

Meeting minutes of the December 13th Montavilla Neighborhood Association

Began at 6:30 PM

In attendance: Sarah Hartzel, Jacob Loeb, Taylor Wells, Matt Moore, and Ben Weakley
Absent: Holly Wilkes and Scott Simpson

Jacob started the meeting by discussing the latest results of a few surveys that have asked neighbors to share their thoughts about the meeting day and time. Over half wanted to keep the meeting day, over half said 6:00 PM would be a better start time, and around 70% preferred the online method.

Our first speaker, Josh Roll, discussed his idea for traffic calming in the city. It would involve citizens being responsible for construction of certain traffic calming measures, such as painted corners and traffic barriers. Josh requested the association support the committee's request to bring back the PBOT Pedestrian Committee. Jacob asked how the effectiveness of the various treatments are measured. Josh mentioned speed bumps are expensive and controversial. Taylor asked why the program was discontinued, Josh responded staffing. He also mentioned crowdfunding as a means to fundraise. In response to this discussion, Jacob proposed a letter in support be drafted at the next Land Use and Transportation meeting in January. He also requested a template from Josh that would give general points about the program and identified which bureau the letter needs to be sent to.

The next speaker, Stephanie O'Leary, discussed the overview of changes being made by Portland Public Schools (PPS) to SE neighborhoods. [PPS.net/enrollmentbalancing](https://pps.net/enrollmentbalancing) is a good resource for neighbors. The school board charged PPS to address issues. "Whole school" shift from partial immersion. Eliminate K-8 as K-5 and middle schools are preferred. 3 proposals going to vote next month include Creative Sciences (lottery-based) moving to another campus:

Moves it to Woodstock neighborhood

Moves it to Arleta neighborhood

Moves it to Bridger (80th and Mill)

PPS stating logistical issues with neighborhood school conversion from Creative Sciences. Stephanie is requesting a poll to the neighborhood as a means of outreach and endorsement from the association via a letter to the board as a means of advocacy. A neighbor asked what the timeline would be for when this might occur: Fall 2023. Stephanie to Email Jacob details of requests.

Lindsey from SE Uplift noted they are currently looking for volunteers for grant reviews, which serves as a good method for volunteers to learn what successful grants look like.

Meet and greet with neighbors ensued...

Association meeting ended at 7:30 PM, regular board meeting began.

Jacob noted that we have a quorum, and the meeting minutes for last month were approved by the members.

Jacob discussed a fundraising event idea that would allow neighbors to drop off their styrofoam. It would be in the same location as our last recycling event, and Ron stated his willingness to drive it to the drop-off site.

Taylor discussed inviting an officer from the East Portland precinct to come and speak at our next meeting as well as applying for a SE Uplift grant and increasing participation in communications.

Sarah discussed November's financials. The Charitable Activities report was submitted with the Oregon DOJ; however, it was rejected due to the number of board members, need contact info for new members.

Still need a volunteer to be Secretary.

Scott (Land Use & Transportation) is absent.

Nothing to report on SE Uplift, still need a volunteer for this role.

Old business:

Discussed survey results again. Decided to maintain 6:30 PM start time as well as the virtual platform to promote inclusivity.

New business:

January 15th we will host our annual fundraising event from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We will need volunteers. Sarah made a motion to host annual fundraising event and create a way for neighbors to donate electronically. Taylor seconded. All in favor.

Developers have been selected for the 74th and Glisan project, speaker request.

Discussed the Multnomah County Tax Assessor to come speak in March, and we also received a speaker request from Beacon Village. Lastly, Sarah found a speaker to discuss the city charter commission process.

Meeting ended 8:00 PM