

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2019

Board Members Present: Cliff Cox, Nadine Fiedler, Robert Krotser II, John Laursen, Brian Mitchell, Sam Noble, Nancy Norby, Cassandra Rosenthal, Jim Smith, Laura Smith, Stephanie Stewart, Bing Wong

Board Members Absent: Robin Beavers, Barb Gamelgard, John Higuera, Mike Turaski

Others Present: Suzanne Beaupre, Patty Lackaff, Barbara Hall, Maija Spencer, Philip York, Jed Arkley

Introductions & Minutes: The meeting opened with introductions led by Nancy Norby as Mike Turaski was absent. The minutes from the January meeting was approved as written, with a motion by Nadine Fiedler, seconded by Bing Wong, and passed in favor 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 \$5,104.92. Bing reminded everyone that our annual nonprofit filing to the Oregon State Department of Justice will be \$20 and due in May 2019.

Call for Announcements or Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: There is private street repair work being done between SE 50th and 49th Avenues at Harrison, so take care in that area.

Three house demolitions are slated for 133, 123 and 141 SE 55th, to make way for a new single family home with an ADU on each site.

Jed Arkley from Portland Parks and Recreation said that there will be no concerts in Mt. Tabor Park Amphitheater this summer due to a lack of application and volunteer to lead the fundraising needed. The application for the 2020 Summer Concerts in the Park will be due February 1, 2020.

Suzanne Beaupre, the Disaster Preparedness Coordinator of the Cascades Region of the American Red Cross, told attendees about the Home Fire Safety Campaign that provides free smoke detectors and their Pillowcase Project which offers free 40 or 60-minute disaster preparedness presentations to 3-5 graders in our area. For more information, contact Suzanne Beaupre at suzanne.beaupre@redcross.org or 503-528-5636, or visit the Cascades Region's website: www.redcross.org/cascades.

Constituent Update: Multnomah County Commissioner for District 3, Jessica Vega Pederson, explained what she does in her position and what areas in which she has particular focus. Those areas include climate and sustainability, sex trafficking, early childhood education and homeless services. Multnomah County doesn't have a vaccination program for the homeless. The County is sponsoring a Senior Fair on April 27 at the East Portland Community Center.

Mt. Tabor Park Long Block and Multi-Modal Path Update and Good Neighbor Agreement (MTNA vote to adopt the GNA): Representatives of the Portland Parks and Recreation department, Barbara Hall and Maija Spencer, presented an update on the progress of the Mt. Tabor Yard improvement project. Construction is anticipated to begin this fall. With a motion made by John Laursen which was seconded by Bing Wong, the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association board voted with a majority in favor (with one abstention) to sign on to the final draft of the Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) regarding the potted plant nursery being moved from its present location to a spot adjacent to the community garden at the south entrance to Mt. Tabor Park and a multimodal path being created along the right-of-way for SE 64th from Division into the park.

MTNA/North Tabor Neighborhood Cleanup update: The neighborhood cleanup sponsored by MTNA and North Tabor Neighborhood Association (NTNA) will take place on Saturday, April 27, from 9:00am-1:00pm in the parking lot of Mt. Tabor Middle School. Both neighborhood associations have formed a committee that is currently working on logistics for the event. Volunteers will work two-hour shifts. There is also going to be a drug turn-in and paper shredding event at the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office located on E Burnside at SE 47th Avenue that same day from 10:00am-2:00pm.

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park report: The new season of Mt. Tabor Park Weed Warrior work parties begins in March, with crew leader training to be held March 9 from 10:00am-2:00pm at the park's Visitor Center. Crew leaders need to attend two work parties per season which runs March through October on the last Saturday of each month. For more info, check FTMP's website: www.taborfriends.org.

MTNA Email Notices: PBOT provided an update on work to be completed on the Ladd/Harrison/Lincoln Neighborhood Greenway Enhancement Project this coming Spring/Summer 2019. It includes installation of 23 speed bumps on Harrison and Lincoln and four speed cushions on Harrison between SE 26th and 30th Avenues. Follow-up analysis on the SE 50th Avenue interim diverter installation is anticipated within six months from the December installation date.

Mother and Child will be hosting its annual Run Mama Run event at Mt. Tabor Park on Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 8:00am-1:00pm. The park will be closed to driving traffic, for the safety of participants, but is open to the public to participate. For more information, go to these websites: momchildpdx.org and runmamarunpdx.org.

Home Forward is opening their Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher waiting list for individuals and families, from March 18-22. For eligibility requirements and more information, go to their website: www.homeforward.org.

The next meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association will be Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00pm at Mt Tabor Presbyterian Church at SE 54th and Belmont, with social time starting 6:50 PM. For more information, please visit www.mttaborpdx.org.