

October 2020 MTNA Update

The October 2020 community meeting was two-part. One part is this written update about civic issues. One part was the Zoom meeting held October 21 (once meeting minutes are approved, they will be available online here: <https://www.mttaborpdx.org/meeting-minutes>). Different topics are covered in the meeting minutes than here.

Written updates included here are:

- Community news
- News about regular-old civic issues
- Useful links for Covid-19 repercussions
- Treasurer's report
- Friends of Mt. Tabor Park report
- SE Uplift report

Community news

Visit our Peace Poles! The Hostel on Hawthorne Blvd has permanently closed and they have given MTNA their peace poles and land acknowledgement plaque. Look for these in the pedestrian peninsula at the intersection of 50th and Hawthorne.

MTNA's November meeting will be on Zoom, at 7pm, on November 18 – REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpcuiorD8iG9T5jsnsm3bzB2VPhii0f44I>

News about civic issues

PDX Main Street Design Guidelines –

MTNA voted to adopt the design guidelines collaboratively created by the community in the PDX Main Street project. We are thrilled to have these tools to reference, and we will encourage developers to use them. The PDX Main Street initiative has been a grassroots, professional planning process with exemplary public engagement – a process that would likely have cost over \$200,000 through the City -- and all of it has been led by volunteers. To learn more about these design guidelines, and how they may help create more livable interactions between new large buildings, and the small homes and old main streets they neighbor, explore this website: <https://www.pdxmainstreets.org/>

Because this planning project was citizen driven, and not BPS driven, developers are not required to align with these standards. But it doesn't hurt to ask them to try. When you hear of a development happening on a mixed-use lot near you, consider looking up the property owner on Portland Maps and sending them a letter that requests they follow these guidelines.

Our thanks to people like Heather Flint Chatto and Linda Nettekovin for this massive contribution to SE Portland.

Historic Resource Code update – The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability has just released a new proposal to update Historic Resource Codes for the City. These codes could have a dramatic effect on the character of the older pockets of our main streets in SE Portland, especially along sections of Hawthorne. Learn more and make your own comments here:

<https://www.portland.gov/bps/hrcp>

MTNA voted to comment, which you can read here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TwUgDdPf22IFye4mMQFPVzwzbS4Yja1fA05W4MFiVns/edit?usp=sharing>

Homeless crisis – The City is retooling regulations to hopefully expand shelter options and make it easier for nonprofit and for-profit housing providers to meet the homeless crisis. The “Shelter to Housing Continuum” Discussion Draft is in three volumes:

Vol 1, Introduction:

<https://efiles.portlandoregon.gov/Record/13971107/File/Document>

Vol 2, Changes to the Zoning Code: <https://efiles.portlandoregon.gov/Record/13971108/File/Document>

Vol 3, Changes to Other City Codes

<https://efiles.portlandoregon.gov/Record/13971109/File/Document>

An information session will be on Zoom Tuesday, October 27, 2020 -- 6:00 to 7:30 PM:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94691605279?pwd=dIQ5TVZOeWVEeXhZb2xMUVVIZHo1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 946 9160 5279, Passcode 362104

Useful links for Covid-19 repercussions

FREE masks for small businesses and childcare providers – From the state government, while supplies last. Go here: <https://supplyconnector.org/states/oregon/free-ppe/>

For renters and landlords - Any rent increase effective between September 16, 2020 and March 31, 2021 has the potential to trigger financial Relocation Assistance as outlined in PCC 30.01.085. Learn more: <https://t.e2ma.net/message/vdlvtf/3bxtln>

Need a test? Here is a tool to help you find a Covid-19 test when you need one, some sites don't require doctor referrals: <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-oha-covid-19-testing>

Treasurer's Report

Update by Bing Wong

Bank Balance

Total: \$4,612.53

Pending: SEUL 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Communications Funds Reimbursement \$1341

Expenses: Zoom monthly fees (consolidated for reimbursement to Stephanie Stewart (Neighborhood Support fund)

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park report

Update by Bing Wong

Concerns with illegal camping within the park. Increased garbage along SE Harrison (SE side) from overnight parking.

On Oct. 8 at 9:45 am a problem male was in the main parking lot (2/3 full) with the park tech and members of the foot patrol present, police were called who came and evicted the man from the park and excluded him from the park, did not arrest him. He is a convicted sex offender driving a beat-up car that he may be living in. Do not approach this person, call 911.

A small Weed Warrior Work Party will take place on Oct. 31 with social distancing and wearing masks. Discussion of continuing last Saturday Work Parties during the winter months weather permitting. Crew leaders continue solo work.

Two board members resigned recently. Board discussed recruiting new board members from membership to increase diversity.

Southeast Uplift report

Update by Sam Noble

Southeast Uplift is making some changes to its fiscal sponsorship program. Sponsorships with account balances of more than \$25,000 and also more than 5 transactions in a given quarter will incur a quarterly sponsorship fee of \$450. This change is expected to recover costs from two of the more staff-intensive sponsorships and will help offset a budget left weakened by the current economic environment.

Southeast Uplift is hiring a new communications and outreach manager. For details, see the job posting at <https://www.seuplift.org/who-we-are/hiring/>

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Much of what you read here was posted to the **Mt Tabor Neighborhood Association's** facebook page @mttaborna . Not to be confused with the "Mt. Tabor Neighborhood" group facebook page. If you are interested in keeping informed in a more timely manner of the many great links and excellent guidance we are sent as your Neighborhood Association, please join facebook so you can read our posts as they happen.

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