

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes by Stephanie Stewart

May 19, 2021

Board Members Present: Nadine Fiedler, John Laursen, Brian Mitchell, Nancy Norby, Bing Wong, Stephanie Stewart

Board Members Absent: Sam Noble, Barb Gamelgard, Sharon Nobbe, Cliff Cox, Cassandra Rosenthal

Others Present: Jim Pierce, Dave Petrozzi, Tom Thomas, Scott McClellan, Helen Anderson, Mo Klein, Ute Munger, Leah Fisher from SE Uplift

Introductions: The meeting opened with introductions led by Bing Wong. The minutes from the April 2021 meeting were approved with one clarification (Dave motioned, John seconded, passed).

Treasurer's Report:

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

Announcements:

- 1) Reservoir 6 (the biggest reservoir, and 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 in the early fall. 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.
- 2) 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-co-de-package>

- 3) 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 private citizen filed a public records request to force its release, in response to which district attorney Mike Schmidt ruled that the City had no valid justification for keeping it from 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)

Board Elections:

Election of the 2021-2022 MTNA Board 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, Dave Petrozzi, Jim Pierce, Stephanie Stewart, Bing Wong.

Board members were asked to volunteer for officer positions. The Board agreed to continue the rotating schedule of secretarial duties and meeting facilitation duties. Bing Wong was nominated by Stephanie Stewart, and seconded by John Laursen, to fill the treasurer position. Jim Pierce was nominated by John Laursen, and seconded by Brian Mitchell, to fill the SE Uplift liaison position.

SE Uplift offers a new NA board member orientation, which will happen in late June.

<https://www.seuplift.org/na-new-board-member-resources/>

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 7 PM via Zoom. Use this link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsd-2rrjorH9d6Gt9pmAG8Y0s_OKC3baj1

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