

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

SPECIAL Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

December 1, 2018

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

Board Members Absent: Robin Beavers, Brian Mitchell

Others Present: Carol Hinton, Sharon Nobbe, Muz Afzal

Welcome and ice-breaker: The meeting opened with introductions led by Mike Turaski. Each attendee also opined on what they like about our neighborhood.

What we are doing, how we can do it better: We reviewed and reflected on the MTNA Mission Statement which includes enhancing livability by maintaining open lines of communication and acting as a liaison with neighbors, providing an open process for neighbors to get involved in the neighborhood affairs, and furthering activities and projects to protect and enhance livability.

Five key characteristics of livability were identified as multi-modality, location (proximity to schools, jobs, park access), quiet, lot coverage, and Mt. Tabor Park and other public open spaces.

Mission statement strengths (e.g., legacy of prior accomplishments, all volunteer, consensus driven), weaknesses (e.g. not enough volunteers to do all the work needed, not capturing our knowledge to pass down), opportunities (e.g., tell our story, outreach, bring neighbors together, use of forums to increase dialogue, raise MTNA visibility) and threats (e.g., special interests, burnout, City turnover of staff, outsiders) were discussed.

Next steps: Identify focus areas and action, and prioritize: The list included existing MTNA structure and function, events, committees, liaisons, outreach, website, land use issues. Notes from this meeting will be compiled for further discussion in January and mobilizing action items.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association will be Wednesday, January 16 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.