

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2018

Board Members Present: Robin Beavers, Cliff Cox, Nadine Fiedler, Barb Gamelgard, Robert Krotser II, John Laursen, Brian Mitchell, Sam Noble, Cassandra Rosenthal, Jim Smith, Laura Smith, Stephanie Stewart, Mike Turaski, Bing Wong

Board Members Absent: John Higuera, Paul Leistner, Nancy Norby

Others Present: Sharon Nobbe, Cecile Pitts, Peg Baker, Kent Kirkpatrick, Anne Crispino-Taylor, Mary Bedard, Dean Salvadore, Amy Bader

Introductions & Minutes: The meeting opened with introductions led by Mike Turaski. The minutes from the June meeting were approved with a motion by Sam Noble, seconded by Bing Wong, and passed with an oral vote with one opposition and no abstentions.

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 \$3,319.02. The balance was reduced from the previous month by a \$500 donation for TaborSpace and a \$500 donation to the Mt. Tabor park Stewardship fund, both of which were approved at the June meeting. MTNA is still waiting for reimbursements from BPS and SEUL for expenses related to the joint neighborhood cleanup.

Neighborhood Crime Issues: Members discussed ways to provide crime statistics and other helpful information at the meetings. Mike Turaski volunteered to do research on the City of Portland's website. A suggestion was made, though nobody volunteered, to call the desk sergeant at East Precinct in advance of the meeting to see if an officer is available to attend the monthly meeting.

Call for Announcements or Neighborhood Issues and Concerns:

An attendee asked if anyone had any follow-up information about the shooting that occurred at SE 55th and Taylor in early June. Stephanie Stewart volunteered to get information and report it at the next meeting.

An attendee asked whether the Mt. Tabor Park gates are regularly locked at 10pm. Stephanie volunteered to follow up on that question also.

Eastside Village - community outreach: Mary Bedard, a volunteer for the nonprofit Eastside Village PDX, provided information about their networks of support and reduced-cost professional services developed by neighborhood residents to make it possible for older adults and people with disabilities to remain in their own homes for as long as they choose. For learn more, go online to: www.eastsidevillage.org, send them an email to info@eastsidevillage.org or call 503-866-0571.

Tar 'n' Trail Benefit Run/Walk in Mt. Tabor Park: Anne Crispino-Taylor, organizer of the Tar 'n' Trail benefit run and walk which will take place this year on September 30th, asked for MTNA's official endorsement of the event so SEUL can provide insurance for this event. All proceeds from the Tar 'n' Trail benefit run/walk go directly to Friends of Mt. Tabor Park. The event is family oriented and starts at 9:00am. Bing Wong made the motion to endorse the 2018 Tar 'n' Trail Benefit Run/Walk in Mt. Tabor Park on September 30, Barb Gamelgard seconded the motion, and it passed with a unanimous vote.

Land Use Update: Reservoir Restoration activities continue in Mt. Tabor Park including patching concrete surfaces on the gatehouses at Reservoirs 5 and 6. New windows were installed on the weir building at Reservoir 1. Reservoir 5 has not been drained and cleaned yet this year due to low water levels in Bull Run.

Stephanie Stewart provided a recap of the meeting that she had with PBOT regarding neighborhood concerns along the Lincoln-Harrison Neighborhood Greenway east of 50th Avenue. MTNA desires that PBOT improvements on Lincoln address bicycle, pedestrian and auto safety concerns in the surrounding neighborhood areas and transparency about the next phase of the greenway. Neighbors want to know how PBOT is collecting data and are concerned that data collection done during the current construction project on SE 50th Avenue may skew the results in a way that doesn't reflect normal conditions in the neighborhood. Sam Noble made a motion to have Stephanie Stewart advocate on MTNA's behalf in discussions with PBOT, requesting transparency in the next phase of the planning for the Lincoln-Harrison Neighborhood Greenway between SE 50th and 60th Avenues and the effects it will have on other nearby streets and intersections. Bing Wong seconded the motion. The motion passed with an oral vote, with no opposition or abstentions.

MTNA Goal Setting and Priorities Discussion: New board member and meeting facilitator Mike Turaski led the discussion. Social events, how we frame ourselves as a neighborhood association, neighborhood priorities, livability and increasing the info disseminated on our website were all offered as topics to address. Board members agreed to set up a special meeting in the fall to dive deeper into these topics and develop a list of goals and priorities.

SEUL update: SE Uplift will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on Thursday, August 23 from 3:30-7:30pm with music, food, fun and activities at the SE Uplift building, 3534 SE Main Street. They will be honoring several long-serving volunteers, and have activities related to their five-decade history of building healthy neighborhoods and promoting community involvement.

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park report: Weed Warriors next work party is July 28 starting at 9am at the Visitors Center. FMTP's annual picnic, which will be a potluck, will be held on August 14 from 5:30-7pm in Picnic Area A which is near the main parking lot. Piano Push Play is currently at the summit of the park.

MTNA Email Notices: A representative from Environment Oregon is asking for MTNA's support to get TriMet to transition to a fully-electric bus fleet. Jim Smith will respond and invite the rep to a future meeting.

Cascadia Composers, a local group of composers who put on concerts of their new music, will perform in the Mt. Tabor Park Amphitheater on Saturday, September 15 from 4-6pm. It's free and family friendly.

A notice was received for an intended building permit for a major residential alteration at 131 SE 53rd Avenue.

Portland Police Bureau's East Precinct is having an open house on Saturday, July 21, from 10am-1pm at 737 SE 106th Avenue.

Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson is hosting a constituent coffee on Saturday, July 28 from 10am-12noon at Rain or Shine Coffee House on SE 60th at Division.

The next meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association will be Wednesday, August 15 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.