

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2017

Board Members Present: Nadine Fiedler, John Laursen, Paul Leistner, Brian/Kate Mitchell, Sam Noble, Nancy Norby, Jim Smith, Laura Smith, Steve Stenberg, Stephanie Stewart, Bing Wong

Board Members Absent: Barb Gamelgard

Others Present: Midge Pierce, Mike Giering, Sara Genta, Cassandra Rosenthal, Mike Turaski

Introductions & Minutes: The meeting opened with introductions led by Nancy Norby. The minutes from the August meeting were approved as written on a motion by Nadine Fiedler, seconded by Sam Noble, and passed with an oral vote.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report was presented by treasurer Bing Wong. The total balance of checking plus savings on August 16, 2017 was \$5,432.25. Bing said he needed board's approval for payment of reimbursement to Paul Leistner for laminating an MTNA neighborhood map used at local events. The motion to approve the reimbursement was made by Nadine Fiedler and seconded by John Laursen, and passed with an oral vote.

Neighborhood Crime Issues: No officers attended the meeting.

Call for Announcements or Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: MTNA's annual cleanup will be a joint event with the North Tabor Neighborhood Association, and will take place on April 28, 2018.

Steve Stenberg, who represents Warner Pacific College, will be leaving the MTNA Board. Mike Giering, Warner Pacific's VP for Institutional Advancement and External Relations, is his replacement. Mike's appointment to the MTNA Board in Steve's place is slated for the next MTNA monthly meeting on October 18. A thank-you card and gift certificate (from personal donations made by board members) was presented to Steve.

Sara Genta provided attendees with an update about her continued communications with Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) regarding the proposed barriers at SE 50th Avenue and SE Lincoln, as part of the SE Ladd/Harrison/Lincoln, Clay to 64th Neighborhood Greenway Projects. Sheila Parrott, Program Specialist at PBOT, sent Sara a diagram of a "slightly different diversion device" at SE 50th/Lincoln which are similar to the diverters at SE Cesar Chavez/Lincoln. PBOT will be holding an open house on this project during the second week of November.

Discussion among tonight's meeting attendees included the need for traffic studies and the possibility of leaving the intersection as is but changing the light cycles so bikes go first. MTNA board member Paul Leistner will work toward scheduling a public meeting for Mt. Tabor community input to be held prior to the PBOT open house in November.

Land Use/Mt. Tabor Reservoirs update: MTNA's Land Use Committee now includes John Laursen, Stephanie Stewart, Brian Mitchell, Mike Turaski, Cassandra Rosenthal, and Cliff Cox. With more members, the committee can have more representation for MTNA at local land use meetings.

At the Southeast Uplift (SEUL) land use meeting this past month, it was noted that the residential infill project is soon to open up for public comment, the Division Transit Project is doing a feasibility study for using electric buses, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Portland's Planning Bureau are making assessments for improving pedestrian safety on 82nd Avenue, PBOT has a Pedestrian Master Plan online survey that closes September 30, and Terry Dublinski is promoting more diverters on SE Lincoln and making Ladd Circle car-free.

The Mt. Tabor Preservation Reservoirs Project has started preparations for replacing the fence along the dam face in Mt. Tabor Park between Reservoirs 5 and 6. The contract is currently being written for the restoration of Reservoir 1, with work to begin in late fall/early winter. A website for the reservoir preservation project will soon go live. For now, you can get info at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/water/64097>.

The Mt. Tabor Yard Planning Group's most critical issue currently is where to situate the plant storage. The best solution appears to be just west of the community garden on the Long Block which is still designated for horticultural use. A "Mt. Tabor Park" sign will be installed on SE 60th. A good neighbor agreement is in the works between MTNA, Friends of Mt. Tabor Park (FMTP), Portland Parks Bureau and neighbors, which will include a no spray area, lighting courtesies, and no truck idling. A public meeting will be held at Warner Pacific on October 24, from 6-8pm at Egtvedt Hall.

SEUL Update: The new director for Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI), Suk Rhee, was introduced at the most recent SEUL board meeting. The board approved fiscal sponsorships. Portland Tenants United asked for support for making the relocation ordinance permanent.

MTNA Email notices: There will be another Division Transit Project Community Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, September 21, from 6:00-7:30pm, at PCC Southeast-Community Hall Annex, 2305 SE 82nd Avenue. The public is invited.

Public comment is open until September 23 for the draft policy framework on how to spend the Affordable Housing Bond monies. Go to www.portlandoregon.gov/phb/bond.

Friends of Mt Tabor Park Update: Tar 'n' Trail Benefit Run takes place on October 1st, with all proceeds going to FMTP. The grand staircase railing project is on hold because there are budget issues that need resolution. The new bathrooms are open at the summit of the park. Check the FMTP website for more info: www.taborfriends.org.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

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