

## **Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**April 18, 2018**

**Board Members Present:** Nadine Fiedler, John Laursen, Paul Leistner, Sam Noble, Nancy Norby, Jim Smith, Laura Smith, Stephanie Stewart, Bing Wong

**Board Members Absent:** Barb Gamelgard, Brian/Kate Mitchell

**Others Present:** Midge Pierce, Jon Peterson, Cliff Cox, Sara Genta, Sharon Nobbe, Mike Turaski, Kim Medic, Joe Cadwell, Lindsay Huber, Wendy Garbart, Tom Rutter, Matrese White, Laurie Vail, Tina Granzo, Sue Polas, Pat Giannetti, Chris Soland, Darlene Dietz, Wayne Dietz, Steve Bingold, Leah Fisher, JoMarie Ray, Susan Donnelly, John Irvine, Suzanne Sherman, Dan Wilson, Deborah Meyers, Ellen Simmons, Randy Lawler, Mick Sock, Ann Gazeley, Julie Stickel, Brad Yazzolino, Scott Morris, Theodora Tsongas, Carolyn Dixon, MaryAnn Schwab, Bertha Guptill, Cecile Pitts, Diane Redd, Nieba Paige, Dawn Smallman, Greg Snider, Brian Logan, Stacey Atwell, Mary Richardson, Rochelle Murphy, Kim Conrow, Tana Legry, Aidan Guthrie, Laura Mason, Sherry Wolfson, Allen Field, Nicole Morris-Judd, Katie Braun, Heather Wilson, Eric Herman, Chris Williams, Anita Lacy, Patty Cassidy, Charles Heying, Lois Heying, Jennifer Pultz, Tara Berkson, Shelley Allan-Cole, Dave Carboneau, Joan Parosa, Jim Pierce, Susan Ziedel, Jacquie Boger, Craig Flynn, Susan Hunter, Sarah Hawkins, Peter Emerson, Jennifer Lee, Clark Williams, Teresa Russell-Falla, Jeremy Field, Jenny Dempsey Stein, Patricia Varley, Mary Ellen Grace, Nancy LaPaglia, Stephen Slusarski, Steve Gold, Julie Pirdzi, Lynne Pirdzi, Caitlin Nash, Paul Nash, Johannes Venghaus, Kent Kirkpatrick, Hannah Dondy-Kaplan, Samantha Shearer, Charles Joyner, Gary Monzon, Shelly Lufkin, Christopher Lancefield, Kathy VanderHorst, Trans VanderHorst, Kristin Jackson, Jim Karlock, Neil Jensen, Deena Jensen, Sonia Montalbano, Linda Raveaux, Greg Raveaux, Mindy Novesky, Bill Guthrie, Darlene Zimbardi, Nancy Morris-Judd, Steve Wax, Anne Crispino-Taylor, Sharon Gregory, Marit Cadwell

**Introductions & Minutes:** The meeting opened with introductions led by Nancy Norby. The minutes from the March meeting were approved as written on a motion by John Laursen, seconded by Sam Noble, and passed 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 \$4,713.79.

**Neighborhood Crime Issues:** No Portland Police officer or representative attended the meeting. Nancy Norby said she would try to contact the Portland Police Bureau to find out if we can get some crime statistics provided to us.

**Call for Announcements or Neighborhood Issues and Concerns:** The Thorburn Safety Alliance is in the application process for the AARP Community Challenge 2018 grant. They hope to get outside funding for one or more safe crossings along the corridor between SE 62nd and SE Gilham, as well as a realignment of the intersection at SE 62nd and SE Pine. The grant application will be submitted in May and the project must be completed by November.

**MTNA Elections Preparations:** Laura Smith reminded attendees that the annual Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association board member elections will be held at the May 16 meeting which starts at 7:00pm at Mt Tabor Presbyterian Church (SE 54th and Belmont). We can have up to 25 members on the board but currently only have 11, so there is plenty of opportunity to join. If you live, own property, maintain a business or represent a nonprofit within the MTNA boundaries, you are a member of MTNA and can be a candidate. Send an email to [contact.mtna@gmail.com](mailto:contact.mtna@gmail.com) with your self-nomination no later than May 9, and then attend the meeting on May 16.

In order for funds used for elections communications to be reimbursed by SE Uplift's communications funds for MTNA, a motion was made by Sam Noble to budget up to \$250 for such expenditures. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Stewart and passed in favor with an oral vote.

