

## **Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**January 17, 2018**

**Board Members Present:** Barb Gamelgard, John Laursen, Paul Leistner, Brian/Kate Mitchell, Sam Noble, Nancy Norby, Jim Smith, Laura Smith, Stephanie Stewart, Bing Wong

**Board Members Absent:** Nadine Fiedler

**Others Present:** Midge Pierce, Patty Lackaff, Wayne Dletz, Jon Peterson, Kelci Mueller, Jaimin Xu, Kent Kirkpatrick, Susan Donnelly, Susie Silva-Strommer, Laura Mason, Robin Beavers, Greg Ruff, Sara Genta, Peggy Kerl

**Introductions & Minutes:** The meeting opened with introductions led by Nancy Norby. The minutes from the November meeting were approved as written on a motion by Bing Wong, seconded by Jim Smith, 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 \$5,824.80. The only activity since the November meeting was interest posted to savings and a deposit of \$18.36 into checking for an MTNA donation from Paul Leistner.

Paul Leistner made a motion to reimburse Bing Wong for his expense of the WIX website annual fee of \$168 which will eventually be reimbursed by SE Uplift communications funds, Jim Smith seconded, and it passed with an oral vote.

Bing Wong made a motion to reimburse Stephanie Stewart for her parking expenses of \$24.95 related to Mt. Tabor Reservoir work, Jim Smith seconded, and it passed with an oral vote.

Stephanie Stewart made a motion to reimburse Nancy Norby for her annual expenses of \$110 for homemade cookies for monthly meetings, Sam Noble seconded the motion, and it passed with an oral vote.

**Neighborhood Crime Issues:** No officers attended the meeting.

**Call for Announcements or Neighborhood Issues and Concerns:** Robin Beavers, Warner Pacific's VP for Institutional Advancement and External Relations, was in attendance and expressed interest in filling the vacancy on the MTNA board due to the departure last fall of a representative from Warner Pacific.

The MTNA and North Tabor Neighborhood Association will hold a joint neighborhood cleanup on Saturday, April 28 from 9:00am to 1:00pm in the Mt. Tabor Middle School south playground/parking lot. Advertising for the event will include yard signs, an ad in the SE Examiner, an ad in the Franklin High School auction catalog, and postcards. Paul Leistner and his wife are soliciting volunteers to help with various event activities.

An email from the City of Portland to MTNA announced the removal of a large beech tree on a property at SE 71st and Yamhill.

Paul Leistner met with PBOT (Portland Bureau of Transportation) recently about the diverters planned at SE 50th and Lincoln. PBOT agreed that the recent public meetings indicated that they need to take a holistic look at the traffic system surrounding the area. Paul was encouraged that PBOT is willing to co-produce community meetings with MTNA and possibly do new traffic studies. Paul said he will work with the Commissioner's office to meet and talk about traffic problems and solutions collaboratively with the community.

**Franklin High School 2018 Auction sponsorship:** Susie Silva-Strommer from the Franklin PTSA solicited a sponsorship from MTNA for the upcoming auction on Saturday, March 2 at the Embassy Suites. Stephanie Stewart made a motion for a \$500 sponsorship, Paul Leistner seconded the motion, and it passed with an oral vote. The sponsorship will provide MTNA with a quarter-page ad in the auction catalog, four tickets to the auction, a Facebook page shout-out to MTNA as a sponsor, a shout-out to MTNA on the PTSA website, and a PowerPoint slide at the auction. Deadline for submitting our ad is February 10.

**Land Use - Mt. Tabor Reservoir Historic Preservation Construction update:** Stephanie Stewart provided handouts with her presentation on the historic preservation work that has started and will be funded by the City Council resolution to provide \$4 million for backlogged maintenance and historic preservation as well as a seat at the table for the community to help decide how the money will be spent. Photos of the deterioration at reservoir walls and other structures were shown. Lighting plans include two types: the restoration of historic lighting, and the removal and replacement of modern lights not stylistically compatible with the park's historic reservoirs.

There has been a delay in the installation of the new, more historically appropriate fence between Reservoirs 5 and 6 due to the incompatibility of the fence system with its installation on a slope. The fencing will be replaced with an historically compatible system appropriate to the site conditions.

John Laursen reported that the public education/interpretive project in the park, which will describe the historical workings of the Bull Run water system and includes Portland's reservoirs, is also moving along. There will be a public outreach meeting on Saturday, April 14, at the Portland Water Bureau's maintenance facility on N. Interstate Avenue.

The Portland Parks Maintenance Yard redesign project, which will be financed by bond funds, is undergoing a review by the Historic Landmarks Commission of the horticultural services proposed in the Long Block (located at the entrance of Mt. Tabor Park on SE 60th Avenue between SE Lincoln and Harrison).

**Land Use Public Notices:** A demolition is slated for a house at 1801 SE 51st Avenue. A garage has been approved for demolition at 6029 SE Taylor in order to build a two-story ADU.

**SE Uplift Update:** Sam Noble reported that ONI (Office of Neighborhood Involvement) is solicited comments for the rebranding of its name.

**MTNA email notices:** Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon is offering free spay and neutering services for feral and stray cats in February. Schedule an appointment by calling (503) 797-2606 or visiting [www.feralcats.com](http://www.feralcats.com)

Portland Parks and Rec has new nature classes for kids: True Nature at Mt. Tabor Park for ages 4-12 starts January 30, and Lil Nature Kids at Mt. Tabor Park for ages 3-5 starts January 29. Scholarships are available.

Division Transit Project will be holding a community advisory meeting on Thursday, January 18 from 6:00-7:30pm at Portland Community College Southeast at Community Hall Annex, 2305 SE 82nd Avenue.

The next meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association will be Wednesday, February 21, 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).