

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2019

Board Members Present: Cliff Cox, Robert Krotser II, John Laursen, Brian Mitchell, Sam Noble, Nancy Norby, Cassandra Rosenthal, Jim Smith, Laura Smith, Stephanie Stewart, Bing Wong

Board Members Absent: Robin Beavers, Nadine Fiedler, Barb Gamelgard, Mike Turaski,

Others Present: Robert Jordan, Vicki Towery, Kate Fuqua, Dyanne Gray, Tom Thomas, Rick Sany, Mark Liebman, Carol Smith, Midge Pierce, Sharon Nobbe, Thomas Riley, Scott McClellan, Dean Backus, Kathy Backus, Lyrin Murphy, Scott Moshier, Dan Lictwalker, Philip York, Cherie Warren, Rob Bayley

Welcome & Introductions & Approval of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes: The meeting opened with introductions led by Stephanie Stewart. The following correction was made to October's minutes: Neighborhood Postcard Outreach paragraph, after "The category that" the following needed to be added is "we would fall under could be Educational Organization." With these corrections, a motion was made by Jim Smith to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Bing Wong, and passed in favor with a unanimous oral vote.

Treasurer's Report: Bing Wong summarized total current assets (\$4,934.10). Recent activity included a \$70 deposit from SE Uplift (SEUL) for reimbursement for 2018 CT-12 and 2910 Annual Reports, a \$467 expense to reimburse Stephanie Stewart for postcard printing, and a \$1,345.60 expense for AD/MAIL postcard mailing service for outreach. No liabilities at this time. Bing also noted that he has not yet received the fiscal sponsorship renewal nor the fiscal year communications fund proposal forms from Leah Fisher.

Call for Announcements of Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: Midge Pierce reminded everyone about the Western Seminary Open House in early December.

Someone asked what is happening with the Y's Choice property that is now closed. It will become affordable housing, hopefully with Y's Choice or a similar child care facility located on the ground floor.

Sam Noble said the MTNA mailbox at the SEUL office is full. He will retrieve it for us.

City Council's approval to improve unimproved streets on the eastside of Portland has been done south of SE Division and now they are working north of SE Division. The improvement being done is filling potholes and laying down two inches of compacted gravel.

The former 7-11 store site at 60th and East Burnside may be replaced by housing. North Tabor Neighborhood Association (NTNA) would like to share any info they get with us and vice versa.

The joint neighborhood cleanup with MTNA and NTNA needs a new site ASAP, so we can get on SEUL's list for requesting collection bins.

Scott Moshier with the US Census told us that jobs are available and hiring will take place in the next few months. The training session is 18-20 hours and includes mileage, and the work schedule is 20 hours per week in the evening and on weekends. To qualify you must be at least 18 years old in March 2020, a US citizen, and have an email address. Apply online at: 2020census.gov/jobs. You can also call 1-855-JOB-2020 for info or help applying.

Lyrin Murphy, owner of the newly renovated historic home at 5631 SE Belmont, invited neighbors to a tree trimming open house on December 1st at 1:00pm.

Emergency Preparedness - Water & Sanitation: Vicky Towery of the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management gave an informative presentation that included helpful tips about what to put in your emergency box and what you need to set up toilet facilities for your family during an emergency event when our city's water and sewers are offline.

Land Use Report - Design Overlay Zone Amendments news: Sharon Nobbe told us that the public comment period is over, staff is finalizing a draft for City Council, and that we should write to our city planner with feedback.

City of Portland Chapter 3.96 Code Change news: John Laursen said the code change is now on hold for a year. However, a vote is likely in January 2020 for a process to access and address how the changes will affect each bureau. John urged neighbors to call and email the Mayor's office and all the city commissioners to request that the process with the bureaus be open and include Neighborhood Associations.

MTNA Board Retreat planning: The meeting will be on December 14 from 9:30-1:30pm in Egtvedt Hall on the Warner Pacific campus. Sam Noble made a motion to budget \$350 for the meeting materials and lunch, Jim Smith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously in favor. Board members were reminded to bring a 2020 budget wishlist item to discuss.

South Tabor Request for Postcard Art: Stephanie Stewart said she was asked by the South Tabor Neighborhood Association if we would be willing to share the artwork she designed for the outreach mailer. After discussion, agreement to share to any interested neighborhood association was reached.

Friends of Mount Tabor Park report: Weed Warriors Sponsorship Fund growth exceeded expectations. FMTP is contemplating working on sponsoring one or two Concerts in the Park. FMTP has board positions open if you are interested.

Southeast Uplift news: Sam Noble said we need to reserve dumpsters for the neighborhood cleanup ASAP. At the SEUL board retreat, they elected officers, approved a job posting on their

website for their open executive director position, and they voted to write a letter to the City against Code Change 3.96.

MTNA Email Notices: There's a Division Street Project meeting at PCC Southeast campus on November 21 at 6:00pm.

Andeo International Homestays is offering opportunities for you to host international students in your home. Visit their website (andeo.org), or call 503-274-1776 or email josh@andeo.org.

An application for a major alteration or addition for the property at 7333 SE Mill Street has been made. They want to remodel the main floor bathroom and kitchen, add an upstairs dormer, additional bedroom and bathroom, install new drywall throughout the home, an HVAC system, and electrical panel.

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