**Portland Community Gardens Proposed Fee Increase:** Allen Field, representing Friends of Portland Community Gardens, provided information about a proposed fee increase of 40% by the City of Portland for a selected number of community gardens to raise revenue for the Garden Program's scholarship fund. The nine community gardens targeted include Blair, Clinton, Colonel Summers, Everett, Grant, Ivon, Tabor, Sewallcrest, and Sellwood. These gardens all have a three-year or longer waitlist. Friends of Portland Community Gardens believes it would be more equitable to have a smaller fee increase and apply it equally to all community gardens. Allen asked MTNA to join Richmond Neighborhood Association in supporting opposition to this proposed fee increase by sending a letter to the mayor and city council members. John Laursen made the motion to have MTNA support this opposition by sending the letter, Nadine Fiedler seconded the motion, and the motion passed with an oral vote in favor, with one vote in opposition.

**Friends of Mt. Tabor Park Fundraiser:** Diane Redd from Friends of Mt. Tabor Park (FMTP) presented information about their fundraiser to help keep Mt. Tabor Park healthy by keeping the award-winning Weed Warrior program alive. This program removes invasive species, replaces them with native plants, and inspires the next generation of park stewards. FMTP has set up a stewardship fund through the Oregon Community Foundation where interest accrued will sustain the Weed Warrior program for generations to come. For more information, contact FMTP board member Mary Kinnick at [FMTPStewards@gmail.com](mailto:FMTPStewards@gmail.com). To make a donation, go to [www.TaborFriends.org/Stewardship](http://www.TaborFriends.org/Stewardship).

**Mt. Tabor Park Residence and Lot - potential sale:** Portland City Commissioner Amanda Fritz was the main draw for a very well attended April 18 meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association. In response to neighborhood feedback, she announced that the rezoning and sale of a part of Mt. Tabor Park would no longer be considered. The parcel is located just south of the SE Salmon Street entrance to the park with the original park caretaker's house on it.

The caretaker's house is listed on the National Historic Register with the rest of Mt. Tabor Park and is considered a "contributing feature" of the park. Commissioner Fritz asked MTNA to work with her to develop ideas for reuse of the caretaker's house as well as ways to fund that reuse.

Some ideas suggested by attendees included deconstructing the house to create open space, use the house as office space for Parks and Recreation maintenance staff, or use the house as office space for Friends of Mt. Tabor Park. If you have an idea, send it to [contact.mtna@gmail.com](mailto:contact.mtna@gmail.com). You are also encouraged to email Mayor Ted Wheeler and tell him you want the long-range vision plan (Portland 2030) funded along with our city parks, and that you want a commitment to finding long-term solutions for maintaining our parks. His email address is [MayorWheeler@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:MayorWheeler@portlandoregon.gov).

**TaborSpace 2018 Fundraiser:** Cecile Pitts announced that the 2018 fundraising event will take place on November 3. She solicited a new sponsorship/donation from MTNA of \$500 with a \$500 matching grant. In June, she will come to the MTNA meeting to get a pledge from MTNA.

**Land Use Update:** John Laursen said that feedback on the Reservoirs Interpretive Project was gathered at the open house that took place on April 14 at PCC SE Campus. There is a survey on the Portland Water Bureau's website: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/water/article/677515>.

The new fence near Reservoir 5 and along the dam wall stairway is done, but there is no handrail yet.

The south face of the Reservoir 1 diamond concrete face restoration is in progress. There is an assessment being done to determine the work needed to repair the basin of Reservoir 1 and bids will go out soon.

**SEUL update:** Leah Fisher from SE Uplift was in attendance, and she said the city of Portland is working on changing neighborhood notifications for land use updates. The plans are to discontinue written notifications to neighborhood associations and instead they will use signage only for the 35 days in advance of issuing permit. For information, go to [www.seuplift.org](http://www.seuplift.org).

**Friends of Mt. Tabor Park report:** The Weed Warriors team just hired a new stewardship coordinator. Weed Warriors next work party is April 28.

**MTNA Email Notices:** A liquor license was recently issued to Oak Flat Vineyards located at 1704 SE 54th Avenue.

The next Division Transit Project Community Advisory Committee meeting is Thursday, April 19, from 6 to 7:30pm at PCC Southeast Community Hall Annex (2305 SE 82nd Ave.) and the public is invited to attend.

The Portland Water Bureau is working on new treatment processes for the Bull Run drinking water source to meet state and federal regulations. For more info about corrosion control and filtration, go to <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/water/76465> and <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/water/76465>.

East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District (EMSWCD) is holding free sustainability workshops on Urban Weeds and Rain Gardens 101. Register here: <https://emswcd.org/workshops-and-events/upcoming-workshops/>.

Portland's Urban Forestry Commission denied a tree removal permit for three street trees on the property located at 904 SE 74th Avenue. The owner filed an appeal which will be heard at a public hearing on April 19 at 11:45am at City Hall in the Lovejoy Room.

Madison High School's Spring Art Fair will take place Saturday, April 28 from 10am-5pm on the school campus.

**The next meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association** will be Wednesday, May 16 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).