

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Zoom Meeting Minutes, April 22, 2022

Facilitator: Bing Wong

Secretary: Nadine Fiedler

Board members present: Nadine Fiedler, John Laursen, Paul Leistner, Brian Mitchell, David Petrozzi, Bing Wong

Board members not attending: Nancy Norby, Sharon Nobbe, Stephanie Stewart

Other attendees: Nancy Chapin, Dawn Dreasher, Kathleen Healey, Joseph Manning, Mary McWilliams, Laura Orr, Liz Patail, Jim Pierce, Midge Pierce, Katelyn Weakley

After introductions, the February meeting minutes were passed with an amendment about the March meeting being replaced by the safety forum.

Treasurer's Report: Bing Wong reported a bank balance of \$6,176.61 with liabilities that include monthly Zoom fees and upcoming iPower bills. He has filed the Oregon DOJ CT-12 2021 report and was reimbursed by SEUL for the \$20 filing fee.

SEUL is charging a \$50 yearly administrative fee for MTNA's fiscal sponsorship accounts. The accounts and their current balances:

Emergency preparation: \$42

Mt. Tabor gateway: \$546

General account: \$142.79

Reservoirs: \$6,308. John Laursen has been added as project coordinator.

An account for Thorburn is managed separately.

Announcements

Pastor Katelyn Weakley invited MTNA to have a table at the Mt. Tabor Seventh-Day Adventist Church parking lot block party on July 31, from 1 to 5 p.m., at 60th & Yamhill. The board agreed to staff a table there.

Bing Wong talked about the upcoming board election in May and asked people to nominate themselves for the board through the MTNA contact email account on Gmail.

Paul Leistner expressed interest in putting together a neighborhood cleanup in conjunction with another NA. He will follow up and report back on the progress.

Safety Forum Report

Paul Leistner and Midge Pierce said there was a good community turnout at the March 10 safety meeting that was held in lieu of the regular MTNA meeting. Laura Orr reported on the meeting in the MTNA website blog, and Midge Pierce and Laura Orr will share the safety advocacy document that was presented at the meeting. Speakers included representatives from commissioner Carmen Rubio's office and the Portland Police Bureau. Paul and Midge suggested an MTNA ad hoc safety committee as a follow-up to the meeting. Paul stressed that

we keep safety a priority and let neighbors know about resources.

Tabor Reservoir #6 Preservation

John Laursen discussed how the city had agreed seven years ago that Reservoir #6 would continue to hold water and be maintained, with funds coming from the city general fund. The reservoir is now empty and has been for many months after voids—empty spaces—were discovered under the reservoir, and dam safety engineers said that it can't be filled until the damage is fixed. However, the city has not approved the expenditures, now slated at \$735,000, for measures including ground-penetrating sonar and seismic study to assess the damage. John and others have contacted Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Mapps to add that item back into the city budget. Kathleen Haley and Steven Wax have met with an aide to Mapps to discuss the issue, and to urge him to honor the city's 2015 commitment and directive to keep water in the reservoirs. John would like people to call or write to Wheeler and Mapps to underscore the importance of the reservoirs for livability and tourism, and to not let the city budget overrule the decisions taken in 2015 by the City Council and the Historic Landmark Commission.

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park Report

Bing Wong reported that Kristin Calhoun, director of the Regional Arts & Culture Council, was the speaker at their March annual meeting, where Bing was named 2021 Friend of the Year. The board now consists of returning members Rachel White and Bing Wong, and new members David Herron, Thorn Hinckley, and Lucy Voight. The next Weed Warrior work party is April 30, 9 a.m. to noon.

MTNA Operations

The board discussed strategies for covering various responsibilities after key volunteer Stephanie Stewart stepped back from her board duties. The current system of rotating roles may be hard to maintain. People can volunteer at the May meeting for roles they're willing to fulfill or for which they have pertinent skills. Bing Wong will continue as treasurer, and Dave Petrozzi agreed to facilitate meetings.