

## **Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**March 17, 2021**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Barb Gamelgard, Nancy Norby

**Others Present:** Michi Slick, Rick Sany, David Petrozzi, Glenda Jenson Wheeler, Stacy Butler, Philip Webster, Esther Webster, Midge Pierce.

**Introductions:** The meeting opened with introductions led by Stephanie Stewart. The minutes from the February 2021 meeting were not approved as the Secretary from February did not write the minutes. Stephanie will attempt to download the February meeting from Zoom. If unsuccessful, someone who attended the February meeting will write the Minutes up for April's meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bing Wong gave the following update: Southeast Uplift approved our communications fund request, in which they will distribute a \$500 check by the end of March. Bing also submitted documents for another available fund grant to cover our Zoom license to the end of the Fiscal Year.

**Announcements:** No announcements mentioned.

**Elections in May:** MTNA Board member elections will be held during the May meeting on May 19, 2021. A notice for these elections will be sent out by April 19, 2021, to the MTNA website, Facebook page, Mt. Tabor Listserv, and Mt. Tabor google group. Please send an email to Bing Wong by May 12, 2021, to have your name added to the ballot.

**“Shelter to Housing Continuum” Project:** On 3/17/21, City Council heard testimony on the Open Space Code, that will potentially allow homeless camping in public parks during emergencies. Discussion includes a letter from Portland park advocates revising this code change, to prevent long-term camping in parks except in the event of a natural disaster -- find that here:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NXMkuRwjlrXU1HI4axRu3NTZhJpLuYFnjK8S96hXfll/edit?usp=sharing>.

Stephanie Stewart moves, Nadine Fiedler seconds to offer MTNA's name as a signatory to author of the letter, Darlene Carlson, should it be used some place in the future (i.e. if

comment period gets extended, or if they are going to visit City Council. (15 in favor, Sharon Nobbe and Sam Noble abstain).

Stephanie Stewart's also moves, John Laursen seconds, if the opportunity presents itself, someone on the MTNA Board can extract something along the lines of this letter for our comment. Sam Noble commented that we should carefully consider the distinction between the various types of Open Space. (12 in favor, 3 abstain)

John Laursen moves, Stephanie Stewart seconds, to authorize Midge Pierce to write a letter on behalf of MTNA, asking City Council to extend the comment period. Stephanie or John to review the letter. (15 in favor)

**Neighborhood Crime Issues:** No officer present to provide an update on neighborhood crime issues.

**Land Use:** Stephanie Stewart did not have any updates.

**SEUL:** Sam Noble did not have any updates.

**Friends of Mt Tabor Park:** Bing Wong gave the following update: The first week in March was their annual membership meeting. There were two incumbent board members who were re-elected, and three newly elected members. The Board was reluctant to take a position on the Open Space Code project at this time due to lack of time to host a meeting and educate Board members.

The meeting adjourned at the completion of our published agenda.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 7 PM via Zoom.

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