

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2020

Board Members Present: John Laursen, Brian Mitchell, Sam Noble, Nancy Norby, Jim Smith, Laura Smith, Stephanie Stewart, Mike Turaski, Bing Wong

Board Members Absent: Cliff Cox, Nadine Fiedler, Barb Gamelgard, Cassandra Rosenthal

Others Present: Debra Monzon, Philip York, Sharon Nobbe, Joe Carton, Cherie Warren, David Petrozzi, Patty Lackaff, Paul Leistner, Peter de Botton, Scott McClellan

Welcome & Introductions & Approval of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes: The meeting opened with introductions led by Mike Turaski. The following correction was made to November's minutes: Date of the next meeting was drafted as November 20 but was changed to January 15. Nancy Norby made a motion to approve the November minutes as corrected, Jim seconded it, and it passed with a unanimous oral vote.

Treasurer's Report: Bing Wong provided a handout listing MTNA's account balances and liabilities. The total current assets are \$4,934.19. Reimbursements to John Laursen for \$136 for food for board retreat on 12/14/2019 and \$3.60 for parking for the recent City Council hearing, and reimbursements to Bing Wong for \$204 for Wix.com subscription for MTNA's website on 12/16/2019 were approved with a unanimous vote in favor.

Call for Announcements of Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: Nancy Norby said she is talking with the Parks Bureau about off-leash area fencing in Mt. Tabor Park.

Midge Pierce reported that a new director has been selected for SE Uplift. She also reported that the Residential Infill Project is in the middle of testimony sessions.

John Laursen told attendees about a Question and Answer session with Mayor Wheeler about homelessness to be held on February 1 at 9am at PCC.

Stephanie Stewart made a motion to approve the SE Uplift renewal application for MTNA's Fiscal Sponsorships, John seconded the motion, and it passed in favor unanimously with an oral vote.

Robert Krotser submitted his resignation from the MTNA Board via email effectively immediately because he has moved out of the neighborhood.

Stephanie Stewart will present MTNA Bylaws edits for presentation and a vote at the February meeting.

Bing Wong's handout provided an update on Friends of Mt. Tabor Park that included the

following: membership income set a record in 2019, FMTP would like to sponsor one free summer concert in the park but needs a coordinator to work with Portland Parks and Recreation, the holiday ornaments sold out, a new brochure about the park's history is in the works, and the next annual membership meeting will be on March 9th at TaborSpace with three open board positions to fill at the meeting.

The Theatre Company - TaborSpace Performances in 2020: The Theatre Company (TTC) is a new Portland theatrical group and their inaugural production of "The Moors" will be performed at TaborSpace in March and April. TTC wants to "enliven our community by transforming found spaces with bold, theatrical endeavors," according to co-artistic directors, Jen Rowe and Brandon Woolley. Find out more at www.thetheatreco.org.

Portland Police Update: Portland Police Bureau East Precinct Commander Tashia Hager answered questions posed by attendees. Also, Sargeants Ajir and Klauzer from the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) visited the MTNA meeting to let us know they will try to attend our monthly meetings going forward. They also told attendees that the PPB website now has updated crime statistics with maps and only a 30-day delay on new data. They said that the Mt. Tabor neighborhood has the lowest crime rate on the eastside of Portland. Reported crimes include car prowls, petty larceny, porch theft, car break-ins, and trespassing. Because PPB patrols are data driven, you need to report crimes and not just talk about them on social media sites. They encourage bike owners to register their bike serial number with PPB. The hierarchy of police response is that violent crime against people, weapon use, and crimes in progress will get first priority. To learn more, they suggested that MTNA send a member to the monthly meetings of PSAC (Portland Safety Action Committee) at the Central Station.

Thorburn Street Pedestrian Crossing Project: Debra Monzon said her committee has been talking with PBOT (Portland Bureau of Transportation) about pedestrian safety at the intersection of Thorburn and Pine by adding crosswalks. Paul Leistner made a motion for MTNA's endorsement for marked crosswalk at that intersection, and it was seconded by Stephanie Stewart, and passed unanimously with an oral vote.

Neighborhood Cleanup 2020 Planning: Mike Turaski led the discussion which started with the two main issues we face this year which need addressing ASAP: location of the cleanup and the new City process for fiscal sponsorship. Robert Jordan from North Tabor Neighborhood Association is looking into the latter. To address the location issue, it was suggested we hold the cleanup earlier than last year and before Mt. Tabor Middle School students paint the lot, so that we can use their parking lot again this year. Mike offered to be the main point person for the cleanup but needs someone to be the volunteer coordinator. Volunteers are also needed for outreach (signs), bins (garbage, yard debris, metal), styrofoam, electronics recycling, and the Community Warehouse/resale area.

Land Use Report (60th & Burnside): A new housing project is planned for the former 7-11 site at 5920 E. Burnside. Currently the plans include removing the existing building and constructing a four-story apartment project. No on-site parking is planned. Stephanie Stewart has contacted

the developer and offered to host an informational meeting with the developer that neighbors can attend on Tuesday, February 4 at 6pm at Providence house, 5921 E. burnside (use the door on Burnside and meet in the Common Room on the main floor).

Portland 3.96 Code Change Update: John Laursen provided a summary of the short council meeting held in a non-central location for testimony. He encouraged neighbors to lobby the City Commissioners to support an open and inclusionary process for the code change.

Southeast Uplift news: Tabled.

MTNA Email Notices: Tabled.

The next meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association will be Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00pm at Mt Tabor Presbyterian Church at SE 54th and Belmont, with social time starting 6:50 PM.

Subcommittee Work Sessions, monthly: New sessions TBD.

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