

Montavilla Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
May 8, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.

Present: Jacob Loeb, Sarah Hartzel, Matt Moore, Ron Thrasher
March minutes were reviewed but not approved, lacking a quorum.

Chairman's report:

PMO (Portland Mayor's Office) has special funding for graffiti removal, noise abatement along 84 and activation of square on 79th/Stark - artistic upgrade

Treasurer's report: last day of February: \$2827.76 in checking, \$4,152.48 in savings

Land Use & Transportation Committee: METBA has list of all Pdx Land Use chairs: NE & SE
May 9 METBA mtg in Robot Room re: central city concerns about respite medical center and hotel by MAX station; METBA concerned about community safety esp. road pedestrian issues. PBOT + other agencies like coordination Greenway across

Stark/80th

Communications report: none

SE Uplift liaison: Sarah: June 2: grant mixer, quarterly financial report.
community engagement emphasized.

SE Uplift staff member Lindsay: Montavilla has 501C3 so it doesn't apply

Montavilla Parks & Gardens Committee: absent.

New Business:

Metro climate action team - participation with our group? Read/decide next meeting.

Glisan Landing Project (74th): African youth new headquarters near PCC.

Demolition construction starting soon.

Next MNA meet-up suggestion: June? Matt offered to find a place. Scott gone week of June 12. June 19-24 best choice. Topic of discussion? email Matt or Jacob.

Kiwanis Club invited someone to speak May 16 at noon. contact Jacob if interested.

Announcements: none

Speaker: Bianca Montas from Straightway Services re: Safe Park Village, 333 SE 82nd -. (971)415-7830 or Straightway Services@live.com, multco.us/shelters/momtavilla-safe-park.

This meeting was recorded and is available at montavilla.org

1. referral process: "provider will work with offices to improve the process."
2. staff: "fully staffed 24 hrs. Case management, health services, meals, housing navigation, restrooms and showers."
3. how were providers chosen: "vetted through process with qualifying factors...and funding availability"
4. renewal: "5 year contracts, to be renewed annually. No future use planned after contract concludes."
5. off-site tents/vehicles: "provider will make focused effort to reach out to this outside."
6. to qualify? "unsheltered homeless"
7. asked to leave? "if not respecting rules"
8. taxpayer cost: "still working out the details."

9. safety issues/crime on 82nd, so why were these locations deemed suitable? “Hazelwood has fewer problems. Suitable because homeless here in this area”
10. vetting before site selected? why were no residents, schools involved? “Extensive vetting why certain sites purchased.”
11. Inequity, putting unfair burden on poor areas, saturation rather than more affluent areas. So much density in Montavilla. “That is heard. There are shelters all over.”
12. Promises were made about placement distance from schools and residences- why isn't this important? “I don't know what promises were made. SW Naito is near schools and some schools have given cards and support.”
13. No barrier shelter aspect? safety screening? “Screening criteria still being determined.
14. Can county step in and be an arbiter?” “Yes.”
15. What qualities make a candidate suitable?” Safety for other residents.
16. what if physical, emotional and drug problems arise?
17. Does join office have a no camping perimeter? “City has talked about a 1,000 foot boundary, county has no boundary. Any camp on street can be reported to pdx reporter.”
18. Drop-in services for non-residents? “Straightway Dwight Merriweather has been part of the community fora long time and there will be a process.”
19. Can we take action to not have it be there, since they have not answered one question yet? “If someone wants to complain, they can.” (website link above).
20. Are residents going to be leaving their vehicles on-site? Vehicle impact? “Hard to say.”

Chair thanked them for attending.

Pastor Merriweather said in April that they might have more info in July.

MNA offering separate meetings to residents if needed.

The meeting closed at 7:24 p.m.

Next board meeting: June 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

- Louise Hoff