

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Zoom Meeting Minutes, January 18, 2023

Facilitator: Dave Petrozzi

Secretary: Nadine Fiedler

Board members present: Nadine Fiedler, John Laursen, Paul Leistner, Brian Mitchell, Dave Petrozzi, Jim Pierce, Bing Wong

Other attendees: Heather Flint Chatto, Rob Galanakis, Lindsey Johnson, Mo Klein, Nori La Rue, Mary McWilliams, Mars Moore, Nancy Norby, Midge Pierce, Phyllis Shelton, Stephanie Stewart, Katelyn Wheatley, Roseanne and Jeff Wyatt

After introductions, the November and December minutes were approved unanimously. Bing Wong presented the treasurer's report. Bing's account was charged for the Wix.com annual fee, which has increased from \$204 to \$264. Expenses include Zoom monthly fees, and several reimbursements are pending.

Emergency Preparedness

Nori LaRue, from Portland Neighborhood Emergency Teams (PNET), was the guest speaker on the topic of emergency preparedness. NW Oregon is in the Cascadia Subduction zone, which is overdue for an earthquake. Potential damage includes tsunami and shaking for 2 to 9 minutes. In those cases, I-5 might not be driveable, and people might not be able to get out of town.

Portland Bureau of Emergency Management and Taborvilla NET

The Portland Bureau of Emergency Management (PBEM) prepares for and responds to events such as earthquakes and trains local NETs. Our neighborhood is served by the Taborvilla NET, which provides emergency assistance, including triage and radio communication.

Building Considerations

Many buildings from before 1994 are not required to meet today's standards. Unreinforced masonry has a high risk of collapse, but wood-frame houses fare better.

Infrastructure

Challenges include potential damage to infrastructure that includes roads, railways, airports, utilities, fuel, hospitals, bridges, and government buildings. Cell service would probably be affected as well as health and emergency care. We may be without power, water, and sanitation.

Restoration

It could take 1 to 3 months to restore power, and 1 month to 1 year to restore drinking water and sewer service.

What to Do in an Earthquake

Recommended actions include:

- Drop, cover, hold on, protect head, hands, feet. Try to be in an open area if outside.
- Control breath, assess injuries

- Display an OK or HELP sign
- Connect with neighbors, find safe spaces for children, seniors, and pets
- Know that others are taking care of your loved ones
- Assess water supply

Survival Priorities

- Think about shelter—where can you be safe? City shelter or somewhere else? Have an alternative plan.
- Sanitation: you can rig up a twin bucket emergency toilet
- Have at least 3 days of water, 1 gallon per person per day
- Warmth: fire and cooking
- Food: have 3 weeks worth, and get food you like

Go Kits

Consider a supply kit with items such as medications, first aid kit, battery radio, multi-tool, N95 masks, snacks, clothes, shoes, flashlights, matches, dollars and quarters, copies of legal documents, and an FRS hand radio.

Reunification Plans

- Find meeting places to reunite, have emergency contacts not on the West Coast
- Assume you might not be able to go anywhere for a while
- Think about alternative transportation

Emergency Node Sites

PBEM has info available on BEECN sites, basic earthquake emergency communication nodes. Our closest is Harrison Park, and Clinton Park, by Atkinson and Franklin schools.

Resources

PortlandPrepares.org, PBEM, RedCross.org, PDX Ready, Portland Maps, DOGAMI geologic report series.

Q&A

Paul Leistner remarked that we may be safer on Mt. Tabor basalt than some other areas. Nori said our area is at moderate risk.

Midge Pierce asked about staging areas. Nori said there is one set up so far, at Bridger Elementary School, and they are seeking another area at Mt. Tabor Middle School. These areas will be in communication with PBEM and have water and food, but not shelter. Midge asked about water supply, and Stephanie Stewart talked about how neighbors had bought water barrels, pumps, bung wrenches, and disinfectant from SOS Retailers online.

Heather Flint Chatto put links in the chat to PPS Emergency Planning: <https://www.pps.net/Page/201> and <https://www.publicalerts.org>. Her team is creating

solar-powered emergency kiosks that include a stockpile of batteries and places to charge phones.

Midge Pierce asked if the local NET needs MTNA participation. Nori said that anyone can join meetings, which include trainings. Contacts: <https://portlandprepares.org/net-teams/southeast/taborvilla> and net.taborvilla@gmail.com

Neighborhood Announcements, Concerns, Etc.

Paul Leistner mentioned that Commissioner Dan Ryan is now in charge of Community and Civic Life, and that he seems to understand the importance of community engagement.

Midge Pierce mentioned that MTNA needs someone with technology skills.

John Laursen gave an update on the reservoirs: he's still waiting to hear back from the Water Bureau's chief engineer. We have to persuade a City Council member to come up with funding for repairs.

Dave Petrozzi talked about the need to keep the website updated and accurate.

Nadine Fiedler volunteered to monitor the MTNA email inbox.

Stephanie Stewart volunteered to manage the website and Facebook.

Dave will follow up with Rob Galanakis to see if he can offer technical assistance.

Bing Wong asked for volunteers to join the MTNA board.

There was then a discussion of how MTNA uses Google for email and document storage. Rob Galanakis recommended Google Workspace, which is free for nonprofits and gave his email: rob.galanakis@gmail.com

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park

Bing Wong reported that the next Weed Warrior work party is on January 28, 9 a.m. to noon. The Weed Warrior storage room in the park was broken into, but nothing was taken. The next FMTP board meeting is on January 23.