

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes by Nadine Fiedler

June 16, 2021

Board Members Present: Nadine Fiedler, John Laursen, Sharon Nobbe, Nancy Norby, David Petrozzi, Jim Pierce, Stephanie Stewart, Bing Wong

Board Members Absent: Brian Mitchell

Others Present: Mo Klein, Cindy Banzer, Lisa Kirby, Alex Martin-Banzer, Lynne Pirani, Julia Pirani, Midge Pierce

Introductions: The meeting opened with introductions led by Stephanie Stewart. The minutes from the May 2021 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Bank Balance = \$6,205.70. Kate Mitchell was reimbursed for MTNA expenses.

Pending: Reimbursement for CT-12 filing fee (\$20), form submitted.

Liabilities: Recurring Expenses - Zoom monthly fees (consolidated for reimbursement to Stephanie Stewart, year 2021 pending); Secretary of State 2021 Annual Report filing and fee (\$50) pending, June 6/25/2021, which needs Bing Wong's and Jim Pierce's name on the report.

Announcements:

- 1) The SOLV cleanup will be June 25 and 26.
- 2) Link shared for the BIKetown expansion survey.
- 3) The Century Run relay race will include a stop at the top of Mt. Tabor.

Land Use Update:

1. MTNA was alerted by an email from Alex Martin-Banzer and a notice from the developer, Ben Grubb of Black Forest Construction, about a 20-unit condo development planned for 6401 SE Burnside. This is in the North Tabor neighborhood, but Alex reached out to MTNA because of the impact of this development on the MTNA area. That may include increase of cars and possible traffic obstruction from services such as waste disposal, delivery services, and ride services. Stephanie advised Alex to notify the city planner of any issues. Midge Pierce noted that no design review is needed if the building is under 65 feet, a larger threshold than previously, and that more than 19 units requires an affordability component.
2. The city has changed its Residential Infill Project (RIP) rules regarding the affordable housing bonus. Stephanie posted the link and urged members to look into it. Midge will bring additional information to the next MTNA meeting.
3. Neighbors have asked for information about plans for the Dairy Queen property on SE Division. The building was torn down and the property is still vacant. It also has been lately occupied by a homeless person, which caused neighbors to reach out to the developer. Stephanie said that there were concerns about the exit and entrance being on the side street, which may send cars

to the bikeway on Lincoln St. instead of staying on Division. MTNA asked them to consider a traffic light but made no progress.

Cascade Action Clean Air Letter:

At a previous MTNA meeting Mo Klein had introduced a letter from Cascade Action requesting better air filtration at some companies due to the cancer risk from benzopyrine, in hopes of MTNA signing on. The Bridgeton NA had sent this letter to an oil refining company. After discussion, John Laursen moved that MTNA should sign on to the letter, Bing Wong seconded. The motion passed with 12 ayes, 0 nos, and 0 abstentions.

MTNA Housekeeping Items:

1. Discussion of whereabouts of various MTNA assets such as traffic cones, message boards, and banners, and the best place to store them.
2. Reminder of the rotating schedule of duties for MTNA board members.

Office of Community & Civic Life Update:

John Laursen reported on the investigative report into mismanagement and malfeasance, including abusive actions toward employees, at the Office of Community & Civic Life (OCCL), which used to be called the Office of Neighborhood Involvement. John reported how that mismanagement has marginalized neighborhood associations by branding them as white supremacist bodies. Stephanie has read the Community Connect document and said that what Commissioner Eudaly called for in this arena did not align with that document. Cindy Banzer, one of the founders of MTNA, and Stephanie talked about the background of the NA system and how the system gives citizens legitimate access to city government.

Southeast Uplift Report:

Jim Pierce talked about the SEUL orientation for new board members and the status of the executive director position. He said that the SEUL orientation included breakout groups to discuss white supremacy. Julia Pirani voiced her discomfort at the direction of the discussion and noted a lack of awareness regarding what white supremacy means. That provoked an active discussion of bias and supremacy.

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park:

Bing Wong reported on new Friends board members and bylaw revisions. The Push Play Piano will return to the park starting July 5, a pilot program on urban nature (link in taborfriends.org, Urban Nature Series) was completed, and the summer program starts in June.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 7 PM via Zoom. Use this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvcO-orjksEtaYREoS-C-NBOPz8Ue82GOCP>

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