

## **Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**May 17, 2017**

**Board Members Present:** Nadine Fiedler, John Laursen, Paul Leistner, Sam Noble, Nancy Norby, Jim Smith, Laura Smith, Steve Stenberg, Stephanie Stewart, Bing Wong

**Board Members Absent:** Barb Gamelgard, Brian/Kate Mitchell

**Others Present:** Verna Burden, Duane Monroe, Cassandra Rosenthal, Cliff Cox, Anne Marie Hiestand, Breesa Culver, Midge Pierce, Kelly Fedderson, Nicole Pierce, Mike Turaski, John Early, Laura Cloghessy, Marijane White, Dan Everhart, John Carr, Bryan Olson, Peg Baker, Nancy Matela, Alexa Heinicke

**Introductions & Minutes:** The meeting opened with introductions led by Nancy Norby. The minutes from the April meeting were approved on a motion by Bing Wong, seconded by Steve Stenberg, and passed with an oral vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** The financial report was presented by treasurer Bing Wong. The total balance of checking plus savings on May 17, 2017 was \$6,683.62.

**Neighborhood Crime Issues:** Because a Portland police officer did not attend the meeting, this agenda item was tabled for the month. Online crime reporting is on the City's website here: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/cor/>.

**Announcements:** Sunday Parkways will be in our neighborhood this Sunday, May 21. Neighborhood associations can host an intersection from 10:00am-1:30pm or 12noon-4:00pm. Something to consider for next year.

**MTNA Board Elections:** All current board members were re-elected by majority votes (paper ballots counted by SE Uplift's Kelly Fedderson who was in attendance).

Officers for 2017-2018 will be:

Nancy Norby - Facilitator (Laura motioned, Paul seconded, majority vote in favor)

Laura Smith - Secretary (Paul motioned, Sam seconded, majority vote in favor)

Bing Wong - Treasurer (Paul motioned, Sam seconded, majority vote in favor)

Sam Noble - SE Uplift Liaison (Bing motioned, Jim seconded, majority vote in favor)

Jim Smith - Agenda Builder (Paul motioned, Nadine seconded, majority vote in favor)

Only for purposes of submitting the Oregon Secretary of State documents, Paul Leistner motioned for Laura Smith to be designated President of MTNA. The motion was seconded by John Laursen and passed with an oral vote.

**Multnomah Children's Health & Education Initiative:** Anne Marie Hiestand with the Coalition for Healthy Kids & Education provided an overview of a proposed ballot measure to add a tax of 1.5 cents per ounce on sugary drinks. Find out more here:

[www.facebook.com/HealthyKidsandEducation](http://www.facebook.com/HealthyKidsandEducation)

**Historic District Designation - what does it mean?:** Dan Everhart, Preservation Programs Manager at Restore Oregon, provided information about national and state historic designations and how they work. To find out more, go to Restore Oregon's website:

[www.RestoreOregon.org](http://www.RestoreOregon.org)

**Taborspace Fundraiser:** Alexa Heinicke, representing Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, solicited fundraising ideas for supporting the church's 5-year plan for repair and maintenance projects needed for the historic building. She announced Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church's 125th Anniversary Auction to be held on November 18. For more info, go to: [www.taborspace.org](http://www.taborspace.org)

**Division Transit Project update:** Brenda Martin from Trimet provided a handout on the project which is moving forward. The general feeling of most attendees was that the transit project would not resolve traffic issues and might even make traffic worse. Sign up for project email updates and meeting notices at [www.trimet.org/division](http://www.trimet.org/division)

**Mt. Tabor Reservoirs & Maintenance Yard Update:** MTNA's successful lobbying with City Commissioners and the Mayor's office kept the monies promised for the Mt. Tabor reservoir maintenance and preservation in the city budget for this coming year.

Preservation projects are moving forward. Work to repair the deterioration of Reservoir 1, built in the 1890s, will begin this summer. The chainlink fence between Reservoirs 5 and 6 will be removed and replaced with a more historically appropriate fence.

Historic Research Associates, chosen to handle the interpretive program for the historic reservoirs (including a mobile app), is now gathering history and information. If you have historical information, photos or other items of interest related to the Mt. Tabor reservoirs, send an email to [contact.mtna@gmail.com](mailto:contact.mtna@gmail.com) and let us know what you have and how to get in contact with you.

The Portland Parks and Recreation's Mt. Tabor Maintenance Yard is the city's central park maintenance facility and it is currently undergoing much needed renovation. The project includes some changes, both temporary and permanent. One of the changes is adding a multi-modal path passing by the Maintenance Yard and into the south side of Mt. Tabor Park. John Laursen made a motion MTNA to support John's Laursen as the representative for MTNA's voice on the citizens advisory group for designing how the Maintenance Yard and multi-modal path project will work. Stephanie Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed with an oral vote.

**MTNA Email notices:** The property at 2343 SE 57th Avenue has submitted an application to the City for enlarging the second story.

The owners of the property at 7229 SE Harrison submitted an application for converting the existing unfinished attic into approximately 500 square feet of new space including a new bedroom, bathroom, new roof and dormers.

The Multnomah County Community Involvement Committee is hosting its 30th Annual Volunteer Awards Ceremony on June 29, 2017 at 5:00pm in the Multnomah Building Boardroom, 1st floor, 501 SE Hawthorne Boulevard.

**SE Uplift News:** Molly Mayo has been hired as the new director of SE Uplift. For more info about SE Uplift, go to [www.seuplift.org](http://www.seuplift.org), where you can sign up for their email newsletter.

**Friends of Mt Tabor Park Update:** The grand staircase handrail project is in the design phase. The annual Friends of Mt. Tabor Park picnic will be held on August 8. Check out the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park website for details: [www.taborfriends.org](http://www.taborfriends.org)

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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