



City Council votes to support second phase of East Portland Pilot Project

Heather Hoell, Executive Director of Venture Portland, attended METBA board's June meeting to announce that the Portland City Council unanimously voted to extend funding to support the East Portland Pilot Project for a second year. The demonstration project was designed to provide targeted support to guide Eastside business districts and associations in efforts to increase association membership, volunteers and revenue.

Business associations that would like to continue to receive funds for signature events and to strengthen their member and volunteer infrastructures are asked to participate in a board strategy session; complete a twelve-month work plan; agree to an annual check-up and benchmark review; and attend Quarterly Quadrant Conversations to ensure the success of their grant activities.

The METBA board voted to approve participation in the project for a second year. The board can choose to focus its work on established events while meeting priorities outlined in last year's work plan.

Grant funds will continue to support the goals of the project, though the board has discretion on where funds will be allocated. Board members expressed interest in continuing events that have engaged new constituents and promoted involvement by business and community members. These include the district mixers, First Fridays, the Glisan Street Halloween event, and a continuation of the annual Montavilla Street Fair. METBA members have an opportunity to weigh in at the general membership meeting in July.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 25
Glisan Street Clean Up
Time: 9:00-11:30 a.m.
Location: Meet up at Fillmore Coffee, 7201 NE Glisan Street
Details on signing up for the event are on Page 2

Friday, July 1
Montavilla First Friday
Time: Businesses will stay open late hosting live music, art openings, shopping opportunities, more.
Location: Businesses along the Stark Street corridor of the district

Tuesday, July 12
General METBA member meeting
Time: 12:00-11:30 p.m.
Location: Flying Pie Pizzeria, 7804 SE Stark Street

Sunday, July 31
Annual Montavilla Street Fair
Time: 11a.m. - 5 p.m.
Location: SE Stark Street between 82nd Avenue and SE 76th Street

Friday, August 5
Montavilla First Friday, Night Market
Time: 5-8 p.m.
Location: Farmer's Market lot; businesses along Stark Street

Sat.-Sun., August 20-21
Montavilla Jazz Festival
Location: Portland Metro Arts, 9003 SE Stark Street

East Glisan Clean Up The first Clean Up event in the district's Glisan sector will happen on **Saturday, June 25, from 9:00-11:30 a.m.** Volunteers will meet at Fillmore Coffee on NE Glisan to go over the clean-up plan, get necessary supplies, and review safety.

Business owners along the commercial strip are taking the initiative to remove trash, debris and graffiti along the areas that are in disrepair. Their goal is to gather the last Saturday of every month to keep the area clean. Alex Jaramillo, owner of Mt. Tabor CrossFit says, "We want to help make the area more appealing and show some initiative to the community that we are actively involved in their best interest. If you have friends, neighbors, or know anyone else who would like to help,

please spread the word. If you have any questions or concerns please email me (alex.mtcf@gmail.com).

I look forward to building a better community with you."

SOLVE is the organization providing cleaning supplies and other assistance. If you plan to attend, please go to www.solveoregon.org, follow the "Get Involved" and "Volunteer for an Event" tabs, and choose East Glisan Clean Up.

Montavilla First Friday will include an evening market, 5-8 p.m., for the August 5th First Friday event. It will be held in the Farmers Market lot on the 7600 block of SE Stark Street, across the street from Mr. Plywood. If interested in becoming a vendor, please contact Sarah Mathis at sarah@artandbeautypdx.com.

MEMBER NEWS Tina Granzo of City Beautiful Design Web + Database Development is overseeing member web pages for the new district web site. If you recently joined as a new Association member or are a renewing member and do not see your business listed on the member directory page of METBA.org, please check your email inbox.

Invitations to set up and personalize business pages were sent out June 1 and June 9. Please contact tina@citybeautifuldesign.com if you have not received an invite. Once a business page has been created, members will join the growing directory. Launch of the official METBA site is slated for late July. Thank you members for your participation in METBA!

The Montavilla East Tabor Business Association monthly newsletter will be distributed electronically to Association members and made available on the Association's web site (www.metba.org).

It is intended to provide members, neighborhood groups/organizations, and the general public with information regarding the district. Comments, questions, news items, and event announcements are welcome. Send information via email to the newsletter coordinator: juliekoro@comcast.net, with "METBA newsletter" in the subject line.