

# May 2021 MTNA Newsletter

Our monthly newsletter offers information about civic issues, and has some overlap with the conversations that happen at our monthly community meeting.

## Community News

**Empty Reservoir 6** – Res 6 (the biggest reservoir, the one closest to SE 60th Ave) will likely be empty from July - November of 2021. Historic preservation work and routine cleaning are scheduled for the early fall, and this work already meant the reservoirs would be drained then. Water Bureau has decided to use this drain/fill cycle as an opportunity to run other tests, which need to be done on an empty reservoir during the driest part of the summer. This will mean the reservoir is drained mid-summer and not filled until after the previously scheduled work in the fall.

**Board Elections** - The 2021-2022 MTNA Board election was facilitated by Leah Fisher from SE Uplift. Voting was done by Google form, all members present at the Zoom meeting were invited to vote. The new board is: Nadine Fiedler, John Laursen, Brian Mitchell, Sharon Nobbe, Nancy Norby, Jim Pierce, Dave Petrozzi, Stephanie Stewart, Bing Wong.

**The next meeting will be June 16 at 7pm, on Zoom** – 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/join/zoom/register/tZYsd-2rrjorH9d6Gt9pmAG8Y0s\\_OKC3baj1](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZYsd-2rrjorH9d6Gt9pmAG8Y0s_OKC3baj1)

## Civic Issues Updates

**New public trash cans!** – The City of Portland will be adding 182 new public trash cans around SE Portland this fall. These cans will be emptied 2x weekly, paid for by the city. Have an opinion as to where they should go? Take the survey! <https://www.portlandmaps.com/bps/swr-outreach/#/survey/>  
To learn more and see the trash cans, visit the project site: [www.portland.gov/se-public-trash-cans](http://www.portland.gov/se-public-trash-cans)

**Homeless camps in public parks** – City Council Adopted the “Shelter 2 Housing” Continuum with those changes advocated for by Parks advocates and this Neighborhood Association. Council made several significant changes to the Planning and Sustainability Commission recommendation, including:

- Prohibiting shelters in natural area overlays in all zones.
- Prohibiting temporary outdoor shelters in the Open Space zone. The PSC recommendation already prohibited permanent shelters in the OS zone. Temporary indoor mass shelters would continue to be allowed.
- Council would retain the authority to site temporary shelters in any location during a declared emergency.
- A directive for City bureaus to examine surplus city property for suitability as transitional shelter accommodations and affordable housing.
- Allowing shelters without Conditional Use up to 20 beds on institutional sites in single-dwelling zones.

To learn more: <https://www.portland.gov/bps/s2hc/news/2021/4/29/city-council-unanimously-adopts-shelter-housing-continuum-code-package>

**Audit of Civic Life Bureau** - The City of Portland engaged a firm called ASCETA to undertake an independent and holistic assessment of the Office of Community and Civic Life (“Civic Life”) in August 2020. The report this contractor wrote was withheld by the City of Portland, until three news organizations and a citizen worked for its release to the public. You can now see this independent assessment of how this bureau has functioned through the period of time that included that bureau’s efforts to dismantle the public involvement network of neighborhood associations. Go here: [https://portlandor.govqa.us/WEBAPP/\\_rs/\(S\(551nbwtevy0diwg0r0vqalz\)\)/BusinessDisplay.aspx?sSessionID=&did=37&cat=0](https://portlandor.govqa.us/WEBAPP/_rs/(S(551nbwtevy0diwg0r0vqalz))/BusinessDisplay.aspx?sSessionID=&did=37&cat=0)

## **Treasurer’s Report**

*Update by Bing Wong*

Bank Balance = \$6,205.70. (Received, deposited \$60 SEUL check for Communications grant)  
Pending: Reimbursement for CT-12 filing fee (\$20), form submitted.  
Liabilities: Recurring Expenses - Zoom monthly fees (consolidated for reimbursement to Stephanie Stewart, year 2021 pending); iPower Reimbursements pending (\$197.39); Secretary of State 2021 Annual Report filing and fee (\$50) pending, June 6/25/2021

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