

## **Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**June 19, 2019**

**Board Members Present:** Cliff Cox, Nadine Fiedler, Robert Krotser II, John Laursen, Sam Noble, Cassandra Rosenthal, Jim Smith, Laura Smith, Stephanie Stewart, Mike Turaski, Bing Wong

**Board Members Absent:** Robin Beavers, Barb Gamelgard, Brian Mitchell, Nancy Norby

**Others Present:** Sharon Nobbe, David Petrozzi, Rick Slade, Jill Slade, Dean Salvadore, John Swanson, Aaron Foster, Midge Pierce

**Welcome & Introductions & Approval of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes:** The meeting opened with introductions led by Mike Turaski. Bing Wong provided corrections/additions to the draft May meeting minutes as follows: The \$7.40 expenditure listed in the Treasurer's Report was for parking (not a package of documents), also added to the Treasurer's Report was a statement that net proceeds from the joint MTNA/NTNA neighborhood cleanup will be split equally between the two neighborhood associations, and Weed Warrior work party info for the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park report was provided. The minutes from the May meeting were approved with the corrections/additions with the motion from Nadine Fielder, which was seconded by Bing Wong, and passed in favor with an oral vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bing Wong provided accounting for the MTNA bank accounts which showed total assets of \$5,983.27. He stated that reimbursements for last year's joint MTNA/NTNA cleanup weren't received until October.

**Call for Announcements or Neighborhood Issues and Concerns:** SE Uplift is holding a series of presentations on housing, past/present/future, on the third Monday of each month this summer. The first one was on June 17, and it covered "the past." The next presentation will be July 15 on "the present." The last one will be August 19 on "the future." Check SEUL's website for details.

Neighbors Rick and Jill Slade, who live next door to the Dairy Queen on SE Division and SE 55th, expressed their concerns about the proposed expansion of the restaurant. Last month, MTNA agreed to send a representative to a meeting that the neighbors set up with the owner. Rick and Jill will work with other concerned neighbors to contact the owner of the Dairy Queen to set up the meeting and notify land-use committee member Stephanie Stewart of the date and time.

John Swanson and Aaron Foster, organizers of the Portland Adult Soapbox Derby, would like to refurbish the kids soapbox derby track in Mt. Tabor Park. There are no kids soapbox derby tracks anywhere else in the area; the closest track is in Salem. John and Aaron asked if MTNA would support their idea. Stephanie Stewart made a motion to write a letter to whom it may concern expressing MTNA's support for the idea of refurbishing the kids soapbox derby track in Mt. Tabor Park, Sam Noble seconded the motion, and it passed in favor with an oral vote.

The street mural painting (for which MTNA donated some funds) at the intersection of SE Morrison Street and SE 53rd Avenue will take place on Saturday, July 20. That street intersection will be closed on July 19 from 7-10pm, July 20 from 6-8pm, and July 21 from 8am-12noon.

It is time to start scouting an alternative location for the MTNA/NTNA annual neighborhood cleanup, due to the probability that the Mt. Tabor Middle School parking lot will not be available to us for this activity in 2020. Mike Turaski said he would contact the grounds supervisor at Western Seminary about using their parking lot. Stephanie Stewart said she would give Mike Turaski the contact info for the physical plant director at Western Seminary.

**MTNA Outreach Discussion:**

Mike Turaski and Midge Pierce volunteered to develop a list of topics for speakers for monthly MTNA meetings. A few topics mentioned were land use, the Residential Infill Project, and changing roles of neighborhood associations in city government.

John Laursen will look into inviting the Portland Parks Bureau director.

Stephanie Stewart will find speakers on subjects of traffic issues (other than greenways), crosswalks, barriers to walkability, the Design Overlay Zone, homelessness issues, and earthquake preparedness.

Jim Smith will contact East Portland Soil and Conservation team for speakers.

As dates and speakers are set up, MTNA will post announcements on our website, Facebook page, list serve and in the SE Examiner.

Other outreach activities to explore in coming months include concerts in Mt. Tabor Park, block parties, and Movies in the Park.

**Land Use Update:** Nothing to report.

**Friends of Mt. Tabor Park report:** Emily Lytle is the new, paid Weed Warrior supervisor. The May 25 Weed Warrior work party, led by Emily Lytle and Lise Gervais, had 10 leaders, 57 volunteers, and 211 volunteer hours logged. The high school student work sessions logged 320 volunteer hours. The next Weed Warrior work party will take place Saturday morning, June 29.

The Visitor Center has great merchandise for sale and is very dog friendly.

Foot patrol volunteer numbers continue to grow and new vests have been ordered. A new volunteer lives near the southeast side of the park and picks up litter en route to the Visitor Center, closing the gap in coverage. Foot patrol volunteers provide education, wear vests for visibility, and monitor dogs on/off leash. The hut where the foot patrol stores supplies was broken into again recently and additional security is being investigated.

**Southeast Uplift news:** Sam Noble reported that the most recent SEUL meeting included team building activities and a short talk from the new director of the Office of Civic and Community Life.

**MTNA Email Notices:** Commissioner Amanda Fritz plans to introduce new amendments to the City Charter related to the Bull Run Watershed. Go to [www.portlandonline.com/fritz/](http://www.portlandonline.com/fritz/) for more info.

The Multnomah Neighborhood Association engaged a land use attorney to appeal the Middle Housing Policy at the Oregon Court of Appeals, so they are soliciting donations. Go to MNA's website for more info: <https://swni.org/multnomah>.

Andeo International Homestays are looking for host families for high school or university students from Japan, France and Spain. There are 1-4 week stays needed in July, August or September. For more info go to [www.andeo.info](http://www.andeo.info).

**The next meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association** will be Wednesday, July 17 at 7:00pm at Mt Tabor Presbyterian Church at SE 54th and Belmont, with social time starting 6:50 PM.

**Subcommittee Work Sessions, monthly:** Some MTNA subcommittees, made up of board and non-board volunteers, have monthly work sessions scheduled for the next six months on these dates: July 18, Aug 22, Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 14, Dec 12. Subcommittees will report their work at general board meetings, as needed, for interested neighbors. You are welcome to attend and listen to the conversations, however we will not be taking feedback from neighbors during these work sessions. Location: Warner Pacific University campus, Christiansen Conference Room located in the A. F. Gray building. Time: 7-8:30 pm.

For more information, please visit [www.mttaborpdx.org](http://www.mttaborpdx.org).