

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

October 17, 2018

Board Members Present: Cliff Cox, Nadine Fiedler, John Higuera, Sam Noble, Nancy Norby, Cassandra Rosenthal, Jim Smith, Laura Smith, Stephanie Stewart, Mike Turaski, Bing Wong

Board Members Absent: Robin Beavers, Barb Gamelgard, Robert Krotser II, John Laursen, Paul Leistner, Brian Mitchell

Others Present: Cecile Pitts, Debra Monzon, Carl Laney, Nancy Laney, Midge Pierce, Brendon Adkins, Kelsey Channing Asbell, Colin Rupp, Gene Freeheart, Bob Callahan, David Morrison

Introductions & Minutes: The meeting opened with introductions led by Mike Turaski. The minutes from the September meeting were approved with a motion by Sam Noble, seconded by Bing Wong, and passed unanimously in favor 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 \$5,027.76. MTNA's net funds raised at the 2018 neighborhood cleanup are \$1,244.31. Laura Smith made a motion to renew all five SE Uplift Fiscal Sponsorships. The five sponsorships provide neighbors with opportunities to give tax deductible donations to different projects in the neighborhood: Thorburn Safety Project, Mt. Tabor Gateway, Emergency Preparedness, Mt. Tabor Park Reservoir Advocacy, and the General Account for MTNA. Jim Smith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously in favor.

Thorburn Street Safety Project Fiscal Sponsorship renewal: Debra Monzon, chair for the Thorburn Street Safety Project, was in attendance and advocated for the vote noted above for MTNA's approval of all five fiscal sponsorships which included the one for the Thorburn Street Safety Project.

Oregon Ballot Measure Information: Dana Freedman from Defend Oregon presented information from her group about Measures 102, 103, 104, 105 and 106. They support only 102, and oppose the other four.

Land Use Update: Stephanie Stewart reported that there was no new activity to share.

MTNA Visioning Meeting Planning: Mike Turaski reminded attendees that the MTNA Board is going to hold an MTNA Board Work Session on Saturday December 1st from 10am to 2pm at Warner Pacific University, Egdvedt Hall, Room 203. This will be an opportunity for the Board to have time away from the monthly agendas to reflect on our mission, what we've done well, what can be improved, and MTNA priorities for the future. Neighbors are welcome to attend and listen in on the conversation.

Call for Announcements or Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: Bob Callahan, a Circuit Court judge candidate, stumped briefly for himself.

Cecile Pitts distributed tickets to the TaborSpace 2nd Annual Fundraiser Gala which are a thank-you for MTNA's donation.

David Morrison asked for time on next month's agenda to talk about 5G Frequency Waves.

The date for the 2019 MTNA/North Tabor joint neighborhood cleanup is April 27, 2019, in the Mt. Tabor Middle School parking lot.

The East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District is offering small grants for 2019. For more info, go to: <https://emswcd.org/grants-and-cost-share/apply/>

SEUL update: SE Uplift held their annual retreat. Sam Noble will provide an overview at the November MTNA meeting. SEUL participated in funding street sign caps in memory of Mulugeta Seraw who was murdered by white supremacists in November 1988.

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park report: The Stewardship Fund met and exceeded its \$100,000 goal for funding the Weed Warrior program. The September Weed Warrior work party was sponsored by the Nature Conservancy and drew 150 volunteers. The last Weed Warrior work party was Saturday, October 27.

MTNA Email Notices: Franklin High School will hold a Harvest Festival on October 25, from 5:30-8:00pm.

The next meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association will be Wednesday, November 21 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.