

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2017

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

Board Members Absent: Barb Gamelgard, Paul Leistner, Steve Stenberg, Stephanie Stewart

Others Present: Cassandra Rosenthal, Cliff Cox, Cecile Pitts, Aaron Foster, Darcie Emmerson, Kristen Kibler, Midge Pierce, Jason De Parrie-Turner, Dennis Roth

Introductions & Minutes: The meeting opened with introductions led by Nancy Norby. The minutes from the May meeting were approved with changes for clarification by John Laursen on a motion by Sam Noble, seconded by Nadine Fiedler, and passed with an oral vote.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report was presented by treasurer Bing Wong. The total balance of checking plus savings on June 21, 2017 was \$6,621.22. The only activity for the past month was a reimbursement credit from SE Uplift for the Oregon Secretary of State filing.

Neighborhood Crime Issues: Because a Portland police officer did not attend the meeting, this agenda item was tabled for the month. However, attendees were reminded to report crimes via the City's website (<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/cor/>). Nadine volunteered to contact the Police Bureau to find out how to get a police officer to attend our next monthly meeting.

Announcements: Mt. Tabor bike races on Wednesdays have been violating Mt. Tabor Park's sound amplification rules. Nadine worked with the event organizer and the City of Portland Parks Bureau on the issue, and the City issued a letter of warning to the organizer of the bike races. Sam offered to write a letter to the City official who wrote the warning to thank them for their assistance.

Cecile Pitts, who is on Taborspace's steering committee, passed out a printed invitation and reminder about Taborspace's upcoming auction fundraiser to be held this November 18th, from 6:00-9:00pm.

There will be a public hearing in Salem at 1:00pm on Thursday, June 22, on House Bill 2007, which will change State infill requirements. Written testimony deadline is at midnight on June 21. To let our representative, Alissa Keny-Guyer, know your thoughts on the subject, email her at rep.alissakenyguyer@state.or.us. John Laursen made a motion for MTNA to send a letter to Alissa Keny-Guyer opposing House Bill 2007 because it takes away local control, doesn't

guarantee affordable housing, and it hasn't involved enough public process or input. Brian Mitchell seconded the motion, and there were 6 yes votes and 2 opposed, so the motion passed.

Upcoming Sewer Repair Work: Kristen Kibler, from Portland Bureau of Environmental Services (BES), notified attendees about a noise variance that BES will be seeking for upcoming sewer work in 2018 at SE 68th and Burnside and Gilham streets. For more information, visit www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/MontavillaN and www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/MontavillaS. If you have questions or concerns, such as maintaining driveway access, business operations, medical deliveries, etc., during construction, contact Rhetta Drennan at BES at (503) 823-6006 or Rhetta.Drennan@portlandoregon.gov.

Portland Adult Soapbox Derby 2017: John Swanson, Aaron Foster, Darcie Emmerson and Jason De Parrie-Turner provided information and news about the soapbox derby. This is the derby's 20th year and they are now a nonprofit corporation. The 2017 event will take place on Saturday, August 19th, from 10:00am-4:00pm. Find out more here: www.soapboxracer.com.

Mt. Tabor Reservoirs Update: John Laursen announced that the Portland Water Bureau will soon change the Mt. Tabor reservoir disconnect website to a website about the reservoirs' restoration activities which will feature a list of the projects underway and will include a page about the interpretive program. There will be a place for people to upload information, pictures and stories about the reservoirs and the gravity-fed water system in which they've played a big part.

The inventory of work that needs to be done on Reservoir 1 is almost complete. The MTNA board may want to do a kickoff at the start of the work, either at an MTNA monthly meeting or a separate event.

MTNA Email notices: The Division Transit Project Open House will take place on Thursday, June 29, from 5:00-7:30pm, at PCC Southeast-Community Hall Annex, 2305 SE 82nd Avenue. Project staff will provide updates on design and progress. Portland Bureau of Transportation will also present the initial concepts for safety improvements to make outer SE Division Street (SE 82nd Avenue to Portland city limits) safer for everyone who uses the street.

The owners of the property at 7320 SE Mill Street have notified MTNA that they have met the City of Portland requirements for a short-term rental unit in their home where they live full time and will be renting one bedroom in their basement through Airbnb.

SE Uplift News: There will be a community forum to discuss the qualities for the next Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) director, on Tuesday, June 27, from 6:00-8:30pm at IRCO, 10301 NE Glisan Street.

At their recent monthly meeting, SE Uplift endorsed the Mt. Tabor in the 60s Pedalpalooza event to take place on Tuesday, June 27 at 5:45pm at Harney City Park located at SE 67th Avenue and Harney Street.

SE Uplift also announced they are supporting Cleaner Air Oregon.

Friends of Mt Tabor Park Update: Bing Wong provided another reminder about the annual Friends of Mt. Tabor Park potluck picnic to be held on Tuesday, August 8, from 5:30-7:30pm. Weed Warriors have started up again. Sunday, October 1, is the date for this year's Tar 'n' Trail Run which benefits Friends of Mt. Tabor Park. Check out the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park website for all the details: www.taborfriends.org.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

The next meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association will be Wednesday, July 19, 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.