

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2019

Board Members Present: Cliff Cox, Nadine Fiedler, Barb Gamelgard, John Laursen, Sam Noble, Nancy Norby, Cassandra Rosenthal, Jim Smith, Laura Smith, Stephanie Stewart, Mike Turaski, Bing Wong

Board Members Absent: Robin Beavers, Robert Krotser II, Brian Mitchell

Others Present: Jim Pierce, Midge Pierce, David Petrozzi, John Rutherford, Lyrin Murphy

Welcome & Introductions & Approval of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes: The meeting opened with introductions led by Mike Turaski. The following corrections were made to September's minutes: 1) In the MTNA Outreach Discussion/Outreach postcard paragraph, the motion was seconded by John Laursen. 2) In the SEUL Uplift news paragraph, the language was rewritten to clarify that "MTNA wants Sam to be outspoken at future SEUL meetings about MTNA's position as vigorously opposed to the code change as it is written." With these corrections, a motion was made by Nadine Fiedler to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Bing Wong, and passed in favor with a unanimous oral vote.

Treasurer's Report: Bing Wong summarized total assets (\$6,676.70).

Call for Announcements of Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: Nancy Tannler has sold the Southeast Examiner and Kris McDowell is the new owner.

A vote by City Council on a resolution for Code Change 3.96 presented by Chloe Eudaly will take place on November 14 with the location TBD. John Laursen encouraged MTNA meeting attendees to send requests to the Mayor and City Council members to reassign the Office of Civic and Community Life (OCCL) to another council member other than Ms. Eudaly.

Lyrin Murphy, owner of the recently renovated Jacob Cook house, also known in the neighborhood as the "Christmas house," said she is working to make the house an owner-occupied short-term rental.

With Robin Beavers' change in position at Warner Pacific University, there's a vacancy on the MTNA Board. Laura Smith will contact Shannon Johnson, who is now in the VP for Institutional Advancement and External Relations position previously held by Robin, to ask if Shannon is interested in filling the MTNA Board vacancy.

Related to a previous conversation with SEUL representative Leah Fisher to review MTNA Bylaws, Mike Turaski said he'll check his notes about what MTNA wanted specifically to address.

MTNA Cleanup Committee is working with North Tabor NA for a site for the 2020 cleanup.

The Reservoir 1 refill event has not been scheduled yet. MTNA is waiting for an update from the Water Bureau.

Neighborhood Postcard Outreach: Stephanie's research on nonprofit mailing status turned up this information. The State does give nonprofit status but the US Postal Service only recognizes federal tax-exempt status nonprofit status which is given by the IRS. The IRS tax-exempt status determination involves submitting forms, articles of incorporation, and bylaws. The category that we would fall under could be Educational Organization.

MTNA Board-Budget Planning Session: Start thinking about what we want to do next year and the costs, and bring the to the December planning session. Stephanie will send out an email poll for which dates work best for the meeting date.

Friends of Mount Tabor Park report: Bing Wong said the most asked question from visitors at Mt. Tabor Park is "where are the bathrooms?" Newly installed signage is at the east end of the main parking lot, paid for by FMTP.

Additional work was done by Bud's Tree Service and Jan Caplener to clear more vegetation from the amphitheater area.

The Visitor Center has hand-made holiday ornaments for sale for \$10.

The next and last Weed Warrior Work Party with The Nature Conservancy will be Saturday, October 26 at 10am.

FMTP put together and donated a basket of goodies for the TaborSpace Gala raffle.

Southeast Uplift news: Sam Noble reported that the SEUL officer elections and board retreat will be in November. A search committee is looking for a new executive director to replace Molly Mayo. SEUL voted to extend their funding contract for five years.

MTNA Email Notices: St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church will hold their Red Doors Artisan Fair on Saturday, December 7 from 10am-4pm at 1704 NE 43rd Avenue.

Tabor Challenge 5k Run/Walk returns for a sixth year on Saturday, April 18. It's a fundraiser for Cleveland High School. Go to taborchallenge.com for more info.

PBOT has installed "left turn calming" speed bumps at SE 55th and Burnside, which is intended to slow turning speeds and improve visibility of crosswalks. For more info, go to portlandoregon.gov/transportation/article/732232.

The next meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association will be Wednesday, November 20 at 7:00pm at Mt Tabor Presbyterian Church at SE 54th and Belmont, with social time starting 6:50 PM.

Subcommittee Work Sessions, monthly: Some MTNA subcommittees, made up of board and non-board volunteers, have monthly work sessions scheduled for the next six months on these dates: Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 12. Subcommittees will report their work at general board meetings, as needed, for interested neighbors. You are welcome to attend and listen to the conversations, however we will not be taking feedback from neighbors during these work sessions. Location: Warner Pacific University campus, Christiansen Conference Room located in the A. F. Gray building. Time: 7-8:30 pm.

For more information, please visit www.mttaborpdx.org.