

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2017

Board Members Present: Barb Gamelgard, John Laursen, Paul Leistner, Sam Noble, Nancy Norby, Jim Smith, Laura Smith, Steve Stenberg, Stephanie Stewart, Bing Wong

Board Members Absent: Nadine Fiedler, Brian/Kate Mitchell

Others Present: James Koliass, Midge Pierce, Sandra Adams, Raymond Sirchie, Kim Whipkey, Scott Rosenthal, Mary Ellen Collentine, Terry Black

Introductions & Minutes: The meeting opened with introductions led by Nancy Norby. The minutes from the November and January meetings were approved on a motion by Bing Wong, seconded by Jim Smith, and passed with an oral vote.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report was presented by treasurer Bing Wong. The balance on December 31, 2016 was \$7,482.16. Motions were made by John Laursen and seconded by Sam Noble to pay the upcoming yearly fee for Wix for our website (\$84.00) and sponsorship for 2017 Concerts in the Park (\$600.00). Both passed with an oral vote. A motion was made by Paul Leistner to move MTNA's checking and savings accounts from Wells Fargo Bank to OnPoint Credit Union, seconded by Jim Smith, and passed with an oral vote.

Neighborhood Crime Issues: Because a Portland police officer did not attend the meeting, this agenda item was tabled for the month. Online crime reporting is on the City's website here: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/cor/>.

Announcements: There was a brief discussion about historic districts and the requirements needed to establish one. A neighbor said that Restore Oregon is engaged and willing to speak to MTNA at a future meeting or separate event and she will contact Dan Everhardt to find out about a possible April date.

A neighbor in attendance had a question about how to get a stop sign installed at an intersection. Go to the PBOT (Portland Bureau of Transportation) website for information: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/>.

One neighbor expressed concerns about the short-term rental property near his house. Board members suggested contacting the City's website for information: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/66547> and to contact police if any illegal activity is observed.

Portland Public Schools Future Bond Options: The PPS representative scheduled to present was absent.

Reservoir Restoration Update: MTNA board members, John Laursen and Stephanie Stewart, along with Portland Water Bureau (PWB) representatives, Mary Ellen Collentine and Terry Black, provided an update on the progress being made at the monthly meetings between MTNA and PWB for the Mt. Tabor Reservoir Historic Preservation and Interpretive Projects. Recently for both projects, RFQs were written, bids were obtained, and now bids are being reviewed. On March 15, the selected contracts will be presented to Portland City Council. The annual report to Portland City Council on the 2016 MTNA/PWB meetings will come out on April 12.

MTNA Website Update: Our new website is up and running and has had favorable reviews. Comments are always welcome. Any changes will be done by the website committee. It was suggested that information be provided on the website about how to subscribe and unsubscribe to the MTNA listserv as well as the MTNA google group.

Mt. Tabor Maintenance Yard Project Update: A design process is currently underway by Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) to make improvements to the Mt Tabor Yard for worker safety and conditions as well as bike and pedestrian access to the park from the South. As part of this process, neighbors are invited to a community conversation about the Long Block and its best future uses.

The Long Block is the area between SE Harrison and Lincoln Street from SE 60th to SE 64th Avenue. It has historically been the site of nursery plant and tree production for PP&R, and a community garden was added in 2013. Since the tree nursery area was removed in 2014, the western portion of the Long Block has not had a horticultural function, and it has been used by the community as flexible, open space. Come to the Community Conversation: Thursday, March 9, 6:00pm-7:30pm, Bueermann Hall, Room 103, Western Seminary, 5511 SE Hawthorne Blvd.

SE Uplift News: The building at the corner of SE 60th and Stark (currently occupied by YMCA childcare), which was owned by Portland Parks and Recreation has been transferred to the Housing bureau. No redevelopment use has been planned yet.

The Division/Powell Transit Project is moving forward to serve Division and not Powell. SEUL has continued to uphold its opposition to the project.

SE Uplift has fiscal sponsorship for several MTNA projects, including the Gateway, Reservoir, Thorburn Safety, and a general MTNA fund. We will seek approval for the continuation of the sponsorships at the March MTNA meeting.

A property management company has been engaged to find a temporary renter or business for the Tabor Commons/Cafe au Play space for the next two years while long-term plans are determined.

Warner Pacific College has again agreed to be a host for the 2017 Summer Movies in the Park. The movie selected is "Finding Dory." Date and time is yet to be finalized.

Friends of Mt Tabor Park Update: In 2016, there were 7,473 registered visitors at the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park (FMTP) visitors center. The Tar 'n' Trail Run netted \$800 for donation to the FMTP. The wall on the east side of the park that has fallen is under repair and the wall in the Amphitheater needs repairs with funding to be determined. During the winter storms, there was a lot of tree damage in the park. The next Weed Warrior crew leader training events will be February 25 and March 18. FMTP's annual meeting takes place on March 14. Check out the FMTP website for more information: www.taborfriends.org.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

The next meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association will be Wednesday, March 15, 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.