

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association (DRAFT)

Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2015

Board Members Present: Barb Gamelgard, John Laursen, Paul Leistner, Brian/Kate Mitchell, Nancy Norby, Jim Smith, Stephanie Stewart, Bing Wong

Board Members Absent: Nadine Fiedler, Steve Stenberg

Others Present: Officer Gary Manougian, Jim Pierce, Margriet Hecht, Terry Dublinski-Milton, Mary Kinnick, Kelly Fedderson, Gloria Hartley, Laura Smith, Steve Bingold, Officer Ken Duilio, Officer Andy Polas, Marianna Lomano, Michael Gnat, Jio Carter, Carley Friesen, Ethan Beck, Lauren Moomaw, Midge Pierce, Jack Wills, Sergei Schmidt, Roger Myer

Introductions: The meeting opened with introductions led by Nancy Norby. The minutes from the November and December meetings were approved on a motion by Jim Smith, seconded by John Laursen, passed with an oral vote.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report was presented by treasurer Bing Wong. The balance is \$ 7,104.70

Neighborhood Crime Issues: Officer Manougian gave an update on neighborhood crime issues. There has been an increase in theft of older Subarus, mostly being used for housing or transportation. Using a device such as The Club can help deter thefts. Also, thefts from cars continues to be an issue. Do not leave valuables or anything that seems it might be of value in an unattended car.

There are rumors/possibilities that SE Precinct may be closed, but nothing has been confirmed.

Officers from the gang crimes prevention unit as well as representatives from Tabor Space were present to discuss the recent shooting at SE Belmont and 53rd. No one was injured. A family rented the space for a teenagers birthday party and after the party there were reports of shots fired outside the building. It is unclear if the shooter attended the party or came to the area after the party was over. A bullet entered a home on SE 76th Ave from this incident. When the officers arrived they recognized individuals that are known to be associated with gangs. Possibly the uninvited individuals heard about the party through social media. Tabor Space is taking the situation very seriously and is considering changes such as having events end earlier and having a door person check and see if the amount of attendees are in line with expectations. Members of the Neighborhood Association voiced appreciation for the involvement of Tabor Space in the community. Anyone with information can contact Deterctive Brian Sims at 503-823-2079 or Brian.Sims@PortlandOregon.gov

Marianna Lomanto is the new Crime Prevention Coordinator for our neighborhood. She can be contacted at 503-823-3432 or marianna.lomanto@portlandoregon.gov

SEUL: Paul Leistner moved that MTNA renew the fiscal sponsorship agreement with SEUL for the Gateway Entry Project. Brian Mitchell seconded the motion and it passed with an oral vote. Paul moved that MTNA establish a general account with SEUL that for the purposes of expenditures related to our

activities and mission. Stephanie Stewart seconded and it passed with an oral vote. This will allow individuals to make tax deductible donations to MTNA through SEUL. Bing agreed to work with SEUL to manage the accounts.

Saturday, April 25, 2015 is the next neighborhood cleanup.

New Development: Mark Desbrow and Ethan Beck with Green Light Development spoke about a Type 3 (meaning there will be more than 3 individual lots created and the city requires a public hearing to approve) land use project proposed for the vacant parking lot on Yamhill behind the Marquis Skilled Nursing Facility. The project would be a 12-15 unit subdivision with R5 zoning. Sign up for email updates at http://eepurl.com_XGof. The developers are interested in holding future meetings for neighborhood input. The developers are considering stairs to provide access from Belmont to Mt Tabor Park.

Neighborhood Transportation Issues: Terry Dublinski from North Tabor Neighborhood Association spoke about the 60s Greenway Project (project #70071 in the TSP/Comprehensive Map). This would be in the 60s from the MAX stop to the Springwater. MTNA endorses the concept of a bikeway in the 60s connecting the MAX line to Springwater corridor via Mt Tabor Park. Steve Bingold motioned, Brian Mitchell seconded, and the motion passed with an oral vote (including 1 nay vote and 1 abstention).

