

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2017

Board Members Present: Barb Gamelgard, John Laursen, Paul Leistner, Sam Noble, Nancy Norby, Jim Smith, Laura Smith, Stephanie Stewart

Board Members Absent: Nadine Fiedler, Brian/Kate Mitchell, Bing Wong

Others Present: Cassandra Rosenthal, Cliff Cox, Conde Cox, Colby Clipston, Bradley Cooley, Midge Pierce, Valerie Hunter, Mike Giering

Introductions & Minutes: The meeting opened with introductions led by Nancy Norby. The minutes from the September meeting were approved as written on a motion by Jim Smith, seconded by Barb Gamelgard, and passed with an oral vote.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report postponed until the November meeting due to treasurer Bing Wong being on vacation.

Neighborhood Crime Issues: No officers attended the meeting. However, an attendee announced that a grassroots group of neighbors in Sunnyside will hold a meeting about solutions for local crime on November 16 at Taborspace.

Call for Announcements or Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: Because Steve Stenberg has resigned from the MTNA Board due to his retirement from Warner Pacific, a vacancy was created on the Board that needed to be filled. Mike Giering, Warner Pacific's VP for Institutional Advancement and External Relations, is replacing Steve at Warner Pacific and offered to take Steve's place on the MTNA Board. Paul Leistner made a motion to fill the vacancy by appointing Mike Giering, Jim Smith seconded the motion, and it passed with a majority vote.

An open house at SE Uplift on November 7 at 5-7:30pm will provide information about the Residential Infill Project (RIP). Deadline for comments about RIP is November 30 either online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/residentialinfill, via email to residential.infill@portlandoregon.gov, or by mail to City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, Attn: Residential Infill Project, 1900 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 7100 Portland OR 97201.

MTNA will hold a community meeting about the proposed Traffic Diverter at SE 50th and Lincoln for the Mt. Tabor community to provide their input prior to the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) open house on November 8. It will take place on Thursday, November 2 from 7:00-8:30pm in Warner Pacific's Egtvedt Hall, Room 203. Flyers will be distributed in the neighborhood prior to the meeting.

PBOT will be holding two open house events on the proposed traffic diverters which are part of the Lincoln Neighborhood Greenway Project. The first one is on November 8 from 5:00-7:00pm at St. Philip Neri Church (2408 SE 16th Ave.), and will be held in conjunction with TriMet who will be providing information about their Inner Division Transit Project. The second open house will be on December 5 from 6:00-7:30pm at Atkinson Elementary School (5800 SE Division St.).

For more information, PBOT's webpage for the Lincoln Neighborhood Greenway project is up and running and on it you can see their current project proposal, open house dates, times and locations, and take an online survey. Go to:

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/75123>

Taborspace Fundraiser Update: Cecile Pitts from Taborspace reminded attendees about the upcoming auction on November 18. TaborSpace's fundraiser to help save the historic Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church building will take place on Saturday, November 18, from 5:30-9:00pm. There will be live music, great food, games, prizes, auctions, raffles and more. To get more info and purchase tickets, visit www.taborspace.com/Nov18.

Montavilla Food Co-op Community Event: Colby Clipston from Montavilla Food Co-op said they are getting very close to opening a storefront, but they need to grow their membership and raise more funds. One of their annual fundraising events is a craft sale, just in time for the holiday season. Wix Insurance (8037 SE Stark) is hosting the sale on Small Business Saturday, November 25 from 11:00am-4:00pm. For more info about Montavilla Food Co-op, go to www.montavilla.coop.

Land Use/Mt. Tabor Reservoirs update: John Laursen reminded attendees about the open house about the Parks Bureau's Mt. Tabor Yard and Longblock project that will be held on October 24 from 6:00-8:00pm at Warner Pacific's Egdvedt Hall, Room 203. The first phase of the project will begin in 2018.

In November, the new, more historically appropriate fence between Reservoirs 5 and 6 will be installed. The first round of preservation funds will be spent on Reservoir 1 which is the oldest of the reservoirs in the system. The Interpretive Project is also moving along which will describe the historical workings of the water system.

SE Uplift Update: MTNA's new liaison at SEUL is Leah Fisher. A property management contract has been signed with Habitate for management of Cafe au Play. To pay for a backlog of deferred maintenance on the SEUL building, they will be renting out office space in the building. Mayor Wheeler talked with SEUL about street repairs and the need to find revenue for more permanent street repairs rather than just temporarily filling potholes.

MTNA Email notices: Huckleberry is the name of a new kids furniture store that has moved into the retail space at 6018 SE Stark. The City provided us a notice for a demolition of a house at 1801 SE 51st.

Division Transit Project Update: Brenda Martin from Trimet Capital Projects & Construction reminded attendees about the Division Street Transit Project Open Houses that will take place on November 8 at St. Philip Neri Church from 5:00-7:00pm and November 9 at PCC Southeast from 5:00-7:00pm. They will have info about bus stations in our neighborhood (at SE 51st, 68th, 70th, 76th and 82nd).

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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