

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2020

Board Members Present: Cliff Cox, Nadine Fiedler, John Laursen, Brian Mitchell, Sharon Nobbe, Sam Noble, Nancy Norby, Cassandra Rosenthal, Stephanie Stewart, and Bing Wong

Board Members Absent: Barb Gamelgard

Others Present: Alice, Bradley Cooley, Lisa Kirby, Lyrin Murphy, Jim Pierce, Midge Pierce, Dave Petrozzi, Miriam Poston, Michi Slick, and Ben Ware.

Introductions: Brian Mitchell hosted the meeting via Zoom. The minutes from the October 2020 meeting were approved on a motion by Nadine Fiedler, seconded by Bing Wong and passed with a raised hand vote (19 in favor, none opposed).

Treasurer's Report: Bing Wong presented the Treasurer's report. He said that we are still waiting for \$1,341.00 reimbursement from Southeast Uplift's Communications Fund. The reimbursement application was made for John Laursen's purchase of mulch on behalf of MTNA to revitalize the neighborhood entrance at 50th and Hawthorne. This reimbursement application was submitted to SEUL.

Friends of Mount Tabor Report: Bing Wong will be attending the November 23 meeting for Friends of Mount Tabor. He shared news that the foot patrols continue their efforts in keeping the park clean. Weed Warrior activities continue into winter weather permitting. Recently the number of weed warriors increased as other organizations engage in weeding projects. The Harvey Scott statue damaged in October has been moved to storage. As the leaves fall, a line of tents located along the east park boundary can be seen more clearly. The city has been contacted about the campsite and growing collection of trash.

Land Use Cases: Stephanie Stewart reported there are 2 active land use cases. One at 47th & Belmont that is in the Sunnyside neighborhood. Sunnyside is sharing information to keep MTNA informed. The second is the removal of a single family home lot at 51st/ 52nd and Hawthorne and new construction of 6 condo units.

Jim Pierce queried the Board members about MTNA's position regarding the tear down versus restoration of existing homes. Stephanie Stewart reflected that in her time on the Board and as Land Use Chair, there has been no published stance or position paper supporting tear down or restoration in the neighborhood. The neighborhood stock of old or smaller affordable homes has significantly diminished. What does exist as a single family home on one lot typically gets purchased and replaced with multiple higher price residences on one lot. Action: A small committee will be assembled to craft the MTNA position on tear down vs restoration of homes in the neighborhood. Draft language will be circulated for input prior to publishing on the MTNA website.

Announcements: Alice alerted us to an increase in crime near 57th and Burnside. Recent events include people knocking on doors asking for help; stolen cars; entering homes and theft. Alice spoke of her recent encounter with crime and loss after answering the door and engaging with the young woman asking for help. Local police were contacted.

Lyrin Murphy, the Jacob H Cook House owner on SE Belmont will be taking food drive donations Saturday and Sunday November 21 and 22. She has joined efforts with the Franklin Families Foundation, the Mt Tabor

Heights United Methodist Church and other local churches to support families in need of food with a local food drive. You are encouraged to volunteer, donate food or money that goes to helping our local residents. Stephanie Stewart proposed that MTNA supports this effort by developing a position in support and sharing that on the website. A small group including Jim Pierce, Michi Slick, Lyrin Murphy, John Laursen and Stephanie Stewart will work together and circulate the recommended language for MTNA's position on tear down versus restoration before publishing to the MTNA website.

Adjourn: John Laursen made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Brian Mitchell and then unanimously supported.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 7 PM**, to be held electronically via Zoom.

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