Terry also asked for support for a street crossing at SE 57th and Burnside for a safe crossing for school kids to access school. Paul Leistner suggested we ask Safe Routes to Schools to come to a meeting to discuss this issue. Jim Smith will contact Safe Routes to Schools to schedule time on the agenda. MTNA endorses the creation of a safe route for Mt Tabor Middle School for kids to cross Burnside at SE 57th/SE 58th. Paul Leistner motioned, Michael Gnat seconded and the motion passed with an oral vote.

Terry also proposed a sidewalk connecting E Burnside and Montavilla Business District along Gilham and Thorburn. MTNA supports an ADA compliant sidewalk connecting Gilham and Burnside with Stark and the Montavilla Business District. Stephanie Stewart motioned and John Laursen seconded the motion, which then passed with an oral vote.

Land Use: Stephanie Stewart spoke about the following issues:

Upcoming Land Use Issues: The volume of work for the Land Use Coordinators is too high at this point. Stephanie and Brian would like to work to coordinate a system for neighbors to organize meetings related to issues the NA would have previously taken the lead on. This would include authorize up to \$50 to rent space at TaborSpace, make fliers and pay for postage. Paul suggested that SEUL work to help develop a tool kit to distribute to neighbors that are interested in organizing. Discussion around notification of land use issues (who is notified and how that information is shared with neighbors) John Laursen motioned that we approve Stephanies recommendation for providing neighbors tools for organizing neighbors. Brian Mitchell seconded the motion and the motion passed with an oral vote. Paul and Kelly Fedderson will work with SEUL to start the process of developing a toolkit.

Fundraising campaign for entering an appeal process regarding the Tabor Disconnect: Stephanie will write a campaign to generate non-restricted funds for a LUBA appeal process related to the reservoir disconnection process. Funds raised could be used toward any MTNA issue. John Laursen motioned we follow Stephanie's suggestion for a fundraising campaign. Brian Mitchell seconded, the motion passed with an oral vote.

Reservoir Disconnection Process: Public record for the Landmarks Commission is closed. Third hearing will be January 26. The second hearing had a large turnout. The water bureau offered no additional information but did acquiesce to the approval condition that water remain in the reservoirs. Case law indicated that the water bureau has to include in the application a mitigation plan (not just refer to possible future plan) to address all possible adverse affects on the historic structures or the process can be appealed. A historic structures report from 2009 was completed by a preservationist with instructions on how to preserve the historic structures. An appeal with Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) can be initiated about anything that is in the public record.

Brian Mitchell spoke about the development at 1916 - 1924 SE 50th Ave. A neighborhood meeting was held on January 14 with David Mullens, the representative for the developer and the architect for the project, Don Sowieja. The building proposed is 84 units with with 21 parking spots and 100+ bike parking spots. Neighbors that attended offered extensive feedback for Mr. Mullens and Mr. Sowieja to take back to the developer, SK Hoff. The developer has offered the bungalow at 1924 for free to anyone who is interested in moving it to a new location. Neighbors have scheduled a meeting with the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to discuss this development on January 27 at 1:00 PM in the Pettygrove Room at City Hall. For questions about this project contact Brian Mitchell at brianamitchell@gmail.com

Friends of Mt Tabor Park: Bing Wong and Mary Kinnick gave the following updates. FoMTP is looking for 2 more board members.

Next Weed Warrior Crew Leader Training on Feb 28th.

Contact Mary Kinnick for more info 503-287-6959 m.kinnick@comcast.net

March 19 is the FoMTP Winter Meeting. Keynote speaker is Kaitlin Lovell from Bureau of Environment Services about climate change.

The meeting adjourned at 9pm

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 18 at 7 PM at Mt Tabor Presbyterian Church at SE 54th and Belmont, with a social time starting 6:50 PM

For more information, please visit www.mttaborpdx.org.