

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2018

Board Members Present: Cliff Cox, Barb Gamelgard, John Higuera, Robert Krotser II, John Laursen, Sam Noble, Nancy Norby, Cassandra Rosenthal, Jim Smith, Laura Smith, Mike Turaski, Bing Wong

Board Members Absent: Robin Beavers, Nadine Fiedler, Paul Leistner, Brian Mitchell, Stephanie Stewart

Others Present: Midge Pierce, Jim Brooks, David Morrison, Sharon Nobbe

Introductions & Minutes: The meeting opened with introductions led by Mike Turaski. The minutes from the October meeting were approved with a motion by Jim Smith, seconded by Bing Wong, and passed unanimously in favor with an oral vote.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report provided by treasurer Bing Wong included a statement of MTNA's total balance of savings and checking combined of \$3,983.45. MTNA's check writing policy requires two signatures. Bing Wong, Nadine Fiedler and Paul Leistner are the current signers, but with Paul's recent resignation from the MTNA Board, Mike Turaski volunteered to take Paul's place as the second check signer.

Call for Announcements or Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: Paul Leistner announced his resignation from the MTNA Board effective immediately. Paul served MTNA for many, many years and will be missed.

Jim Brooks, one of the neighbors who attended recent MTNA meetings and requested MTNA's help to get assistance from the City to address a drug house near his home, had an update. He reported that Portland Police Bureau officers arrested 3-4 drug dealers at the house, the City evicted all tenants and the drug house is now boarded up and for sale. Jim thanked MTNA again for their help.

Nancy Norby announced that she wants to stop making cookies and asked for another MTNA board member to take over this responsibility. It was agreed that this would be resolved at the December MTNA special meeting.

Hawthorne Boulevard Business Association (HBBA) has recently adopted the Division Main Street Design Guidelines and will hold two community meetings to gather input and discuss the vision for development on Hawthorne. The meetings are November 29 and December 6, each from 6:00-8:30pm at Western Seminary Auditorium, 5511 SE Hawthorne Blvd. For more info, go to HBBA's website: www.hawthornepdx.com

5G wireless network & potential neighborhood impacts: David Morrison, from wirelesswatchblog.org, provided information about potential effects that 5G wireless frequencies might

have on our neighborhood. There's no requirement for notifying neighborhoods about the installation of antennas for 5G. Military and NASA studies show problems with 5G frequencies. Different communities across the country are pushing back on 5G installations. To find out more, visit www.wirelesswatchblog.org or contact David via email at wirelesswatch@yahoo.com.

MTNA Board Visioning Work Session announcement: On Saturday December 1st from 10am to 2pm at Warner Pacific University, Egdvedt Hall, Room 203, MTNA Board members will take time away from the monthly agendas to discuss what we can do to more effectively fulfill our mission. That includes what we're doing currently, our strengths and weaknesses, and special events and projects for the future. Neighbors are welcome to attend and listen in on the conversation.

SEUL update: Sam Noble provided highlights of the SE Uplift's recent annual retreat. They discussed a reorganization of their website, advocacy, resource pages, air quality issues, and neighborhood toolkits on subjects like how to send postcards to all neighborhood members.

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park report: October was the last Weed Warrior month of the year. The new season of Weed Warrior work parties begins in March, with crew leader training to be held in January and February. Tar-N-Trail fundraiser raised \$1,600 and donated it all to FMTP.

MTNA Email Notices: Office of Community & Civic Life is sponsoring a 2019 Legislative Agenda Town Hall with Mayor Ted Wheeler and Commissioner Amanda Fish on November 27, 6:30-8:30pm, at PCC Southeast Campus, Community Hall Annex, at 2305 SE 82nd and Division. For more information, contact Cynthia Castro at 503-823-3229 or via email at cynthia.castro@portlandoregon.gov.

Franklin High School student Evan Susswood is fundraising for the AMIGOS program in Costa Rica by selling boxes of grapefruits. Order by December 8 by emailing Evan at susswood@comcast.net. Get info about AMIGOS by visiting www.amigosinternational.org.

Owners of the property at 6012 SE Yamhill Street are seeking Historic Resource Review approval for new signage on the property.

SE Uplift is holding a Neighborhood Board Member Orientation on November 28 from 6:00-9:00 pm at their office at 3534 SE Main Street.

The next meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association will be Wednesday, January 16 at 7:00pm at Mt Tabor Presbyterian Church at SE 54th and Belmont, with social time and homemade cookies starting 6:50 PM. For more information, please visit www.mttaborpdx.org.