

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2019

Board Members Present: Nadine Fiedler, Barb Gamelgard, Robert Krotser II, John Laursen, Sam Noble, Nancy Norby, Cassandra Rosenthal, Jim Smith, Laura Smith, Mike Turaski

Board Members Absent: Robin Beavers, Cliff Cox, Brian Mitchell, Stephanie Stewart, Bing Wong

Others Present: Sharon Nobbe, David Petrozzi, Dean Salvador, Bradley Cooley, Cathy Hanauska, Rich Dreasher, Sara Genta

Introductions & Minutes: The meeting opened with introductions led by Mike Turaski. Mike Turaski made a motion to make corrections to the March meeting minutes as follows: introductions led by Nancy Norby corrected to Mike Turaski, and the April MNTA meeting date corrected from the 18th to the 17th of April. The minutes from the March meeting were then approved as written including the corrections with the motion seconded by Nadine Fielder, and passed in favor with an oral vote.

Treasurer's Report: Bing Wong was absent but he passed along the information via Laura Smith that Sam Noble and Nancy Norby are now signers on the MTNA checking account, as approved at the March meeting.

Call for Announcements or Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: David Petrozzi informed attendees that a group of neighbors are organizing the painting of a street mural at the intersection of SE 53rd and SE Morrison. He solicited a donation from MTNA. John Laursen made a motion for MTNA to donate \$100, Nancy Norby seconded the motion, and it passed in favor with a unanimous vote. For further information about the mural project, contact Kathy Zavitz via email at kzavitz@msn.com.

Cathy Hanauska from KINK Radio provided information about the 2019 Paint the Town Green litter clean-up and graffiti removal event that KINK is sponsoring in tandem with METRO. This one-day event will take place on June 1st. Cathy requested MTNA's support by providing a contact person who will attend meetings, help by MTNA with volunteer recruitment, and announcements on MTNA's social media. Sam Noble made a motion that MTNA support the 2019 Paint the Town Green event by providing an MTNA contact, recruiting volunteers, providing MTNA logo for posters, and posting announcements on MTNA's social media. John Laursen seconded the motion and it passed in favor with a unanimous vote. Rich Dreasher volunteered to be the MTNA contact person, John Laursen volunteered to provide MTNA's logo to Cathy/KINK for the posters, and Cassandra Rosenthal and Laura Smith volunteered to get the word out on MTNA's social media platforms.

Board Elections Update: Laura Smith reminded attendees that MTNA Board Elections will take place at the MTNA monthly meeting on May 15. Since last month's MTNA meeting, Leah Fisher from SE Uplift has not yet provided Bylaw Amendment suggestions to the MTNA Board via MTNA email box about assigning of positions on the Board after elections when nominees do not run for a particular

position. Laura said she will contact Leah for that information before the May 15 meeting. The following current MTNA board members voiced their intentions to be on the May 15 ballot: Nadine Fiedler, Barb Gamelgard, Robert Krotser II, John Laursen, Sam Noble, Nancy Norby, Cassandra Rosenthal, Jim Smith, and Laura Smith. Laura said she would contact the other current MTNA board members to find out if they are interested in being on the ballot.

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. Robert Krotser circulated volunteer signup sheets

Design Overlay Zone Amendment & Public Testimony opportunity: Heather Flint Chatto, founder of the Division Design Initiative, provided information about Portland's Design Overlay Zone Amendment (DOZA) and the current public comment period which closes on May 1st at 6:00pm. By 2035, Portland is expected to grow by 123,000 households. Most of this growth will occur within the Central City and Portland's neighborhood centers and corridors. DOZA aims to support the city's evolution within these urbanizing areas. John Laursen made a motion that MTNA's land use committee send a letter to Bureau of Development Services staff expressing MTNA support of the Division and Hawthorne Main Street Design Guidelines. The motion was seconded by Jim Smith. The motion passed with an oral vote that included four abstentions.

MTNA Outreach Discussion: Mike Turaski led a discussion about improving MTNA's outreach to neighbors, which was one of the topics earmarked at the special MTNA board meeting this past December for discussion and implementation in 2019. General consensus during the discussion this evening was that MTNA needs to improve their social media presence.

Suggested ways to improve MTNA's profile in the neighborhood included providing a history of MTNA on our website, leveraging Mt. Tabor Park events with tabling (that is, setting up a table with MTNA materials and having volunteers answer questions), visiting businesses in the neighborhood to provide information about MTNA, tabling at local coffee shops, connecting with apartment residents via management companies and bulletin board materials, expanding our meeting agenda to include more speakers on subjects of interest to neighbors, and having a presence of some kind during the National Night Out on August 6, 2019. Sam Noble suggested that future considerations might also include accessibility to our meetings, finding a meeting location that isn't tied to a religious organization, and providing child care during meetings.

An outreach committee was formed including the following neighborhood members: Cassandra Cox, Laura Smith, Dean Salvador, David Petrozzi, and Sharon Nobbe.

The selected topic for outreach for the MTNA meeting in May is Concerts in the Park.

Land Use Update: Mt. Tabor History Project & Hawthorne/Lincoln Traffic Diverter: Stephanie Stewart, the presenter, was absent but John Laursen reported that Portland Water Bureau's desire is to

have a 100-word limit on the reservoir history signs which seems limiting to MTNA's reservoir history committee members. Discussion of the updates on the traffic diverter has been tabled until the next MTNA meeting when Stephanie is available.

SEUL update: Sam Noble, MTNA's SE Uplift liaison, attended SEUL's most recent monthly meeting that included a discussion of the relocation of railyards in the city and upgrading railroad crossings for safety. For more information, visit their website: www.seuplift.org.

MTNA Email Notices: Sunday Parkways will take place in SE Portland on May 19th. For more info go to www.PortlandSundayParkways.org.

Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) reports that their Shared Electric Scooter Pilot Program which starts April 26 and lasts until April 26, 2020. Following the pilot program, PBOT will evaluate the program and engage the public to develop recommendations for permanent rules for shared e-scooter use for the City Council to consider. The city's goals include eliminating sidewalk riding, eliminating improper parking, and generating high ridership in East Portland. For updates and more info, go to [www.https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/77294](https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/77294).

Foreign Links Around the Globe (FLAG) is looking for host parents for exchange students. For info and an application, go to <https://www.flag-intl.org/host.html>.

Caring.com, a senior care organization that supports family caregivers and their loved ones, has contacted MTNA to encourage you to go to their website for more information about their services: <https://www.caring.com>.

There will be a Legislative Town Hall featuring legislators Senator Dembrow, Representative Keny-Guyer and Representative Smith Warner on Saturday, April 20 from 1:00-2:30pm at the Portland Community College Southeast Campus.

Cascadia Clusters is a non-profit that trains houseless individuals to build tiny home villages for the houseless. For more information, go to their website: <https://www.cascadiaclusters.org>.

A liquor license application was received by the City of Portland during the week of April 8-12 for Open Face Wines located at 7311 SE Grant, Unit A. Send comments you may have to Louanne Moldovan via email to louanne.moldovan@portlandoregon.gov.

The next meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association will be Wednesday, May 15 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.