

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2019

Board Members Present: Cliff Cox, Barb Gamelgard, Robert Krotser II, Brian Mitchell, Sam Noble, Nancy Norby, Cassandra Rosenthal, Jim Smith, Laura Smith, Mike Turaski, Bing Wong

Board Members Absent: Robin Beavers, Nadine Fiedler, John Laursen, Stephanie Stewart

Others Present: Robert Jordan, David Petrozzi, Laura Hosfeld, Dean Salvador, Laura Mason, Leah Fisher, Philip York

Introductions & Minutes: The meeting opened with introductions led by Mike Turaski. A motion was made by Philip York to add to the February minutes the statement by Jessica Vega Pederson at the February meeting that Multnomah County doesn't have a vaccination program for the homeless. Nancy Norby seconded the motion, and it passed in favor with an oral vote with two abstentions. The minutes from the February meeting were then approved as written including the addition, with a motion by Sam Noble, seconded by Bing Wong, and passed in favor 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 \$5,079.52. Bing requested that another board member volunteer to be third and fourth MTNA check signers after Bing and Nadine. Sam Noble and Nancy Norby volunteered. A motion to add Sam and Nancy as signers on the MTNA checking account, the motion was seconded by Barb Gamelgard and passed in favor with a oral vote with one abstention. Laura Smith made a motion to approve MTNA's SEUL Communication Funds proposed budget of \$1,049, Sam Noble seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously in favor by an oral vote.

Call for Announcements or Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: Neighbors living near a house at SE 57th and Hawthorne received notice that it is slated for demolition and asked if anything could be done to stop the demolition. Per the City of Portland, "the burden of finding an alternative to demolition is limited to any interested parties and the owner and/or their representative."

Mike Turaski announced to the Board that John Higuera tendered his resignation from the MTNA Board via an email to Mike.

Board Elections Planning: Leah Fisher from SE Uplift reminded attendees that MTNA Board Elections will take place at the MTNA monthly meeting on May 15. Brian Mitchell made a motion to appoint Laura Smith as the MTNA Elections Committee chair, Philip York seconded the motion, and the motion passed by a unanimous oral vote in favor. Discussion ensued regarding the assigning of positions on the Board after elections when nominees do not run for a particular position. Leah said she would send Bylaw Amendment suggestions to the MTNA Board via MTNA email box.

MTNA/North Tabor Neighborhood Cleanup: Update and call for volunteers: The neighborhood cleanup sponsored by MTNA and North Tabor Neighborhood Association (NTNA) will take place on Saturday, April 27, from 9:00am-1:00pm in the parking lot of Mt. Tabor Middle School. Flyers have been drafted, listing the costs per load size (\$20 minimum donation for small car or sedan, \$30 for SUV or small truck, \$40 for large truck, van or trailer) and what we will accept and what we won't accept. The flyer will be posted to the MTNA website (www.mttaborpdx.org) along with a request for volunteers to email MTNA (contact.mtna@gmail.com) for more info. Yard signs were available at the end of the meeting for posting.

Future Focus Topics for Monthly Meetings: Mike Turaski offered up different topics to cover in future meetings. The one decided upon for discussion at the April meeting was Outreach to Renters and Minorities. Sam, Cliff, Cassandra, Laura, Jim, and Philip said they would try to provide some feedback to Mike prior to the April meeting to get the discussion started.

SEUL update: Sam Noble, MTNA's SE Uplift liaison, attended SEUL's most recent monthly meeting that included an overview of the Office of Community and Civic Life's budget which commits 20% to neighborhood services. SEUL is considering contributing to Portland United Against Hate. SEUL has recently awarded this year's Community and Civic Engagement small grants monies. For more information, visit their website: www.seuplift.org.

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park report: Mt. Tabor Park Weed Warrior work parties are on the last Saturday of each month through October, starting at the park's visitor center at 10:00am and going until 2:00pm. Also, there are Weed Warrior work parties for school groups on Fridays. Starting the first Wednesday in April and running through May, there will be weekly Audubon Bird Walks starting at 7:00am at the north gate. For more info about these activities, check FTMP's website: www.taborfriends.org.

Previously, some members of FTMP formed an independent committee to do fundraising needed to produce the Summer Concerts in the Park at the Mt. Tabor Park Amphitheater. However, that committee disbanded prior to the deadline for the 2019 application for Summer Concerts in the Park missing any opportunity to hold a Summer Concert in Mt. Tabor Park in 2019. If anyone is interested in forming a committee for putting on concerts in Mt. Tabor Park in 2020, please contact Jed Arkley at Portland Parks and Recreation (concerts@portlandoregon.gov).

MTNA Email Notices: Commissioner Eudaly and PBOT have introduced PDX WAV, a new way to make on-demand taxi, Uber and Lyft rides more convenient and reliable for people with disabilities by calling one number: 503-865-4WAV. The call can be made 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year, and a friendly dispatcher will locate an accessible ride provider. To learn more, go to www.PDXWAV.com.

Daddies Board Shop will be holding the Mt. Tabor Downhill Challenge, a downhill skateboarding race event, on July 27 from 9:00am-6:00pm on Mt. Tabor.

City of Portland Bureau of Development Services sent MTNA a notice of demolition for the house at 5638 SE Hawthorne Blvd., which has a 120-day demolition delay end date of June 27.

The Annual House of Dreams Cat Shelter Plant and Vegan Bake Sale will be held Saturday, April 20, 10:00am-2:00pm at 7634 SE Morrison.

Portland Public Schools is conducting a survey of adjacent neighborhood associations to Franklin High School in order to include you in the selection of the new mascot/identity for the school. Choose between Ambassadors, Chargers, Falcons, Firs, Lightning or Thunderbolts. The survey is due April 4. Go to www.pps.net/franklinmascotchange.

The I-205 Division Street on-ramp will close 24/7 for 60 days starting March 18. The northbound auxiliary lane between the Division Street on-ramp and Washington Street off-ramp is also closed 24/7 to accommodate the work zone. Follow the posted detour signs. You can go to www.i205construction.org for more info.

The next meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association will be Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00pm at Mt Tabor Presbyterian Church at SE 54th and Belmont, with social time starting 6:50 PM. For more information, please visit www.mttaborpdx.org.