

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2018

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

Board Members Absent: Nadine Fiedler, John Higuera, Paul Leistner, Stephanie Stewart

Others Present: Midge Pierce, Sharon Nobbe, Sara Genta, Lionel Maldonado, Wayne Dietz, Cecile Pitts, MaryAnn Amann, Peg Baker, Judith Dennison, Annette Levy, Lars Campbell

Introductions & Minutes: The meeting opened with introductions led by Mike Turaski. The minutes from the May meeting were approved with a minor correction on a motion by Sam Noble, seconded by Jim Smith, and passed with an oral vote with no opposition or abstentions.

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 \$3,683.96. The balance was reduced from the previous month to cover expenses from the joint neighborhood cleanup (which will be reimbursed by BPS and SEUL) and the \$300 sponsorship for Portland Parks and Recreation's 2018 Concerts in the Park. Paul Leistner donated his expenses to recycle styrofoam collected from the cleanup. Estimated income to MTNA from the 2018 neighborhood cleanup is around \$1,700. North Tabor Neighborhood Association (NTNA) wants to have a meeting with MTNA to create a manual for operating the neighborhood cleanup.

Sam Noble and Laura Smith were appointed to sign Secretary of State documents as needed during the current board's annual term.

Sam Noble made a motion to authorize expenses up to \$150/year to cover copies, parking and meeting incidentals for the Reservoir Restoration committee. Nancy Norby seconded the motion and it passed with an oral vote with no opposition or abstentions.

Neighborhood Crime Issues: Retired Portland Police officer Gary Manugian attended our meeting. He reminded attendees to report non-emergency crimes by going online to: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/cor/>. The police bureau has a new app called PDX Reporter. Read about it and get connected to it at: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/article/405043>.

Because the Portland Police officers are busy, we cannot expect them to attend our monthly meetings. As an alternative, it was suggested that a board member could bring Mt. Tabor neighborhood crime statistics updates from the city's website to our monthly meetings to be shared with attendees.

Call for Announcements or Neighborhood Issues and Concerns:

Trimet bus #14 is going northbound on SE 52nd Avenue instead of SE 50th Avenue during the construction happening on SE 50th through July.

Lionel Maldonado, a docent for Architectural Heritage Center, is looking for historical information about the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood for a walking tour he will be conducting on August 9. Attendees suggested that he visit the MTNA website. He asked people to send him info at lmaldon39@q.com.

Sara Genta reminded attendees that the City wants to impose another fee on short-term rentals and to voice your opinions on the issue to City Council members.

A suggestion was made to add an agenda item to the July MTNA meeting for goals, strategies and priorities for MTNA for the 2018/2019 board term.

Sam Noble said he would find out how SE Uplift communication funds can be used this year (signs, cards, social media).

Taborspace Fundraiser: Cecile Pitts announced that Taborspace's 2nd Annual Fundraiser Gala will be November 3rd, from 6-9pm. She made a request for MTNA to repeat their \$500 donation plus a \$500 matching grant for Taborspace's 2018 fundraising efforts. Brian Mitchell made a motion to commit to the \$500 donation, John Laursen seconded the motion, and it passed with an oral vote with no opposition or abstentions.

Mt. Tabor Park Stewardship donation request: After a brief discussion about the importance of supporting our neighborhood's crown jewel of a city park, Nancy Norby made a motion for a \$500 donation now to the Mt. Tabor Park Stewardship fund with possibly an additional \$500 later (after proceeds from the cleanup are confirmed), Barb Gamelgard seconded the motion, and it passed with an oral vote with no opposition or abstentions.

Land Use Update: The Plans for the first construction project under the Mt. Tabor Park Maintenance Yard Master Plan have been approved through both Conditional Use and Historic Landmarks reviews. Portland Parks Bureau has agreed to enter a Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) that will address any issues that may develop with regard to both the plant storage area on the Long Block and the new multimodal path along SE 64th Avenue. MTNA members have been active participants in the Maintenance Yard process for more than a decade, and the MTNA will be asked to be a signatory to the GNA and to serve as a forum for neighborhood concerns. The GNA is in draft form now and will be circulated to the MTNA board via email for review before we vote on it later this year. With regard to the Reservoir Reservation Project, the annual maintenance of Reservoir 6 has been completed and the water refilled.

SEUL update: ONI's new name is Office of Community and Civic Life. For information, go to www.seuplift.org.

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park report: Weed Warriors next work party is June 30 starting at 9am at the Visitors Center. The east end of the dog park is overgrown with blackberries and poison oak, and Nancy Norby said she will file a complaint about it.

MTNA Email Notices: Two notices were received for short-term rentals at 110 SE 53rd and 5458 SE Stark. There was a notice of an intention to submit an application for a two-story remodel alteration at 5530 SE Yamhill.

Portland Housing Bureau issued a notice of proposed changes to inclusionary housing and has invited the public to testify on the revised draft of the proposed changes. Read about it at www.portlandoregon.gov/phb/IHDraft and provide comments or testimony by June 21.

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