

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes for Zoom meeting
May 20, 2020

Attending: Stephanie Stewart, Sharon Nobbe, Nancy Norby, Laura Smith, Bing Wong, Cliff Cox, Cassandra Rosenthal, Brian Mitchell, Nadine Fiedler, Sam Noble, John Laursen

This was a two-part meeting. One part was a brief meeting on Zoom to give the Board a chance to practice an online meeting, in hopes of making more robust meetings in the future run smoothly. One part was a written update on civic issues, as we've done since Covid-19 cancellations started in March. Find the written May update here: <https://www.mttaborpdx.org/meeting-minutes>

A practice ballot was circulated via the "chat" feature. Setting adjustments for Zoom and for the ballot's Google Form were noted.

A vote was taken to formalize the Board's prior decision, via email exchanges, to officially move the annual election from May 2020 (where it normally falls) to June 2020. This allowed for the proper public notices to be made, and for the Board to build skills and prepare materials for a Zoom meeting. The board noticed in early May that due to the pandemic, we were not prepared for a May Zoom meeting and election. Motion by Sam Noble, seconded by John Laursen. Result = unanimous

Agenda items for the June meeting were discussed.

There was a reminder to Board members to nominate themselves for the ballot. The instructions for nominations were sent out to the community earlier in the month.

Bing reminded us that he will send in the annual paperwork to the Oregon Secretary of State.

Sharon brought us an update from the SEUL land use meeting (a Zoom call), where it was announced that the funds SEUL would normally award out to NA's to support their expenses, was being diverted into a Covid-relief specific grant program. We discussed applying for a grant to pay for a real Zoom account, so we could have the fully featured platform. The paid account would allow us to have meetings that run longer than 40 minutes without everyone getting booted out, among other things. A vote was taken to empower Sharon to apply for that grant. Motion by Sharon Nobbe, seconded by Stephanie Stewart. Result = unanimous

Bing gave an update about crowding, social distancing, parking and poisonous weed control in the park.

The Board heartily thanked Laura and Jim for their service on the board, and let them know we will really miss them.

The next meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association will be Wednesday, June 17 at 7:00pm on Zoom.