

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2016

Board Members Present: John Laursen, Paul Leistner, Brian Mitchell, Sam Noble, Nancy Norby, Jim Smith, Laura Smith, Steve Stenberg, Bing Wong

Board Members Absent: Denise Barrett, Nadine Fiedler, Barb Gamelgard, Kate Mitchell, Stephanie Stewart

Others Present: Isaac Spellman, Denise Spellman, Dana Lucero, Sharon Grigar (for Ascension Catholic Church), James Rodriguez, Jeff Kleinman, Mark Cullington, John Pedrick, Heather Flint-Chatto, Linda Nettekoven, Jean Senechal Biggs, Rollie Lobsinger, Laura Orr, Midge Pierce, Aaron Tinkle, Tara Berkson

Introductions: The meeting opened with introductions led by Nancy Norby. The minutes from the June meeting were approved as written on a motion by Bing Wong, seconded by John Laursen, and passed with an oral vote.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report was presented by treasurer Bing Wong. The balance is \$7,481.15. This reflects the reimbursement received from the State of Oregon for filing the 2016 Annual Report. Balances in the SE Uplift sponsored accounts are: \$6,342 in Reservoir account, \$646 in Mt. Tabor Gateway account, \$35,000 in Thorburn Safety project account, \$10 in General MTNA account.

Neighborhood Crime Issues: Portland Police Bureau representative not in attendance this month. However, attendees relayed information about the recent armed break-in near SE 51st and Lincoln. The alleged perpetrator led police on a chase through the neighborhood as he stole three different cars in his attempt to get away. He is in custody.

Announcements: The Residential Infill Project is still in the planning stages with additional public meetings to be held. There is an online survey for residents to provide feedback on proposals. For more information, go online to: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/67728>

With the influx of street people along Hawthorne Boulevard, there will be a crime and safety solutions forum at the Western Seminary on Thursday, July 20, from 7:00-9:00pm in the Johnson Chapel.

The Division/Clinton Street Fair will be Saturday, July 23.

Powell/Division Transit Project: Dana Lucero from METRO and Jean Senechal Biggs from Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) presented updates on the project. METRO and PBOT are asking for residents' thoughts via an online survey between July 21 and September 9

at www.oregonmetro.gov/powelldivision. Ideas currently being considered are articulated buses, more frequent buses, and stops farther apart. The changes proposed would affect SE Division street east of 82nd Avenue. Once finalized, construction will begin in 2019 and new service would start in 2021.

Belmont Family Dentistry Expansion: Dr. Aaron Tinkle told neighbors that he has purchased a property nearby his existing office building at 5935 SE Belmont. His practice has grown considerably since he's been in our neighborhood, and he would like to expand his clinic to serve that need in our community. He financially supports the schools in the area, and his office is the dropoff point for a local CSA farm share. In turn for his support, he hopes the neighborhood association will support his effort to rezone the property to CN1 (Neighborhood Commercial). Dr. Tinkle will keep the neighborhood association informed of his progress on this project and may need our formal written support in the future as he moves forward through the development process.

Race to End Child Homelessness: Melissa Bloom, who works in development and communications for New City Initiative, informed us that they plan to hold their race again this year on Sunday, October 30. She said the agenda will be the same as last year, which included a variance needed for amplified sound that starts earlier than noon. She will connect with Nadine Fiedler, MTNA's noise variance chair, to negotiate the amplified sound start time and get the required letter needed to give to the city for the event application.

Division Design Initiative - Proposed Guidelines Approval: Heather Flint-Chatto gave an overview of the work done to date and requested a provisional approval from MTNA to adopt proposed guidelines including extending the guidelines' area from SE 60th Avenue to SE 82nd Avenue. Paul Leistner moved to adopt the guidelines but with an emphasis to protect Warner Pacific's master plan. Jim Smith seconded the motion, and it passed with an oral vote.

Welcome Home Coalition: Rollie Lobsinger provided a handout and talked about the upcoming affordable housing bond measure in November. He requested a letter of endorsement, and the board asked him to bring back a proposal to the next meeting. For more info about the bond measure go to: <http://www.yesforaffordablehomes.com/>

Land Use: John Laursen gave a couple brief land use updates. Temporary signs are now installed at the reservoirs informing visitors that they no longer contain drinking water. Temporary signage will be in place until they are permanently replaced. Reservoir 6 has been drained and now being cleaned.

SE Uplift News: Paul Leistner gave several updates. The Thorburn Safety Project reached its fundraising goals and is moving ahead with PBOT to install 10 speed cushions on Thorburn. They are the pillow style with grooves for emergency vehicles.

Laura Orr and SEUL are still working on responding to feedback from MTNA about concerns regarding the website proposals. Laura made a plea for more volunteers to work on the website project with her.

Friends of Mt Tabor Park: Bing Wong gave updates, including a reminder about the Movies in the Park on July 29 on the Warner Pacific campus which will show “Inside Out” at dusk.

The Concerts in the Park on Tuesdays in July have been well attended so far.

The next Weed Warriors work party is July 30 at 9:00am. Weed Warriors meet the last Saturday of each month from March through October (except September when the Nature Conservancy holds a special Weed Warrior event) at 9:00am at the visitor center parking lot.

Welcome Home Coalition: The coalition consists of a number of groups focused on building affordable housing. There will be a city initiative on the November ballot. Go to Portlandforeveryone.org and welcomehomecoalition.org for more info.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 17, at 7:00pm at Mt Tabor Presbyterian Church at SE 54th and Belmont, with a social time starting 6:50 PM.

For more information, please visit www.mttaborpdx.org.