.
4. Coca Cola's winner Montavilla Park for \$10, 000.00! Karen Birt, MCC Director, is present as a guest and to confirm the funds are here but discussions are ongoing regarding how it will be spent (possibly a new basketball court to replace the outside tennis court). Check out MCC's Facebook page to read about this donation and how MCC was chosen! ([www.facebook.com/MontavillaCC](http://www.facebook.com/MontavillaCC)) While you're checking it out, "Like" it! It's your neighborhood Community Center and Pool!

**Public Safety/Communications Ben Kerensa-** Public Safety Workshop with Brad Taylor (Crime Prevention Coordinator) and Dennis LoGiudice (Graffiti Abatement Coordinator) discussing foot patrol and graffiti removal July 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7pm here @ MUMC. Ben recommends PDX reporter App for your smartphone ([www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/article/405043](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/article/405043)) as a great place to send photos of graffiti to aid in the prosecution of repeat offenders. Ben distributed copies of the newsletter as well as asked for folks to check out the MNA Facebook page and "Like" it!

**Public Safety/Land Use Lew Scholl-** Lew takes walks throughout the Montavilla area and is advertising for another stroll for Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm  
MCC is recommending patrons use the parking offered @ Multnomah University for overflow with Montavilla CC and Pool. Information can be obtained @ [www.portlandonline.gov](http://www.portlandonline.gov)

East Portland Action Plan meets monthly and Lew would like to extend an invitation he received at the last meeting to anyone in the neighborhood that would like to attend and hear what is being discussed. Website: [eastportlandactionplan.org](http://eastportlandactionplan.org)

**METBA Liaison/MAL Steve Rice-** METBA ([metba.org](http://metba.org)) has chosen a banner design winner for the Montavilla Neighborhood to be displayed along Stark St. at specific spots. The winner's banner design will be unveiled during the Montavillas Street Fair on Sunday, July 21st from 11-5pm. All are invited to attend.

*Meg Dorton, an MNA member won the raffle of 2 tickets to Milepost 5's Theatre Summer Production worth \$25. Thanks to Lew Scholl for obtaining these.*

Adjourned @ 8:36pm

Submitted by Stefanie Dieffenbach, Secretary