

Minutes/MVBA General Meeting (via Zoom) Thursday August 29, 2024

Called to order at 8:30 am

1- **Welcome & Introductions** – 21 members in attendance.

2- **State of the District Check-In**

- **Business News – Word on the Street** – New building construction progressing, they will be re-paving SW 37th. Fat Kitty will be opening in the Boxer Ramen space. A member is concerned about the MVP Volvo parking issues, lots of car's park there and the owner is not approachable. The space could be used for customer parking for the Village and French Quarter. Concerned individuals can fill out the online form to see if the city can do anything about it. Lark and Fir is moving. Several businesses vacating/moving from that specific building next to Merav Beauty and JP General.
- **Membership Updates** – New members – Wink Productions/Wayne, Justbecauseart/Jessica, Safe House NW/Maria, Dashing Lamps/Nancy, Gentle Cloud Spa/Kay, Multnomah Presbyterian Church, MOWP rejoined after a couple of years of not being members, "The Gabe" apartments.
- **Safety and Security** – An individual has been consistently loitering around Sage flowers. Be alert and attentive, find balance when engaging – call non-emergency if problem persists and becomes dangerous.
- **Safe rest Village (SRV) and Good Neighbor Agreement** – Expansion has been started. Good Neighbor Policy – MNA fully involved and does not see any negative results from the expansion at this time in neighborhood or at businesses. Safeway will be sold and presumably a new grocery store will move in.

3- **Events and Promotions**

- **Multnomah Days 2024** – Peter-Tolin shared the notes from the committee meeting recap. Thank you to all the sponsors. Highlights from the meeting – consider getting a "grand sponsor" for next year and develop multiple events that they can sponsor. Marketing activity was good, new poster was a hit with participants. Discussed reviving the banner but with a new banner to hang across the street in front of MAC or on the bridge. Great weather until the very end when the wind and rain started, still excellent weather during the event. Discussed and will consider raising the fee for the musicians. Addition of booth spaces on Troy successful and brought visibility to the businesses on Troy St. Kids Zone at the MAC went well. Trash, porta potties and other operations went well. Thanks to all volunteers!
- **First Friday (September 6th)** – JP General will be providing live music at the Village Park from 5-8pm.
- **PBOT Southwest Neighborhood Bike Day** – Friday September 13th.
- **SW Parkways/PBOT (Sept. 22nd)** – Encourages biking in PDX and road will be closed with booths and activities all day.
- **Halloween** – Contests with prizes and trick or treating at the businesses.

4- **Other/New Business**

- **Corner Park Project** with MNA/ - making progress, meeting with landscapers and others to plan the design.
- **DEI** – quarterly meeting was a couple of weeks ago. Several engaged members with ongoing efforts in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

End at 9:27am

Next General Meeting Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 8:30am (via Zoom)

Next Board Meeting Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 8:30am (In person)

Minutes submitted by Barb Cantonwine, Secretary – MVBA 2024