

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2019

Board Members Present: Cliff Cox, Nadine Fiedler, Barb Gamelgard, John Laursen, Brian Mitchell, Sam Noble, Cassandra Rosenthal, Jim Smith, Laura Smith, Stephanie Stewart, Bing Wong

Board Members Absent: Robin Beavers, Robert Krotser II, Nancy Norby, Mike Turaski

Others Present: Jim Pierce, Sharon Nobbe, Andrew Wentworth, Cecile Pitts, Jennifer Lee, Elizabeth Schneider, Joey Schneider, Robert Motchum, Rebecca Flanagan, Louise Miller, Susan Baumgarner, Brandi Boersma, Shannon Johnson

Welcome & Introductions & Approval of Previous Month's Meeting Minutes: The meeting opened with introductions led by Bing Wong. Bing provided the following correction to the draft July meeting minutes in the Treasurer's Report section: Instead of "apron," it was a coat. The minutes from the July meeting were approved with the correction with a motion from John Laursen, which was seconded by Barb Gamelgard, and passed unanimously in favor with an oral vote.

Treasurer's Report: Bing Wong provided accounting for the MTNA bank accounts which showed total assets of \$6,159.84. The joint neighborhood cleanup proceeds are estimated to be around \$6,000, so split between the two neighborhood associations, MTNA would net about \$3,000.

Stephanie Stewart provided a cost estimate for the neighborhood picnic of \$700 instead of the approved \$600. The higher amount would cover printed materials which could be used at other events. Nadine Fiedler made a motion to approve a revised budget of \$700, which was seconded by Jim Smith, and passed unanimously in favor with an oral vote.

Call for Announcements or Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: Cecile Pitts from TaborSpace requested a \$1,000 donation from MTNA for the Taborspace 2019 Gala fundraiser that will take place on November 2. Brian Mitchell made a motion to make the \$1,000 donation from MTNA, it was seconded by Andrew Wentworth, and passed unanimously in favor with an oral vote.

Stephanie Stewart proposed creating and sending out a direct mail outreach postcard to all households within the MTNA boundaries that provides info about MTNA and ways to participate in MTNA activities. With around 5,550 households to reach, Stephanie estimated it might cost around \$2,561. She will provide an updated cost estimate and a sample mailer at the September MTNA meeting.

A neighbor handed out a flyer with a photo of an illegal barricade placed at the public easement at SE Stark and 73rd. Many people from the Mt. Tabor neighborhood use this path to access the Montavilla retail area as well as the Montavilla Farmers Market and neighbors from the Montavilla neighborhood use it to access Mt. Tabor Park. If you'd like to file a complaint about this barricade on public property, call the Portland Police non-emergency number: (503)823-3333. The more people who call, the more likely it will be resolved.

Naturescaping--Native planting benefits: Brandi Boersma from the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District (EMSWCD) presented interesting, helpful and easy ways to naturescape and the benefits it provides. She also reminded attendees that EMSWCD puts on free workshops about naturescaping and other soil and water conservation topics. For more information, go to <https://emswcd.org>.

Land Use Update: No news to report.

Potential City Code Change to Neighborhood Associations: The Office of Civic and Community Life (OCCL) has proposed changes to City Code section 3.96 and plans to present them to City Council in early November. Stephanie Stewart made a motion to have John Laursen write a letter to the Mayor and City Council members, stating MTNA's concerns (similar to a letter written by the Hosford-Abernathy Neighborhood Association). Nadine Fiedler seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously in favor with an oral vote.

Jim Smith made a motion to have John Laursen represent MTNA at the Neighborhood Associations' Code 3.96 meetings. Barb Gamelgard seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously in favor with an oral vote.

Stephanie Stewart made a motion for MTNA to write a letter to Southeast Uplift (SEUL), expressing MTNA's position that SEUL staff should be responsive to SEUL constituents' concerns about the code changes. Brian Mitchell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously in favor with an oral vote.

Stephanie Stewart made a motion that if the SEUL Board takes a vote on OCCL's proposed code changes, then Sam Noble (MTNA's SEUL liaison) should voice MTNA's "no" vote. John Laursen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously in favor with an oral vote.

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park report: August 31 is the next Weed Warrior work party. Tree identification posts and trail markers installed by Friends of Mt. Tabor Park are breaking down, so a professional carpenter will be doing repair work on them soon.

Southeast Uplift news: No news to report other than a possible vote by the SEUL Board about OCCL's proposed code changes as discussed above.

MTNA Email Notices: The City of Portland Bureau of Development Services is seeking input on updates to the City's Erosion Manual and Sediment Control Manual. The survey will close on Friday, September 20, 2019. Go to <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/79671> for more info.

Members of a community science project studying the urban crow roost in Portland for the past three years have offered to come to an MTNA meeting to present an educational talk.

The Portland Marathon invited MTNA to participate in the OHSU Neighborhood Cheer Challenge during the race on Sunday, October 6, 2019. If we decide to participate, we will be assigned a spot on the course. The runners will vote on the top five neighborhood associations who will each win \$500, with the first place group taking home the grand prize of \$1,000. For more info, call Jared Rohatinsky at 801-643-1813

The next meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association will be Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00pm at Mt Tabor Presbyterian Church at SE 54th and Belmont, with social time starting 6:50 PM.

Subcommittee Work Sessions, monthly: Some MTNA subcommittees, made up of board and non-board volunteers, have monthly work sessions scheduled for the next six months on these dates: Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 14, Dec 12. Subcommittees will report their work at general board meetings, as needed, for interested neighbors. You are welcome to attend and listen to the conversations, however we will not be taking feedback from neighbors during these work sessions. Location: Warner Pacific University campus, Christiansen Conference Room located in the A. F. Gray building. Time: 7-8:30 pm.

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