

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

July 19, 2017

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

Board Members Absent: none

Others Present: John Early, Laura Bender, Matthew Hall, Midge Pierce, Jeff Smith, Marty Stockton, Debra Monzon, Gary Monzon, Mike Giering, Andrew Morales, Bradley Cooley, Anne Crispino-Taylor, Sheila Parrott, Roger Geller, Mike Turaski

Introductions & Minutes: The meeting opened with introductions led by Nancy Norby. The minutes from the June meeting were approved as written on a motion by John Laursen, seconded by Jim Smith, and passed with an oral vote.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report was presented by treasurer Bing Wong. The total balance of checking plus savings on July 19, 2017 was \$6,442.25. The only activity for the past month was a reimbursement to Kate Mitchell for IPower web hosting.

Neighborhood Crime Issues: Because a Portland police officer did not attend the meeting, this agenda item was tabled for the month. However, attendees were reminded to report crimes via the City's website (<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/cor/>). Nadine volunteered to contact the Police Bureau to find out how to get a police officer to attend our next monthly meeting.

Announcements: Cecile Pitts, who is on Taborspace's steering committee, reminded attendees about Taborspace's upcoming auction fundraiser to be held this November 18th, from 6:00-9:00pm. She said that due to declining church membership and thus declining funds from that source, Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church and Taborspace need more capital for much needed improvements to the building and property. They are reaching out to neighborhood users of the spaces for fundraising. John Laursen made a motion to pay \$500 now to the church for their fundraising efforts and pledged \$500 more later as a matching grant. The motion was seconded by Paul Leistner and passed with an oral vote.

Steve Stenberg reminded us that he will be retiring from Warner Pacific College in September and will be leaving the MTNA Board. He introduced Mike Giering, his replacement. Mike was most recently with Cityteam of Portland, a nondenominational Christian nonprofit that serves the poor and homeless. Warner Pacific would like to maintain a presence in the neighborhood, so

Mike hopes to take Steve's place on the MTNA Board. Mike said he will attend upcoming MTNA meetings to learn more about MTNA and our neighborhood.

Debra Monzon provided an update on the Thorburn Safety Project. About three quarters of the speed bumps have been installed. Three to four months after installation, another traffic study will be done. Debra and the Thorburn Safety Project committee are now moving forward with pedestrian safety projects in that area.

Midge Pierce said she has been attending the Southeast Uplift (SEUL) land use meetings and suggested that MTNA nominate a board member to attend those meetings. Nobody volunteered at tonight's meeting.

Tar 'n' Trail Run: Anne Crispino-Taylor reminded attendees that the event features 5K and 10K runs and will be on October 1 at 9:00am. As in previous years, Anne needs MTNA Board approval for insurance for the event (provided by SEUL). Brian Mitchell made a motion to approve insurance for the Tar 'n' Trail Run, Bing seconded the motion, and it passed with an oral vote.

Portland Map Refinement Project (Comprehensive Plan and Zoning): Marty Stockton, from the City of Portland Bureau of Planning & Sustainability, provided an overview of the four properties in the Mt. Tabor neighborhood that are going to be affected: 344 SE 52nd Avenue, 6134 E Burnside, 253 SE 74th Avenue, and 511 SE 60th Avenue. For details, read the Map Refinement Project Discussion Draft at <http://portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/643572>.

The property at 511 SE 60th is where the Y's Choice YMCA Child Development Center is currently located. The Portland Housing Bureau (PHB) purchased that property from the previous owner, Portland Parks and Recreation. Karl Dinkelspiel, senior housing program manager with PHB, was on hand to answer what questions he could about the redevelopment plans for the property. It will be a multi-use project, featuring affordable housing above the ground level that he hopes Y's Choice will occupy. There will be parking on the site for residents and Y's Choice.

Discussion among attendees included positive feedback about the affordable housing but also concerns about traffic at the corner on SE 60th and SE Stark and how it will affect the flow in and out of the parking areas.

SE Ladd/Harrison/Lincoln, Clay to 64th Neighborhood Greenway Projects: Sheila Parrott and Roger Geller of Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) distributed handouts showing the map route of this new greenway project area and the proposed changes, such as curb ramps, sharrow crossings, traffic diverters, speed bumps and median barriers. Neighbors in attendance, including bike commuters, felt strongly that the proposed median barrier at SE 50th and Lincoln would create more problems than it would solve. They felt that the median barrier will worsen traffic backups on SE 50th between Hawthorne and Division, and that not being able

to turn left from northbound or southbound SE 50th will put more traffic on the greenway and other side streets which will cause more safety concerns. Construction of the proposed projects will begin in Spring 2018, so send your feedback now to sheila.parrott@portlandoregon.gov.

Land Use/Mt. Tabor Reservoirs update: John Laursen said the MTNA reservoir committee is making progress with the Water Bureau to get work started on restoring Reservoir 1 and replacing the chain-link fence along the dam face below Reservoir 5. The Parks and Recreation Bureau has agreed to reinstate the working group for neighborhood involvement in the Maintenance Yard improvement project.

MTNA Email notices: The Division Transit Project Community Advisory Committee meeting will take place on Thursday, July 20, from 6:00-7:30pm, at PCC Southeast-Community Hall Annex, 2305 SE 82nd Avenue. The public is invited, and the meeting will include a presentation from the project final design team and an overview of community outreach to date.

An email from Orchard Supply Hardware said they would love to help our community spruce up a small, public space. It was suggested that we could ask Vibe of Portland, the current occupants of Tabor Commons, if they'd be interested in taking up Orchard's offer. MTNA Agenda Builder, Jim Smith, will forward the email to Laura Shriber at Vibe of Portland.

SE Uplift News: South Tabor Neighborhood Association has made an advocacy request for SEUL to help advocate that TriMet purchase electric buses for the Division Street Transit Project. SEUL has asked for support from the other neighborhood associations. Sam Noble made a motion to support South Tabor Neighborhood Association's request for SEUL to advocate with TriMet for electric buses on Division Street, which was seconded by Laura Smith, and passed with an oral vote.

Friends of Mt Tabor Park Update: Bing Wong said the Weed Warriors have started up again; check the FMTP website for info: www.taborfriends.org. The last Summer Concert in the Parks in the crater amphitheater in Mt. Tabor Park will be Tuesday, July 25 at 6:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

The next meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association will be Wednesday, August 16, 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.