

## **Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**September 19, 2018**

**Board Members Present:** Cliff Cox, Barb Gamelgard, John Higuera, Robert Krotser II, John Laursen, Paul Leistner, Sam Noble, Nancy Norby, Cassandra Rosenthal, Jim Smith, Laura Smith, Mike Turaski, Stephanie Stewart, Bing Wong

**Board Members Absent:** Robin Beavers, Nadine Fiedler, Brian Mitchell,

**Others Present:** Midge Pierce, Sara Genta, Leah Fisher, Ben DeJarnette, Dean Salvatore

**Introductions & Minutes:** The meeting opened with introductions led by Mike Turaski. The minutes from the August meeting were approved with a motion by Sam Noble, seconded by John Laursen, and passed unanimously with an oral vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** The financial report provided by treasurer Bing Wong included a statement of MTNA's total balance of savings and checking combined of \$5,827.67. MTNA's net funds raised at the 2018 neighborhood cleanup are \$1,244. Laura Smith made a motion to make a \$50 contribution to the Mt. Tabor Middle School PTA for the use of their parking lot for the cleanup; Bing Wong seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously in favor. Bing Wong made a motion to allocate our second and final contribution of \$500 to the TaborSpace fundraiser for the building's preservation; Jim Smith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously in favor.

**Crime Prevention contact at Office of Community & Civic Life:** Sam Noble contacted Marianna Lomanto, the crime prevention contact at the Office of Community and Civic Life, who referred Sam to the new "East Portland team" for crime prevention and invited them to the October MTNA meeting.

**Call for Announcements or Neighborhood Issues and Concerns:** Paul Leistner announced that his position at ONI, now known as Office of Community & Civic Life, has been phased out, and he has decided to retire.

Paul Leistner and Sara Genta reported an update from neighbors in attendance at the MTNA August meeting about a house at 643 SE 74th near SE Alder that has attracted crime and trash. The neighbors have made contact with the Mayor's office staff who are working out strategies with the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to address the issues. Development Services has been out to the house twice, served notice for trash, collected license plate numbers from vehicles at the property, documented vehicles dropping off and picking up stuff, and provided info to neighbors about phone numbers to call to report issues.

Stephanie Stewart provided an update on the shooting near SE 55th and Taylor on June 5. The issue was assigned to the Gang team but they can only assume it was gang activity because of the nature of the incident. No victims have come forward.

Ben DeJarnett, local director of Portland's Bridgeline, provided an overview of the electronic news and events newsletter. Bridgeline debuted in Portland in March of this year, and they now have about 2,000 subscribers, mostly 25-35 years old. Ben asked attendees for suggested topics, and they offered up housing, homeless, and what neighborhood associations do. Their website is: [www.bridgeline.com](http://www.bridgeline.com)

**SEUL Communications Funds Approval:** Communications funds from SE Uplift have to be used by September 30 for the 2017-2018 round. To make sure MTNA takes advantage of those funds, Bing Wong circulated a copy of the required communication funds proposal. The 2017-2018 Communications Funds Proposal for projects and/or products presented to be approved by the MTNA board and submitted to SEUL totalled \$1734.39 for a possible reimbursement allocation \$1341 if approved by SEUL board. Sam Noble made a motion to approve MTNA's 2017-2018 SEUL Communication Funds Proposal, John Laursen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously in favor. The next step is to make sure all receipts are submitted to SEUL before the end of October, so that SE Uplift can provide their approval for qualifying expenses.

**Neighborhood Cleanup organizing for 2019:** Mike Turaski, Jim Smith, Robert Krotser III, and Dean Salvadore volunteered to be the core of the MTNA committee to take on organizational responsibilities for the 2019 joint MTNA/North Tabor NA neighborhood cleanup. John Laursen made the motion to choose Saturday, April 27, 2019, as the event date; Nancy Norby seconded the motion; and it passed unanimously in favor. MTNA's cleanup committee will set up and announce a meeting with the North Tabor Neighborhood Association to coordinate preparations for next year's cleanup.

**Land Use Update:** John Laursen and Stephanie Stewart both reported that there was no new activity to share.

**SEUL update:** SE Uplift held a workshop on identity and inclusion at their monthly meeting, and Bob Stacey, METRO councilor, made a pitch for the METRO housing bond.

**Friends of Mt. Tabor Park report:** The biggest Weed Warriors party of the year with the Nature Conservancy will be held September 28, with lunch provided. Registration is on the Nature Conservancy's website. On September 30 from 4:30-5:30pm, Representative Alyssa Keny-Guyer will be holding a house party for donations to the Stewardship Fund.

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park wrote a letter to Renaissance Homes and copied the City of Portland regarding a recent house demolition near the park border that didn't appear to take precautions for contamination. Stephanie Stewart offered to find out what the MTNA land use committee can do to assist FMTP in their efforts to get the City to take action.

**MTNA Email Notices:** City of Portland wants to hear what citizens think about the activities completed in the third year of the Parks Replacement Bond. Find a link to the survey at: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/65128>

Multnomah County's Office of Community Involvement (OCI) is also taking a survey; theirs is about community involvement. Through October 8, you can go to this link to tell them what you think:  
<https://multco.us/oci/community-involvement-survey>

Pacific International Academy (PIA), now located at Warner Pacific University, is looking for local host families for international students. For more information and to apply, go to:  
<https://www.piaschools.edu/housing/homestay/>

**The next meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association** will be Wednesday, October 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](http://www.mttaborpdx.org).