

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2018

Board Members Present: Nadine Fiedler, Barb Gamelgard, John Laursen, Paul Leistner, Brian/Kate Mitchell, Sam Noble, Nancy Norby, Jim Smith, Laura Smith, Bing Wong

Board Members Absent: Stephanie Stewart

Others Present: Midge Pierce, Jon Peterson, Cassandra Rosenthal, Cliff Cox, Sara Genta, John Jennings, Sharon Nobbe, Mike Turaski, Kim Medic, Tommy Allen, Juliet Pursell, Joe Cadwell, Andrea Brown, Lindsay Huber, David Sweet, Laura Belson, Jim Gorter, Robert Hemphill, Bruce Lellman, Wesley Allen, Rebecca Casanova, Kate Tosswill, Mike Shaver, Robin Webster, Dave Hilts, Molly Hilts, Neal Naigus, Jonathan Pulzers, Kim Nurmi

Introductions & Minutes: The meeting opened with introductions led by Nancy Norby. The minutes from the February meeting were approved as written on a motion by Bing Wong, seconded by Jim Smith, and passed 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 \$4,762.06.

Call for Announcements or Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: Paul Leistner asked for volunteers for our joint neighborhood cleanup with the North Tabor Neighborhood Association which will take place Saturday, April 28. He passed around a volunteer sign-up sheet.

There are signs on SE 50th Avenue announcing a paving project that will take place there from March 26 through July 15.

Paul Leistner showed attendees an article about red spray-painted 'x's appeared on March 20 on sidewalks in front of several homes who had posted signs reading "Safe Lincoln Street." This act is a crime. Paul made the motion, using language from a concerned neighbor, "The Mount Tabor Neighborhood Association condemns vandalism and active intimidation tactics as a means of communicating disagreement, and we hope to foster a community of respectful involvement to make our neighborhood a better place." The motion was seconded by Nadine Fiedler, and passed in favor with a unanimous vote. If anyone knows anything about the person(s) who committed this crime, please call the Portland Police Bureau's non-emergency phone number: 503-823-3333.

Juliet Pursell, a teacher and department chair in ABE (Adult Basic Education) at PCC's SE Campus, said PCC is looking for people in the community that would like to finish their high

school education by getting a GED. She provided a handout. For more info contact Lee Blackburn via email at lblackbu@pcc.edu or call 971-722-6133.

Laura Smith announced the annual Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association board member election will take place at the May meeting. Board memberships are one-year terms. Please let Laura know you are interested in being on the ballot by sending an email at least five days before the May meeting to: contact.mtna@gmail.com.

Joe Cadwell told attendees that he set up a Neighborhood Watch program on his street with the help of the Crime Prevention Coordinator at ONI (Office of Neighborhood Involvement). For more info, go to ONI's website: www.portlandoregon.gov/oni

Residential Infill Project - Report from 1000 Friends of Oregon: David Sweet and Robert Hemphill from Portland for Everyone, a program of 1000 Friends of Oregon, presented a slide show that highlighted some of the City of Portland's RIP (Residential Infill Project) ideas. For more information go to www.portlandforeveryone.org

Residential Infill Project - Another view - United Neighborhoods for Reform: James Gorter, representing United Neighborhoods for Reform, presented concerns about RIP. For more information go to www.unitedneighborhoodsforreform.blogspot.com

SE Lincoln-Harrison Neighborhood Greenway Enhancement Project - diverter at SE 50th: Jim Smith provided an update from PBOT (Portland Bureau of Transportation) about a delay in the installation of the diverter at SE 50th and Lincoln until the paving project on SE 50th is completed. Also, PBOT said they would be attending the July MTNA meeting.

Mt. Tabor Park Projects Update: John Laursen gave an update on the Mt. Tabor Maintenance Yard renovation project. Historic Landmarks Commission met with project staff and approved the historical lighting on the bike/pedestrian paths.

Reservoir 1 is currently getting its south wall restored with the diamond relief pattern in the concrete to match the original design. The Reservoirs Interpretive Project will have an open house on April 14 at 10:00am at PCC SE Campus.

SEUL update: Sam Noble provided an overview of topics covered at the most recently monthly meeting of Southeast Uplift. Recipients of the small grant projects will be announced soon. For information, go to www.seuplift.org.

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park report: FMTP held their annual meeting on March 13, elected new board members and presented the Friends of the Year awards. Weed Warrior coordinator is leaving but a replacement has been selected. Portland Parks and Recreation's response to potholes in the Park was to deliver bags of asphalt for the park tech to make repairs. Visitor Center now has 10 regular volunteer staff members. Mary Kinnick is the lead on the FMTP

Stewardship Fund Campaign. Weed Warriors next work party is March 31. Only two Summer Concerts in Mt. Tabor Park this year on July 10 and 17. The Movies in the Park, sponsored by Warner Pacific, will be in August and will feature "Coco."

MTNA Email Notices: Sunday Parkways in SE Portland will take place on May 20 from 11am to 4pm. For info go to www.portlandsundayparkways.org.

PBOT is seeking interested neighborhood associations and businesses to participate in two new Area Parking Permit zone pilot projects, and the deadline is March 31.

The next meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association will be Wednesday, April 18 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.