

Minutes/MVBA General Meeting (via Zoom) Thursday April 25, 2024

Called to order at 8:32 am

- 1- **Welcome & Introductions** – 24 members in attendance.
- 2- **State of the District Check-In**
 - **Business News – Word on the Street** - Little Big Burger closed unexpectedly, no word on replacement.
 - **Membership Dues 2024** – Matt sent 117 invoices, 76 have paid.
 - **Safety and Security** – Broken window at Oregon’s Own, probably kids being stupid. Encourage all to investigate the grant opportunities through the city for help with vandalism, damage, etc. The woman who broke into businesses in Multnomah Village and Hillsdale has been arrested. There is a problem-solving meeting with the city every other Thursday at 9:30am for reporting vandalism/damages and graffiti. The graffiti on the Coin Cottage building has not recurred since the last tag after the MNA removed it.
- 3- **Board of Directors Election – Board Candidates** – last month’s meeting was the annual meeting and elections were held. The following is the result of the General Membership vote with roles defined by the current officers:
 - President - Peter-Tolin Baker (JP General)
 - Vice President - open
 - Treasurer - Matt Meyer (Meyer Appraisals)
 - Secretary - Barb Cantonwine (Healthy Pets Northwest)

The following are the Board Member At Large:

- Jason Barbee (Level Beer)
- Al Korb (Ameriprise Financial)
- Nell Bostwick (CommunityPDX)

Would have liked to see more interest from the business district to join the board or be more involved in some way. Efforts will continue to reach out to the businesses and garner more interest from the community.

- 4- **MCDA Court Dase – Demonstrators/Amplified Sound** – Meeting was held online this Monday (April 22nd) with the DA’s office representatives. Thank you to businesses and interested community members who participated and tried to engage to find a solution. The general feeling was that the “tone” of the some of the participants did not allow for positive feedback from interested parties. For further questions or comments please contact Emily Korte from the MCDA’s office, emily.korte@mcdca.us, 971-917-6333 (mobile), 503-988-3027 (office).
- 5- **Events and Promotions**
 - **Celebrate Earth Day recap** – Third annual event! Successful and there was good traffic to participants. Thanks to all involved, Music was great – Lots of good kid related activities.
 - **First Fridays May 3rd** – encourage businesses to stay open late now that the weather is getting better.
 - **Member Meet-Up** – May 22nd at Mad Sass Soap from 5pm-7pm.
 - **Multnomah Days 2024 – Member booth Registration** – Outside vendor booth spaces have all been filled, still a few remaining spaces for members left. Many levels of sponsorships are available.
- 6- **Other/New Business**
 - Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Quarterly meeting will be May 16th. Open conversation with community.
 - Reporter-at-Large – High School/Intern Zoe Toperosky will be writing articles for marketing MV.
 - Corner Park Project with MNA/update and fundraising – Corin with the Multnomah Neighborhood Assoc. gave an update of the efforts to create a community space at the corner of Troy and 36th. Will be an ongoing process through the Summer and into the Fall to develop with work parties throughout to clean up and develop into usable space for many activities. Comments/Suggestions - communityevents@mnapdx.org

End at 9:42am

Next General Meeting Thursday, May 30, 2024 (via Zoom)

Next Board Meeting Thursday, May 9, 2024 (In person)

Minutes submitted by Barb Cantonwine, Secretary – MVBA 2024