

## **Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**September 21, 2019**

**Board Members Present:** Cliff Cox, Barb Gamelgard, Robert Krotser II, John Laursen, Brian Mitchell, Sam Noble, Nancy Norby, Cassandra Rosenthal, Stephanie Stewart, Bing Wong

**Board Members Absent:** Robin Beavers, Nadine Fiedler, Jim Smith, Laura Smith, Mike Turaski

**Others Present:** Jim Pierce, Sharon Nobbe, David Petrozzi, S. Moore, Jarod Khalad

**Welcome & Introductions & Approval of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes:** The meeting opened with introductions led by Nancy Norby. The following corrections were made to last month's minutes: 1) The blank left in the "potential code change" text is to be "the Neighborhood Associations' Code 3.96 meetings." 2) Under "Potential Code Change", third paragraph, third line there is a typo--"changse" will be "changes." With these corrections, the minutes were passed with one abstention by Sam Noble.

**Treasurer's report:** Bing Wong summarized total assets (\$10,068.04), pending income (\$1,411) and liabilities (\$4,732.43).

**Call for Announcements of Neighborhood Issues and Concerns:** Robert Kroster shared an email from the City that explained the reimbursement formula for clean-up event expenses. A question was asked if we knew the rubric in advance of our planning the event, or if we know next year's rubric. The answer was "no" to each.

**MTNA Email Notices:** The Division Street Transit Project managers offered (by email) to visit one of our meetings and provide an update.

Some neighbors near 72<sup>nd</sup> & Harrison are interested in painting the intersection.

PBOT offered an update about the Lincoln-Harrison Greenway project. The latest news can always be found on their website.

BDS is considering a code change for Accessory Short-Term Rentals (code 33.207).

**Land use update:** BDS reviewed a case in our neighborhood for which a permit was believed to be issued in error. BDS subsequently rescinded the permit.

**MTNA Outreach Discussion: Reservoir refill event** - The restoration work at Reservoir 1 is almost complete, and the basin should be ready to fill with water in November. MTNA would like to invite the community out to witness the refilling the day it happens. Volunteers may arrange for coffee and possibly a chance to step inside the Gatehouse for a photo. Details will be worked out.

Sam Nobel moved to authorize volunteers to spend \$200 on this event, Bing Wong seconded, the motion was approved.

*Outreach postcard* - The MTNA will mail a postcard to every address in our boundaries; the budget and content were discussed. Sam Noble moved to authorize Stephanie Stewart to spend between \$1400 and \$1800 on this mailing, John Laursen seconded, the motion was approved. Bing Wong noted that, if possible, Stephanie should wait until Oct 1<sup>st</sup> to spend any of these funds, so they might qualify for reimbursement through Southeast Uplift's communication fund. Sam Noble moved to authorize Stephanie to move forward with final language that is consistent with drafts the board has already seen. Seconded by John Laursen. Motion approved.

**Pedestrian's Rock!:** Stephanie Stewart offered a brief introduction to five resources for pedestrians:

1) Portland's new city-wide pedestrian plan called PedPDX. Find it here:

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/72504>

2) Portland Bureau of Transportation's online reporting tool for reporting infrastructure issues like missing stop signs, needed crosswalks, etc. Find it here:

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/73035>

3) Ten Toes Express guided walks, free, open to all, offered from May – Sept each year. Find out more here: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/tRANSPORTATION/41533>

4) The StepTember events calendar lists a month of walking events. Find it here:

<http://septemberpdx.org/>

5) The visitor information center at TravelPortland.com offers several articles on the "best places to walk in Portland." Follow this link: <https://www.travelportland.com/collection/portland-by-foot/>

**Code 3.96 Update:** John Laursen offered a summary of the issue to date. He advised everyone to call the Mayor's office and the Commissioners' offices to advocate that the code change be sent back to the bureau. Sam Noble requested that if people take the time for advocacy on this topic, that they also consider including in their call a request that the District Coalition offices be funded and supported. Some actions by the Office of Community and Civic Life (OCCL) seem to be divisive for the District Coalitions and are perhaps putting them in a competitive rather than cooperative relationship with each other.

The Code Change vote is scheduled at City Council on Nov 14<sup>th</sup>. John implored people to come out to the meeting to show their support for keeping their Neighborhood Association open.

**Friends of Mount Tabor Park report:** Bing Wong summarized the latest from the FMTP meeting. FMTP would like to be involved in the refill event if it happens. Bing presented to FMTP

an idea that they might help build a fundraiser for those reservoir restoration expenses that are beyond the budget of the project MTNA was able to secure with the land use case.

**Southeast Uplift news:** Sam Noble offered a brief summary of the last SEUL board meeting. The interim director was introduced. Molly Mayo left her position as director of Southeast Uplift, to move into the Office of Community and Civic Life. The interim director should be in place in about four months. There was a Code 3.96 discussion. Direction was given to Sam, that MTNA wants Sam to be outspoken at future SEUL meetings about MTNA's position as vigorously opposed to the code change as it is written.

**The next meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association** will be Wednesday, October 16 at 7:00pm at Mt Tabor Presbyterian Church at SE 54th and Belmont, with social time starting 6:50 PM.

**Subcommittee Work Sessions, monthly:** Some MTNA subcommittees, made up of board and non-board volunteers, have monthly work sessions scheduled for the next six months on these dates: Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 12. Subcommittees will report their work at general board meetings, as needed, for interested neighbors. You are welcome to attend and listen to the conversations, however we will not be taking feedback from neighbors during these work sessions. Location: Warner Pacific University campus, Christiansen Conference Room located in the A. F. Gray building. Time: 7-8:30 pm.

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