

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2020

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: Brian Mitchell

Others Present: Dillon Wells, Sharon Nobbe, Kent Sugnet, Mikki Tint, Denise Spellman, Isaac Spellman, Midge Pierce, Steve Bingold, Rick Sany, Rich Lancefield, Judith Garner, Kristen Garner, Leah Fisher, Seth Moran

Welcome & Introductions & Approval of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes: The meeting opened with introductions led by Stephanie Stewart. The following correction was made to January's minutes: Fiscal Sponsorship needed to be capitalized in the Call for Announcements section, fourth paragraph. Bing Wong made a motion to approve the January minutes as corrected, Nancy Norby seconded it, and it passed in favor with a unanimous oral vote.

Treasurer's Report: Bing Wong provided a listing MTNA's account balances and liabilities on the back of the meeting agenda. The total current assets are \$4,590.59. Nadine Fiedler made a motion to give Bing Wong approval to pay the \$20 annual fee for the Oregon Department of Justice 2019 CT-12 Report. Motion was seconded by Sam Noble, and the motion passed in favor with a unanimous vote.

SEUL's (Southeast Uplift) 2019-2020 Funds Proposal to fund neighborhood cleanups was changed to funding neighborhood associations (NA) for NA meetings and activities. John Laursen made a motion to approve Bing Wong to request \$1,341 in funds that MTNA qualifies for. The motion was seconded by Nancy Norby, and it passed in favor with a unanimous oral vote.

Call for Announcements of Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: Ozzie Gonzalez, candidate for Portland Mayor, provided a little bit about himself and encouraged attendees to vote in the May 2020 primary election.

Portland Police Bureau Sergeants Ajir and Klausen provided neighborhood crime info. In the past month there were 35 property crimes--mainly vehicle theft and car prowls, and a few person-to-person crimes like simple assault. There were seven hit-and-runs. They reminded attendees that the priority for 911 calls is when there is active danger in progress. Non-emergency crimes can be reported online.

Laura Smith and Jim Smith announced their resignations from the MTNA Board effective at the

end of the current board term.

John Laursen told attendees that he and other neighbors received postcards in the mail from Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) about a reconfiguration of Hawthorne Boulevard planned for Summer 2021 that involves a single lane of traffic in each direction. There's a survey online and two public meetings--March 7 at SEUL office and March 10 at Western Seminary. Voice your opinion to City Council Commissioner Chloe Eudaly who oversees PBOT.

Bing Wong's handout provided an update on Friends of Mt. Tabor Park that included the following: The annual membership meeting will be on March 9th at TaborSpace with three open board positions to fill at the meeting. A committee was formed to work with Portland Parks and Recreation to put on four Free for All Summer Concerts in the Park. The application was accepted but dates are not available at this time. Online fundraising will commence the last week in February. Businesses and individuals can donate online.

Will Mt. Hood blow and Other Backyard Hazards - Seth Moran, Cascades Chief

Volcanologist: The Boring Lava Field is the only active volcano field in an American city. The USGS Community Preparedness Response plans can be found on Oregon's Emergency Management web page. Visit the USGS Volcano Hazards Program website at <https://volcanoes.usgs.gov>.

MTNA Bylaws Update: Stephanie Stewart distributed a handout listing the changes to MTNA Bylaws for 2020 which will be voted on in April.

Code Change Update: John Laursen told attendees that the change is on hold due to a lack of support by all City Council members except Chloe Eudaly. The multi-bureau workgroup resolution has been withdrawn. John has been attending meetings of a consortium of neighborhood associations, who have been finding it difficult to know what's happening in Eudaly's office on this subject.

Land Use Report: Stephanie Stewart reported that 42 people, the developer and the architect attended the February 14 meeting about the planned development at SE 60th and East Burnside. Neighbors expressed concerns about the lack of on-site parking, requested a pet relief area be located on-site, and would like to see ground floor retail added to the site, among other concerns. Go to Portland Maps to notify the City Planner with your comments.

Southeast Uplift news: Tabled.

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MTNA Email Notices: The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) officially awarded TriMet \$87.4 million in federal funding for the Division Transit Project. The project's total price tag is \$175 million, with half coming from local sources.

Columbia River Orienteering Club (CROC) will be hosting a free orienteering event at Mt. Tabor on Saturday, March 28. For more info, go to: <http://www.croc.org/events/2020/3/28/mt-tabor>.

The U.S. Census Bureau is looking for volunteers. Go to www.2020census.gov/jobs/faqs for more info.

The Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon (FCCO) is offering free spay/neuter services for feral and stray cats in February. For more info, go to: www.feralcats.com.

The next meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association will be Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00pm at Mt Tabor Presbyterian Church at SE 54th and Belmont, with social time starting 6:50 PM.

Subcommittee Work Sessions, monthly: New sessions TBD.

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