

Minutes/MVBA General Meeting (via Zoom) 06/29/2023

Called to order at 8:30 am

1. **Welcome & Introductions** – 27 members in attendance.
2. **State of the District**
 - a) **Business News/New Openings and Closings** - Adam and Vanessa are the new owners of Village Frame, Karina Rogers, new owner of Pawsh Pet Café, Boxer Ramen will be in the Nectar space.
 - b) **Membership Update** – 120 membership base – best ever!
 - c) **Safety and Security** – Individual was sleeping on the street in front of Form and Function and became hostile, tried to enter the store, going through the garbage. There seems to be more incidents like this happening. Nell (CommUnityPDX) and Jay (Parrotdice Guitars) are taking care to be safer on Troy St. specifically. Suggestion to call 911 and ask for Rapid Response for the non-violent individuals. Demonstrators have enlisted a couple to take their place on Wednesdays since they were cited last week and banned from being within 1000 feet of the intersection at 36th and Capitol. Jay and Peter-Tolin questioned them as to whether they had a permit for the amplified sound and were met with the same belligerent attitude. PTB called the City and the City said they will not be issuing a permit to them. Suggestion to continue to report to the City.
3. **Events and Promotions**
 - a) **First Friday** – July 7th.
 - b) **SW Strolls** – July 1st. the PBOT construction project is complete and there will be a celebration in the village with ribbon cutting on this day.
 - c) **Independence Day Holiday Weekend** is the weekend before the 4th.
 - d) **Multnomah Days** – August 19th. Planning for the Parade is in full gear. Need volunteers for the day of – contact Al Korb. There are still a couple of sponsorships spots available. Parade is from 10am-11am, no vehicles will be participating this year, Brooks/UPS driver will be the Grand Marshall, Pooch Parade will start off the parade again.
4. **Committee Updates Event Planning Meeting**
 - a) **Call for volunteers and Committee Chairs** – ongoing.
 - b) **Communications and Marketing** – next meeting is July 11th and will meet monthly. Website is being updated – need new images of life in Multnomah Village for the refresh.
 - c) **Event Planning** – meeting on July 18th.
 - d) **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** – will meet August 18th and will meet quarterly.
 - e) **Mural Painting** – on Canby a huge success with goal of community building accomplished!
5. **Projects and Other/New business**
 - a) **Hanging Flower baskets and Tree Wells** – PTB shared the screen of planned “Village Beautification.” We will have 10 baskets. MVBA is looking at options for cleaning up the tree wells, weeding, power washing, etc. but is hoping business/building owners will take some responsibility for continued maintenance of these areas. Total cost for the planned work is \$5500 including watering services. Big thanks to Beth, previous owner of Village Frame for the generous donation of \$2500 in appreciation for all the years VF spent in Multnomah Village. Hoping to secure more donations from businesses for the beautification project.
6. **Other New** – Save date for Alumni Art Show at MAC on sept 9th. Sunday Parkways September 10th. Ida B. Wells football teams are looking for sponsors, levels \$50-\$950 and will promote business at activities.

End at 9:35am

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Next Board Meeting Thursday, June 8 2023, (In person)

Minutes submitted by Barb Cantonwine, Secretary - MVBA