

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2019

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

Board Members Absent: Robin Beavers, Cliff Cox, Nadine Fiedler, Robert Krotser II, Cassandra Rosenthal

Others Present: David Raphael, Gary Kunz, Jim Pierce, Floy Jones, Jim Brooks, Courtney Brooks, Sharon Nobbe, David Petrozzi, Pete Forsyth, Ginny Allen, Bill Allen, Anne Crispin-Taylor, Kate Cobbett, Andrew Wentworth, Midge Pierce, Brian Hochhalter, Patty Lackaff

Welcome & Introductions & Approval of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes: The meeting opened with introductions led by Mike Turaski. Stephanie Stewart provided the following correction/addition to the draft June meeting minutes in the Announcements section: Stephanie Stewart said she would give Mike Turaski the contact info for the physical plant director at Western Seminary. The minutes from the June meeting were approved with the correction/addition with a motion from Sam Noble, which was seconded by Bing Wong, and passed in favor with an oral vote with one abstention.

Treasurer's Report: Bing Wong provided accounting for the MTNA bank accounts which showed total assets of \$5,976.75. The past month's banking activity included a \$70.00 deposit of cash that Bing Wong found in a coat used at the joint neighborhood cleanup and a \$6.52 check written to Stephanie Stewart for printing and parking expenses related to land use activities.

Call for Announcements or Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: Cecile Pitts from TaborSpace announced the date for the 2019 Gala fundraiser: November 2. Funds from the event are used for building maintenance and improvements. Cecile made a request that the MTNA Board consider sponsoring the event at the \$1,000 level which MTNA had donated previously.

Attendees expressed concern about the lack of 2019 summer concerts in Mt. Tabor Park. Previous volunteer organizers stepped down and nobody came forward to volunteer to organize the fundraising efforts needed. A suggestion was made to post a message on the MTNA website explaining "What Happened to the Mt. Tabor Summer Concerts?" and to provide information about how volunteers can get involved. The Portland Parks and Recreation website page lists Chariti Montez as the program supervisor. Her email address is chariti.montez@portlandoregon.gov and her phone number is (503)260-5928. The link to the PPR page is <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/69555>.

A neighbor handed out a flyer with a photo of an illegal barricade placed at the public easement at SE Stark and 73rd. Many people from the Mt. Tabor neighborhood use this path to access the Montavilla retail area as well as the Montavilla Farmers Market and neighbors from the Montavilla neighborhood use it to access Mt. Tabor Park. If you'd like to file a complaint about this barricade on public property,

call the Portland Police non-emergency number: (503)823-3333. The more people who call, the more likely it will be resolved.

Mt. Tabor Tar 'n' Trail event: The Friends of Mt. Tabor Park's annual Tar 'n' Trail 5K walk/run and 10K run is a fundraising event to benefit The Friends of Mt. Tabor Park (FMTP) and it will take place on September 30. It's a family-friendly event that usually draws 80-150 participants. For the event to be covered under SE Uplift's insurance, approval by the MTNA is needed. David Petrozzi made a motion to support the 2019 Tar 'n' Trail event, John Laursen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with an oral vote.

Civic Life Code Change News: Midge Pierce and two guests from nearby neighborhood associations, Pete Forsyth from South Tabor NA and Brian Hochhalter from Richmond NA, led a discussion about the proposed changes to the City Code related to the neighborhood association system. A citizen committee, called Committee 3.96 (the numbers relating to the City Code section) has been formed to create a set of recommendations to help redefine civic engagement and increase civic participation in our city. Some neighbors say the committee has not made efforts to offer opportunities for neighborhood associations to weigh in and provide input on the changes. Many questions remain about how the changes will affect neighborhood associations.

Committee 3.96 will be voting on their proposed changes at their next meeting on Thursday, July 18. John Laursen made a motion to empower Stephanie Stewart to write a letter to Committee 3.96 on behalf of MTNA that requests a delay from September 3 to October for consideration by City Council on the proposed changes. Bill Allen seconded the motion. An oral vote was taken, and it passed in favor with three abstentions.

MTNA Outreach Discussion: Stephanie Stewart proposed a neighborhood association sponsored block party in August. It would be a bring-your-own-picnic event with music performed by local musicians and some kind of activity for kids. John Laursen made a motion to provide the Block Party Committee (Stephanie Stewart, Cassandra Rosenthal, Midge Pierce) with a \$600 budget to spend on organizing a block party. The motion was seconded by Nancy Norby and passed unanimously with an oral vote.

Attendees were reminded that the next Committee Work Session is tomorrow, July 18, at Warner Pacific. Land use and outreach topics will be discussed.

Land Use Update: Stephanie Stewart reported that she has had informative updates from the new Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) contact for the Lincoln Greenway about the temporary diverters at SE 50th and Lincoln. PBOT is currently processing the data from traffic count tubes on Lincoln and they will talk with us after the data analysis process.

The PBOT representatives working with MTNA on the Mt. Tabor Reservoir History Project haven't been as collaborative as the City Council resolution requires them to be with their MTNA partners. PBOT is

now saying that citizens cannot provide content for the history project signage. The semi-annual report to City Council about the Mt. Tabor Reservoir History Project will be written independently by MTNA.

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park report: If you have recently visited the Mt. Tabor Park Amphitheater next to the main parking lot, you'll notice that the crater wall with overgrown vegetation has been cleared. Jan Caplener and volunteer Pete Botke of Buds Tree Care (Pete lives in the neighborhood) covered the costs of a truck, boom and three hours of work. The entire wall is now revealed.

Visitor Center attendance is on an increasing trend. Over 65,000 visitors have come through the center since its opening seven and a half years ago. The Visitor Center is now open 30-35 hours per week with 12 volunteers currently.

The Foot Patrol tracks volunteer hours, bags of trash picked up, dogs on/off leash (about 90% compliant), found/lost stolen items, campers, graffiti, car break-ins, and damage to park structures.

Over the past few months apparently trapped vehicles (after the gates have been closed and locked) went around the gates damaging vegetation and pushing barrier rocks down the hill onto the roadway below.

Southeast Uplift news: No news to report.

MTNA Email Notices: Portland's Bureau of Development Services is requesting feedback on their draft of a new administrative rule on requirements for notification signs on future development sites. The deadline for submitting comments on the first draft is 5:00pm on Friday, August 2, 2019. Comments should be mailed or emailed to: Emily Sandy, Bureau of Development Services, 1900 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 5000, Portland, OR 97201, emily.sandy@portlandoregon.gov. Go to <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/article/734901> for more info.

Trimet continues to have meetings on the Division Street Transit Project that the public is invited to attend. Go to <https://trimet.org/division/> for more info.

A neighborhood notice was received for an accessory short-term rental permit renewal at 6351 SE Morrison Court. It's a basement studio.

Christina Master announced an invitation for new Glencoe Elementary families of kindergarteners and first-graders to two play dates: Sunday, July 12 from 9am-11am, and Saturday, August 3 from 9am-11am. Meet outside the play structure. This is an informal way to meet parents and students. For more info, contact Christina at christinadmater@gmail.com.

The next meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association will be Wednesday, August 21 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.