



METBA welcomes 5 new board members

The board and members of the Montavilla East Tabor Business Assoc. gathered for the annual membership meeting on October 11 at Ya Hala Restaurant.

This was an important meeting for the board, not only to communicate the Association's past successes and future direction, but also to elect new members to the board.

President Steve Rice, who will be with the Association for another year, presented METBA's vision for the district and asked members to share their ideas as well. Strategic priorities for the district in the coming years include strengthening the membership to ensure continuity and succession, marketing and promoting the district, improving communications between the board and member businesses, and attracting new businesses that offer goods and services that are currently not available to Montavilla residents.

"A little bit of everything" is an idea the METBA board has included in its vision for the district – meaning that if there was one of every business, residents could access any service and accomplish all of their errands and shopping without having to go outside the district. Safety improvements, such as lighting and features designed to enhance the district's walkability, are a big priority for business owners and their vision for the district.

The PowerPoint document, (which the Association is making available to all members) outlines the Association's strategic plans and provides a "Year in Review" summary.

Steve Rice acknowledged the invaluable contributions to the district by Alema McCrae, who has served in various board positions since the Association was formed in the 1990s, most recently as Treasurer; and

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 29 Glisan Street Clean Up

Join residents and business owners at this monthly cleanup between NE 60th and 80th Streets. Activities include litter and invasive plant removal. Supplies provided by SOLVE Oregon; see web site for volunteer information

(solveoregon.org)

Time: 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Meet up at Fillmore Coffeeshouse, 7201 NE Glisan. Street parking is available.

Monday, October 31 Trick or Treat on Glisan Street.

Time: Throughout the day
Location: Trick or treat at participating businesses on NE Glisan Street between NE 67th Street and 82nd Avenue. Besides offering treats, businesses will display decorated pumpkins. Vote for your favorite one at US Bank, NE 67th and Glisan.

Ty Dupuis, owner of Flying Pie Pizzeria, who has been both a board member and a consistent and generous sponsor of district events since becoming owner of his business in 2001. Thanks are also due to outgoing board VP Brooke Brandsmith and board members Adam Stein, Farhad Dadkho and attorney John Pinzelik, who will continue to provide legal counsel to the Association.

The board took nominations from the pool of business owners at the membership meeting to fill vacant seats. The following individuals were voted in and agreed to serve a two-year term on the METBA board:

Carmen Wright, Beanstalk Children's Resale

Dwight Reid, DC, Bridge-town Chiropractic

Rita Hudson-Evalt, Union Rose

Becca Price, Union Rose

Shane Smith, US Bank.

The new members will be joining returning board members Tina Granzo, Alex Jaramillo, Julie Koroch, Abby McKinnon, Adryanna Mendoza and Nana Opoku-Hoerth. Welcome all new board members!! See you in 2017.

BUSINESS NEWS

Mount Tabor CrossFit is hosting a Halloween event on **Friday, October 28**, beginning at **6:30 p.m.**

The evening starts with pumpkin carving. Guests can bring their own

pumpkins and submit their carved creations for the chance to win a prize. Carving tools provided.

There will also be a screening of a family-friendly Halloween-themed movie. Snacks and drinks will be available, but attendees are welcome to bring a dish to share. Costumes are encouraged but not mandatory. Mount Tabor CrossFit is located at 8028 NE Glisan. Contact phone is (503) 575-9178.

The Montavilla East Tabor Business Association monthly newsletter is intended to provide Association members, neighborhood groups/organizations, and the general public with information regarding the district. Comments, questions, news items, and event announcements are welcome.

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