

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2017

Board Members Present: Nadine Fiedler, John Laursen, Paul Leistner, Brian/Kate Mitchell, Sam Noble, Nancy Norby, Jim Smith, Laura Smith, Stephanie Stewart, Bing Wong

Board Members Absent: Barb Gamelgard

Others Present: Teresa Talbot, Mike Shaver, Aaron Ilika, Sam Nebel, Cassandra Rosenthal, Cliff Cox, Kevin Caplener, Ginny Allen, Bill Allen, J. Bernard Johnson, Peggy Kerl, Duane Monroe, Sara Genta, Maggie Maggio, Dave Striar, John Early, Kristin Barnhart, Monica Rodal, Michel Gart, Bo Nevue, Sheri Dowley, Barbara Kutasz, John Kutasz, Camilo Marquez, Noel King, Rita King, Kent Kirkpatrick, Susan Donnelly, Leah Fisher, Kelsey Asbell, Ryan (no last name provided), Jim Pierce, Laura Mason, Tony Robinson, Howard Seigel, Charles Heyins, Lois Heyins, Sharon Nobbe, Steven Bingold, Brent McDaniel, Tad Everhart, Mike Turaski, Jim Gorter, Phyllis Corrigan, Laura Belson, Tommy Allen, David Ewart, Tod Burton, Dave Carboneau, Midge Pierce

Introductions & Minutes: The meeting opened with introductions led by Nancy Norby. The minutes from the September Emergency meeting and October monthly meeting were approved as written on a motion by John Laursen, seconded by Nadine Fiedler, and passed with an oral vote.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report was presented by Bing Wong, who reported our current total balance for all accounts is \$5,806.05. The only transaction since last month's meeting was a deposit of the \$391.78 reimbursement from SE Uplift for approved communications expenses.

Neighborhood Crime Issues: No officers attended the meeting.

Call for Announcements or Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: Mt. Tabor resident John Early provided information and a petition to sign about a City of Portland map refinement concern that will negatively impact his property.

Homeowners in the residential development west of the property that currently houses Y's Choice Child Care facility at SE 60th & Stark Streets expressed concerns about how redevelopment of the property by the City of Portland may affect their properties. MTNA land use chair Stephanie Stewart offered to provide information to them about ways they can engage the city with their concerns.

TaborSpace's fundraiser to help save the historic Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church building will take place on Saturday, November 18, from 5:30-9:00pm. There will be live music, great food, games, prizes, auctions, raffles and more. To get more info and purchase tickets, visit www.taborspace.com/Nov18.

SE Lincoln Greenway Project - Nov. 2 meeting debrief & discussion: Paul Leistner provided an update to attendees about the community meeting that MTNA held on November 2 to gather feedback to provide to Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) about the proposed car diversion at SE 50th Avenue and Lincoln Street. Discussion among attendees at tonight's meeting reiterated the concerns and there were also comments in favor of the diverters.

Neighborhood member Susan Donnelly made the motion for MTNA to send a message to Dan Saltzman and PBOT that, as currently designed and proposed, MTNA neighbors do not support the diverter and that MTNA wants to start the conversations with PBOT to utilize feedback and ideas from neighbors to address concerns about the diverters. John Laursen seconded the motion. 44 MTNA members voted in favor, 5 opposed, and 6 abstained.

Some actions that neighbors can take now are: 1) call Dan Saltzman's office and voice your concerns, 2) take the PBOT survey online, 3) attend the December 5th PBOT open house at Atkinson Elementary School from 6:00-7:30pm, and 4) call Leah Treat, director of PBOT, and voice your concerns. For more information, go to: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/75123>

Portland Just Energy Transition Initiative: Camilo Marquez from 350PDX provided information about the proposed initiative which hopes to impose a 1% business license surcharge on billion dollar retail corporations operating in Portland in order to fund energy conservation projects. The handout from Mr. Marquez' presentation is attached to these minutes. Mr. Marquez would like MTNA to provide formal written support for the initiative. MTNA agreed to put the request to a vote at the January 2017 MTNA meeting.

Land Use - Potential sale/development of Western Seminary: MTNA Stephanie Stewart has been MTNA liaison with the of the seminary. If you have any ideas about how neighbors can help, such as starting a Friends of the Seminary or other fundraising projects, contact Stephanie Stewart at contact.mtna@gmail.com.

Mt. Tabor Reservoirs & Yard update: reports that repairs on Reservoir 1 have begun. The new, more historically appropriate fence between Reservoirs 5 and 6 will be installed. er. will provide a update at our January 17th MTNA meeting about the Mt. Tabor Reservoirs restoration and preservation projects to be funded by the \$4 million .

The MTNA land use committee is working on comments to submit by the November 30 deadline for the Residential Infill Project.

John Laursen made a motion for MTNA to send a letter to the Oregon Landmarks Commission related to the Mt. Tabor Yard (**NEED MORE INFO HERE**). Bing Wong seconded the motion, and it passed in favor with an oral vote.

SEUL Update: MTNA's new liaison at SE Uplift (SEUL) is Leah Fisher and she was in attendance at tonight's meeting. Sam Noble reminded that Portland's Community Watershed Stewardship Program (CWSP) has grant money that we might request for depaving the concrete triangle (used for the reservoir disconnect project construction vehicle parking) at the west entrance of Mt. Tabor Park.

MTNA Email notices: The next Division Street Transit Project meetings will be held November 16 and 28. For more info go to: <https://trimet.org/division/> for more info.

There will be a Sustainability and Livability Discussion with the Mayor's Office at Taborspace on November 16 from 6:30-8:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

MTNA takes a hiatus during the month of December. So, the next meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association will be Wednesday, January 17, 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.