

## **Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association**

Zoom Meeting Minutes, October 18, 2022

Facilitator: Dave Petrozzi

Secretary: Nadine Fiedler

**Board members present:** Nadine Fiedler, John Laursen, Paul Leistner, Brian Mitchell, Dave Petrozzi, Jim Pierce, Bing Wong

**Other attendees:** Caitlin Baggott Davis, Vecna Burden, Anthony Castaneda, Amy Chomowicz, David DiNucci, Hannah Dondy-Kaplan, Patrick Feeney, Duane Fickeisen, Michele Gila, Laura Hosfeld, Valerie Hunter, Stephen Kafoury, Mo Klein, Peter Kokopeli, Jean Miley, Mindy Miller, Jacquie Moon, Mars Moore, Vadim Mozyrsky, Laura Orr, Midge Pierce, David Raphael, Graham Ross, Ellen Rubenstein, Julie Scherr, Katie Shrall, Tom Skiles, Lynn Weigand, Mark Wheeler, Douglas Yarrow, Brad Yazzolino

The bulk of the meeting was devoted to a discussion about the proposed city charter change, Measure 26-228, which is on the ballot in November's election. Presenting the Yes side were Caitlin Baggott Davis, CEO of Northstar Civic Foundation and Action Center, and Anthony Castaneda, member of the Portland Charter Commission and of the Portland United for Change Coalition. Presenting the No side were Vadim Mozyrsky, former co-chair of the Portland Charter Commission and member of the Partnership for Common Sense Government, and Stephen Kafoury, who served in the Oregon Senate and House of Representatives.

After each side presented their arguments, there was a question and answer session.

After this segment of the meeting ended, the September meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bing Wong reported a bank balance of \$5,865.64. Reimbursements for expenses up to \$50 for the October 1 neighborhood meet-up are pending receipts. \$200 was paid for barkdust from the Gateway Fiscal Sponsorship account (\$546) for the neighborhood entryway on 50th & Hawthorne in preparation for the International Day of Peace on September 21 pending payee information. Other liabilities include monthly Zoom fees.

### **Discussion About Tonight's Forum**

Paul Leistner thanked those who put the forum together.

Dave Petrozzi had wanted to make sure that MTNA adhered to the motion that was made in September, to invite two speakers on the issue, as directly as possible in service of transparency.

Bing Wong said that MTNA policy is to not take stands on candidates and to remain neutral.

Paul L. reminded the group that the city prohibits NAs from taking positions on candidates, but they can take positions on ballot measures, and our role is to help people get information.

Jim Pierce noted that three other NAs had taken a position on this measure.

Midge Pierce said that the MTNA held the only NA meeting on this issue that presented both sides, and in reference to the September motion said that it was the initially invited speakers' decisions to have four speakers on the topic.

John Laursen clarified what had happened: that the initial task was to reach out to the two speakers who spoke to the Richmond NA, but that didn't work out, but Vadim Mozyrsky invited

Stephen Kafoury. To present both sides of an issue completely, we should give the speakers what they want. It was an evolving situation.

Jim Pierce agreed that it was a complicated situation that could not be avoided.

Bing W. said that our speakers can invite others if it fits into the allotted time frame, and he thanked Dave P. for moderating.

#### **MTNA Liaison to Warner Pacific**

Paul Leistner spoke about how MTNA has had a liaison with Warner Pacific University in the past, and he would like to revive the relationship. Bing Wong noted that we have also previously had an MTNA member on the university's board. Paul met with Jennifer Boehmer, the chief of staff to university president Brian Johnson, and would like to serve as the liaison. Dave Petrozzi so moved, Bing Wong seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Friends of Mt. Tabor Park Report**

Bing Wong reported that Weed Warrior crew leader training will be on October 22. The next Weed Warrior work party will be on Saturday, October 29, 9 a.m.-noon. Participation in the Urban Nature Series increased after FMTP set up a Meet Up account. To register click on "Visit the Park, Urban Nature Series" at [taborfriends.org](http://taborfriends.org). Mt. Tabor Tabor n Trail fun run is on Sunday, Oct. 30, with all profits donated to FMTP.