

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2018

Board Members Present: Nadine Fiedler, Barb Gamelgard, John Laursen, Paul Leistner, Sam Noble, Jim Smith, Laura Smith, Mike Turaski, Bing Wong

Board Members Absent: Robin Beavers, Cliff Cox, John Higuera, Robert Krotser II, Brian Mitchell, Nancy Norby, Cassandra Rosenthal, Stephanie Stewart,

Others Present: Daniel Soebbing, Mindy Brooks, Courtney Brooks, Jim Brooks, Don Farrelly, Phillis Farrelly, Midge Pierce, Lyrin Murphy, Sara Genta, Jim Pierce, Maggie Maggio, Laurie Vail

Introductions & Minutes: The meeting opened with introductions led by Mike Turaski. The minutes from the July meeting were approved with a motion by Sam Noble, seconded by John Laursen, and passed unanimously with an oral vote.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report provided by treasurer Bing Wong included a statement of MTNA's total balance of savings and checking combined of \$2,319.02. MTNA continues to wait for reimbursements from BPS and SEUL for expenses related to the joint neighborhood cleanup.

Neighborhood Police Update: Sam Noble volunteered to contact Marianna Lomanto, the crime prevention contact at the Office of Community and Civic Life, to invite her to a future MTNA meeting.

Four neighbors in attendance related information about a house at 643 SE 74th near SE Alder that has attracted people who appear to be at the property without permission who are creating a lot of trash on the property, participating in drug activity, conducting some kind of "chop shop" activity, and sleeping and defecating/urinating on neighbors' properties as well. They asked the MTNA to help them start a conversation with the City and the Mayor about options for resolving the illicit activities at that property and onto neighbors' properties. Sara Genta made a motion to authorize MTNA to write a letter to the Mayor on behalf of these four neighbors (Courtney and Jim Brooks, and Don and Phillis Farrelly) expressing MTNA's shared concerns about the problems occurring at the house at 643 SE 74th and asking the Mayor and his staff to meet with the neighbors and an MTNA representative to discuss options for resolving the issues. The motion was seconded by Laurie Vail, and passed with a unanimous vote.

Environmental Overlay Zones Update Project: Mindy Brooks from the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability provided an overview of the Environmental Overlay Zone Map Correction Project. Environmental overlay zones, or e-zones, and the regulations that accompany them, are a tool used by the City to help protect important natural resources in our neighborhoods. Examples include rivers, streams, wetlands, floodplains, forests and woodlands, and unique habitats (like large meadows, oak groves and other unique features in the city providing habitat and respite for wildlife.

The goal of the Environmental Overlay Zone Map Correction Project is to produce accurate and consistent mapping throughout the city. Visit the website to find out more, www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/e-zone, and use the interactive map.

Land Use Update: John Laursen reported that there was no new activity to share.

Call for Announcements: Lyrin Murphy, the new owner of the house at 5631 SE Belmont (locally remembered as the “Christmas house”) was in attendance and told how she purchased the house via auction and outbid developers who wanted to tear the house down. She has begun restoration and hopes to obtain historic designation for the house.

Jim Pierce provided an overview of two recently passed resolutions which Commissioner Eudaly spearheaded--the name change for ONI (Office of Neighborhood Involvement) to Office of Community and Civic Life, and the establishment of a code change committee that may affect neighborhood associations. More information is needed to understand how this committee will operate and whether it will change how neighborhood associations operate.

SEUL update: SE Uplift didn't meet this month, so no news from our liaison, Sam Noble.

Neighborhood Cleanup 2019: With Paul Leistner's announcement that he's stepping down from organizing the annual neighborhood cleanup after many successful years, the board discussed establishing a committee to take on those responsibilities for 2019. Activities related to the cleanup include reserving the middle school parking lot, arrangements with hauling and recycling companies, setting prices, soliciting volunteers, publicity, supplies for the day of the cleanup, post-cleanup paperwork and reimbursements. North Tabor Neighborhood Association, who holds the annual cleanup jointly with MTNA, requested a post-cleanup meeting to prepare for next year's cleanup. An MTNA neighborhood cleanup committee will be established at the September 19 meeting of the MTNA.

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park report: The annual picnic was well-attended. Weed Warriors next work party is August 25 starting at 9am at the Visitors Center. The Weed Warrior Stewardship Fund has collected \$79,000 so far. On September 30 from 4:30-5:30pm, Representative Alyssa Keny-Guyer will be holding a house party for donations to the Stewardship Fund.

MTNA Email Notices: Boys and Girls Aid Society is hosting a foster parent info session on Tuesday, August 21, from 6-7pm at TaborSpace. Sign up at www.boysandgirlsaid.org.fostercare or call 503-542-2312 to talk with Kathryn Carnell.

A notice was received for a one-bedroom ADU at 2233 SE 58th Avenue.

A notice was received for a four-lot subdivision proposed at 1634 SE 50th Avenue.

A notice was received for a major renovation at 131 SE 53rd Avenue.

The next meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association will be Wednesday, September 19 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.