

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2016

Board Members Present: Nadine Fiedler, Barb Gamelgard, Brian Mitchell, Sam Noble, Nancy Norby, Jim Smith, Laura Smith, Steve Stenberg, Bing Wong

Board Members Absent: Denise Barrett, John Laursen, Paul Leistner, Kate Mitchell, Stephanie Stewart

Others Present: James Rodriguez, Alissa Keny-Guyer, Midge Pierce, Aaron Tinkle, Magnhild Lien, Harvey Rich, Officer Joe Cook

Introductions: The meeting opened with introductions led by Nancy Norby. The minutes from the July meeting were approved with a correction on a motion by Steve Stenberg, seconded by Brian Mitchell, and passed with an oral vote.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report was presented by treasurer Bing Wong. The balance is \$7,481.15, which is the same as last month since there was no financial activity this past month.

Neighborhood Crime Issues: Portland Police Officer Joe Cook told attendees that crime issues continue to be usual issues like car prowls. There has been some but not a lot of homeless camping in our neighborhood and Mt. Tabor Park. Laurelhurst Park seems to be attracting more homeless camps.

Announcements: Several years ago, the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association did not have an August meeting due to vacations and low attendance. Nancy Norby suggested the board might consider not having August meetings and to put it up for a vote at a future meeting.

Midge Pierce has been attending other neighborhood association meetings and the Residential Infill Project is a hot topic. The public input survey has concluded and is now being assessed. The planning committee will present their recommendations to City Council in September and in October there will be a vote by City Council.

Tar 'N' Trail Run/Walk: Anne Crispino-Taylor told us this will be the fifth year for this annual fundraising event for Friends of Mt. Tabor Park. It will take place on Sunday, October 16 this year. There will be no sound amplification. Bing Wong made a motion to endorse the event, Nadine seconded the motion, and it passed with an oral vote. For more info about the run/walk, go to www.runannie.net.

Belmont Family Dentistry Update: Dr. Aaron Tinkle presented drawings featuring the potential building massings on the property he purchased near his existing office building at 5935 SE

Belmont, to give neighbors an idea of what different building heights would look like on the site for his proposed zone change. He presented a formal written letter of support from MTNA, which Sam Noble motioned to have MTNA sign, Jim Smith seconded, and was passed with an oral vote.

City of Portland Design Overlay Assessment: Jim Smith reported on the City of Portland's outreach to neighborhood associations for feedback about the Design overlay designation on some properties (currently primarily in the central city of Portland and transit corridors). The consensus of the neighborhood representatives in attendance was that design review should be used more broadly to ensure development appropriate to neighborhoods throughout Portland.

Land Use Updates: The Tri-State Automotive building on SE 50th between Hawthorne and Division will be demolished and a 19-unit multifamily building will replace it. A property on SE Market Street at 50th is slated to be redeveloped. There is a residential addition planned for the house at 336 SE 63rd.

SE Uplift News: There will be free workshops on sustainable landscaping with Beneficial Insects on September 21 (6:30pm – 8:30pm at Sunnyside Community House, 3520 SE Yamhill St.) and September 29 (6:30pm – 8:30pm at Bridgeport United Church of Christ, 621 NE 76th Ave.)

Friends of Mt Tabor Park: Sunday, September 25, is when the Nature Conservancy holds the largest Weed Warrior event of the year in Mt. Tabor Park. It goes from 9:00am to 12:30pm. There will be food and music provided. To sign up, go to:
<http://support.nature.org/site/Calendar/?view=RSVP&id=8986>.

Parke Diem, a city-wide Parks work party, will include activities in Mt. Tabor Park with the Weed Warriors. This year, it's on Saturday, October 15, from 9:00am until 12noon. For info:
<http://www.portlandpf.org/parke-diem-1/mt-tabor-park>

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 21, 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.