

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2021

Board Members Present: Nadine Fiedler, John Laursen, Sharon Nobbe, Sam Noble, Nancy Norby, Stephanie Stewart

Board Members Absent: Bing Wong, Cassandra Rosenthal, Brian Mitchell, Barb Gamelgard, Cliff Cox

Others Present: Katelyn Weakley, Allen Field, Jim Pierce, Michi Slick, Philip York, Courtney Yan, Rick Sany, Dave Petrozzi, Alice Burkleaux,

Emily Meneer, Nina Olding, Heather Beckwith, Kathleen Cornett, Mo Klein, Paul Breed, Ben Ware, Cindy Murphy

Introductions: The meeting opened with introductions led by Sharon Nobbe. The minutes from the November 2020 meeting were approved as amended on a motion by John Laursen, seconded by Nadine Fiedler passed with an oral vote.

Emergency Preparedness: Courtney Yan from the Taborvilla Neighborhood Emergency Team gave a presentation on earthquake preparedness.

Land Use: In November 2020, Jim Pierce asked MTNA to create a position statement regarding teardowns vs. restorations.

Stephanie Stewart moves, Nadine Fiedler seconds to approve language substantively similar to the following: (9 in favor, alice, rick, sam abstain)

In most cases, MTNA supports the repair and restoration of our area's older homes (including condos, apartments, townhomes, etc.) over demolishing and replacing them, because this supports housing-affordability, it reduces waste, conserves materials, eliminates unnecessary releases of pollutants such as lead and asbestos, and has a lower carbon footprint.

MTNA recognizes that older homes greatly benefit our community specifically because these homes provide an important supply of affordable housing for Portlanders. Older homes have already undergone the process of "filtering" down through the market over the years, and these homes have for decades now been a backstop for our community during an era of rising real-estate costs. As our area's older structures tend to be either slightly smaller, or in need of work, they provide an opportunity for a diverse cross section of people to grow their assets and build a stronger community.

SEUL: Sam Noble brings up State Rep. Rob Nosse's letter to the board advocating the City and County adopt a new strategy for house-less camps that would authorize smaller, dispersed campsites with some level of ongoing service. The majority of attendees felt the proposal lacked sufficient specificity for us to support it as written. Board declines to endorse this position at this time.

Communications Funds for 2021: Discussion of uses for our communications funds. Due Feb 28 2021. Make a list to vote on in February. Potential ideas: durable yard signs, zoom, website, postcards to new neighborhood move-ins.

The meeting adjourned at the completion of our published agenda.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, 3 February 2021 at 7 PM via Zoom.

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