

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2016

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: Chris Hagerman, Midge Pierce, Aaron Tinkle, Benji Smith, Rudy Munzell, Gary Owcu, Mitchell Smith, Portland Police Sergeant Joe Cook

Introductions & Minutes: The meeting opened with introductions led by Nancy Norby. The minutes from the October meeting were approved on a motion by Bing Wong, seconded by John Laursen, and passed with an oral vote.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report was presented by treasurer Bing Wong. The balance is \$7,481.65, which was the same as last month.

Neighborhood Crime Issues: Portland Police Officer Joe Cook reminded attendees about the PDX Reporter app that is free to download which can be used to report non-emergency livability issues like abandoned vehicles, graffiti, potholes, lighting that is out and so on. It allows you to add a photo or GPS coordinates to your report. For reporting crimes like bike and auto thefts, online reporting is available because wait times can be long on the non-emergency phone line. Online crime reporting is on the City's website here: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/cor/>.

Announcements:

MTNA board members discussed and wrote a memo for submission as public testimony for the Residential Infill Proposal Concepts, expressing MTNA's concerns about limited public involvement and protection of existing neighborhoods that the City Council should consider. A motion was made by Paul to submit the testimony, seconded by Brian and passed with an oral vote with one nay.

Bing shared the letter from the Portland Parks Bureau thanking MTNA for their participation in this past summer's Concerts in the Park program. This led to a discussion about MTNA's participation in the 2017 Movies in the Park. Paul made a motion to ask Warner Pacific College and Portland Parks to reserve the first Saturday in August 2017 for the Movies in the Park in our neighborhood, Bing seconded the motion, and it passed with an oral vote.

Belmont Family Dentistry - New property update: Aaron Tinkle said he is working through the land use processes to make a zone change for his new property on SE Belmont, and updated the neighborhood on his effort to relocate his dental office to that property.

Proposed Zone Change at Worldview (historic Nurse's Quarters) 6021 SE Yamhill: Chris Hagerman, who is working with the developer who has purchased this historic site, told attendees that the property is currently zoned R2 except a small section which is zoned R5. They are proposing a zone change to all R2. The project will be converted to housing with 76 residential rental units targeted to households at 80% of median income. There will be a combination of SRO units, one-bedroom units, and studios. The current 15 parking stalls will be retained and sheltered bike parking will be added. The project will have an ADA elevator and large communal spaces. Bridgeway Realty Resources, the developer, buys older properties and finds adaptive reuses for them.

Warner Pacific College News & Events: Steve Stenberg graciously accepted MTNA's offer to provide information about Warner Pacific College which is in the heart of our neighborhood. Warner Pacific's main campus has 500-550 students, with over 59% of the enrollees being first-generation college students. WPC's current focus is supporting students from the local area and the underserved. The majority of WPC students are minorities and the main feeder high schools are David Douglas and Franklin. Each year, WPC provides a full-ride scholarship for 10 students with leadership potential. Curriculums include business and entrepreneurship, biology, health sciences, social science, and health care administration. WPC hopes to start a nursing program in the future.

Land Use Update: Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association board members are currently working with Water Bureau representatives to select contractors for overseeing historic restorations and to choose a consultant for the interpretive project which will preserve the history of Portland's reservoir system.

SE Uplift News: Paul Leistner said the Tabor Commons/Cafe au Play community planning meeting held in late October and online surveys indicated that neighbors want to see it reused in a way that continues to serve the community. Sale of the property was the least popular option. Explorations are underway to find a tenant for the next two years while long-term plans are determined.

The Division/Powell Transit Project is now planned only to serve Division and not Powell. SEUL has continued to uphold its opposition to the project.

Kelly Federson, Laura Orr, Bing and Paul met with the website designer, Martrese, to start the process of re-establishing the website.

Katy Asher will be asking MTNA for what we would like to use our 2017 Communication funds in addition to paying the balance of the website contract amount.

Friends of Mt Tabor Park: The last Weed Warrior event for 2016 in Mt. Tabor Park was October 29. Crew leaders of the Weed Warriors met on November 13.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

There will be no meeting in December, and the next meeting will be Wednesday, January 18, at 7:00pm at Mt Tabor Presbyterian Church at SE 54th and Belmont, with social time starting 6:50 PM.

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