

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2019

Board Members Present: Cliff Cox, Nadine Fiedler, Robert Krotser II, John Laursen, Brian Mitchell, Sam Noble, Nancy Norby, Cassandra Rosenthal, Jim Smith, Laura Smith, Mike Turaski, Bing Wong

Board Members Absent: Robin Beavers, Barb Gamelgard, John Higuera, Stephanie Stewart

Others Present: Teri Poppino, Patty Lackaff, Leah Fisher, Midge Pierce, Sharon Nobbe, Carol Hinton, Sylvia Nelson, Falken Forshaw, Dean Salvadore, Olivia Wallach, Rahul Devaskar

Introductions & Minutes: The meeting opened with introductions led by Mike Turaski. The minutes from the November and December meetings were approved with two changes from Bing Wong (to add a name to the check signing note and correct the donation Friends of Mt. Tabor Park received from Tar-n-Trail), with a motion by Bing Wong, seconded by Nadine Fiedler, 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 \$5,457.92. During the past month, MTNA received their communications funds reimbursement from SE Uplift.

Call for Announcements or Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: Leah Fisher from SE Uplift said she will email MTNA the communications funds packet for 2019, so we can send in our budget to get approval needed before we can get reimbursements.

Attendees discussed reactions to the recent diverter installation at SE 50th and Lincoln as part of the Lincoln-Harrison Neighborhood Greenway. The project included the installation of speed bumps on SE Hawthorne Boulevard east of SE 50th Avenue. While traffic on that stretch of SE Hawthorne has slowed down, neighbors also report that the volume of traffic has increased since the diverter was installed. Bicyclists have also reported safety concerns with more vehicle traffic and speeding on other streets near the diverter. MTNA received an email from PBOT (Portland Bureau of Transportation) about the diverter, which Jim Smith will forward to board members via email. MTNA's land use committee will work to get info from and input to Sheila Parrott and Dana Dickman at PBOT about the diverter.

Several neighbors reported seeing drones in Mt. Tabor Park, smoking, and dogs off leash in the park where leashes are required--all of which are not permitted. With last summer's high temperatures raising fire danger, many neighbors are concerned. More signage is needed in the park to notify park users about these rules. It was suggested that we invite the Portland Parks Commissioner to a future MTNA meeting to discuss these concerns.

Rahul Devaskar from APANO (Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon) provided info and flyers about a Brownfield Community Workshop to be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019, from 5:30-7:30pm at Canton Grill, 2610 SE 82nd Avenue. For more information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/brownfieldpdx> or call 541-513-9292.

The neighborhood cleanup sponsored by MTNA and North Tabor Neighborhood Association (NTNA) will take place on Saturday, April 27, in the parking lot of Mt. Tabor Middle School. Both neighborhood associations have formed a committee that is currently working on logistics for the event. There is also going to be a drug turn-in and paper shredding event at the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office located on E Burnside at SE 47th Avenue that same day from 10:00am-2:00pm.

Neighborhood Crime Issues: Teri Poppino from the Portland Office of Community and Civic Life (OCCL) provided info and handouts about crime prevention. There are three representatives from OCCL who work out of the Portland Police Bureau's East Precinct office located on E Burnside at SE 47th Avenue. You can contact them via their website at eastpdxteam@portlandoregon.gov or by phone at 503-823-4064 (voicemail). Also, she reminded attendees about a city/county referral line that will direct you to the correct office for your concerns: 503-823-4000.

MTNA Board Visioning Debrief and Next Steps: Action items after the MTNA December 1st special meeting included: distributing notes through listserv and on the MTNA website, organizing land use meetings, assigning roles for the neighborhood cleanup, starting on a one-page history of the Mt. Tabor neighborhood for the website, documenting the duties of the treasurer, and creating a web and social media strategy. Some of these actions have already been started. The agenda discussion topic for the next MTNA meeting on February 16 will be "Outreach," so gather your ideas and bring them to the meeting.

SEUL Update: Sam Noble and Leah Fisher reported that the most recent SE Uplift meeting included discussion about the recent grievances among board members of the Richmond Neighborhood Association and sending a letter to TriMet from SEUL in support of TriMet's Gideon Overcrossing.

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park report: The Mt. Tabor Park Stewardship Fund has surpassed its \$100,000 funding goal and has currently raised \$109,000. The new season of Weed Warrior work parties begins in March, with crew leader training to be held February 23 and March 9 from 10:00am-2:00pm at the park's Visitor Center. Crew leaders need to attend two work parties per season which runs March through October on the last Saturday of each month.

The founder of Friends of Mt. Tabor Park (FMTP) celebrated her 100th birthday recently. The Tree ID Brochure is in the process of being updated. FMTP's annual membership meeting will be held on February 12 at TaborSpace, to elect officers, present the annual Friends of the Year awards, and present their annual report.

MTNA Email Notices: There is a proposed land division at 5638 SE Hawthorne, with no sale or developer yet identified.

The next meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association will be Wednesday, February 20 at 7:00pm at Mt Tabor Presbyterian Church at SE 54th and Belmont, with social time starting 6:50 PM. For more information, please visit www.mttaborpdx.org.