

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association (DRAFT)

Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2015

Board Members Present: Nadine Fiedler, Barb Gamelgard, John Laursen, Paul Leistner, Brian/Kate Mitchell, Nancy Norby, Jim Smith, Steve Stenberg, Stephanie Stewart, Bing Wong

Board Members Absent:

Others Present: Officer Gary Manougian, Steven Rice, Courtney Brooks, Mary Kinnick, Margo Cantor, Laura Smith, Steve Rice, Dee Packard, Rick Sany, Midge Pierce, Angie Reynolds, Keith Bernhardt, Tamara Still

Introductions: The meeting opened with introductions led by Nancy Norby. The minutes from the March meeting were approved as amended on a motion by Bing Wong, seconded by Steve Stenberg, passed with an oral vote.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report was presented by treasurer Bing Wong. The balance is \$4,790.02. There is also an additional amount of money in the SEUL account but that balance was not available.

Announcements: Steven Rice announced the Tabor Trot, occurring May 30 at Mt Tabor Park to raise awareness about organ and tissue donation. There was discussion around the need for a noise variance to allow for 10 minutes of announcements at 9AM.

Paul Leistner informed the group of a hearing on April 22 about the process for administrative appeals to the city regarding issues such as towed vehicles and lien assessments. This is being brought forward by Ombudsman Margie Sollinger. Paul Leistner motioned that he write a letter in support on behalf of MTNA, Stephanie Stewart seconded the motion and it passed with an oral vote

Short-term vacation rental applications received: 120 SE 55th Ave, 2221 SE 57th Ave, 5826 SE Hawthorne Blvd, 359 SE Gilham Ave, 6933 SE Belmont. Adjacent neighbors (property owners and residents) are notified by mail. Addresses will be announced at meetings and listed in minutes.

T-mobile would like to locate a cell tower at 71st and Yamhill, there will be a neighborhood meeting April 20 from 6:30 to 8:30 at Mt Tabor Presbyterian Church.

Neighborhood Crime Issues: Officer Manougian gave an update on neighborhood crime issues. There have been a couple clusters of break-ins in the neighborhood within the last

month. These break-ins occurred during the day and in the evening and involved the homes being broken into through rear doors and windows. Please remember to report all incidents to the Portland Police, not just neighborhood emailing groups.

Land Use: The reservoir appeal (to enforce historic landmarks commission conditions) hearing was moved to May 28 at 2PM at City Hall in Council Chambers. Requests for expenses related to the reservoir process should go through Stephanie Stewart. Donations to the legal fund can be made through SEUL. To this date approximately \$9000.00 has gone towards the lawyer. Land Use Board of Appeals process can cost \$20,000 or more.

MTNA urgently needs more volunteers for Land Use work.

SEUL: Paul Leistner gave the following updates: Neighborhood Clean Up is Saturday April 25.

Communications funds for 2015 are 1,341.26. Communications funds can go toward neighborhood outreach, website design and maintenance, neighborhood newsletters, etc. Kate Mitchell gave an update on the neighborhood website. The web designer previously hired has been unable to complete the work. Paul Leistner will follow up on the issue.

Land distribution: The city is working with the Office of Neighborhood Involvement to develop a policy around communicating information regarding identification of, notification about and disposal of surplus land. Surplus land includes property that the city owns and discovers is not needed/not being used.

A project is underway to improve notification around land use notices, permit applications, work orders. Portland maps will also be updated with more information.

Friends of Mt Tabor Park: Mary Kinnick gave the following updates:

Friends of Mt Tabor Park may be able to make a donation to the MTNA reservoir legal fund. MTNA offers full support of MTNA stance on the reservoirs.

A new Friends of Mt Tabor Park website will be coming soon at www.taborfriends.org.

The Visitors Center is looking for more volunteers as the busy season approaches. The 20,000th visitor is expected this summer. taborfriends.org

Foot Patrol needs volunteers for early evening patrols taborfriends.org

Montavilla Neighborhood Association will be cosponsoring the Weed Warriors event on the last Saturday in June.

Orienteering event on April 25, 2015.

Elections:

Elections will be held at the next MTNA neighborhood meeting.

Due to a family illness Kate Mitchell needs to resign most of her MTNA responsibilities effective as soon as possible. There was discussion around redistributing the responsibilities. Midge Pierce will assume most secretarial responsibilities. Bing Wong will supply sign-in sheets and Midge will collect them and forward them to SEUL. Paul Leistner will monitor the neighborhood email list and attempt to move forward with the MTNA website. A volunteer is needed to care for the entryway garden, Kate will send an email to neighborhood mailing lists asking for help with that project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 20 at 7 PM at Mt Tabor Presbyterian Church at SE 54th and Belmont, with a social time starting 6:50 PM

For more information, please visit www.mttaborpdx.org.