



South Tabor Neighborhood Association

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STNA Monthly Meeting Minutes May 19, 2011 prepared by Malina Neville

In attendance: MaryLouise Ott, Jonah Paisner, Malina Neville, Ute Munger, Helen Jaskoski, Steve Reinemer, Jana Throckmorton, George Nicola, Hal Burnworth, Dan Brown, Sarah Figliozzi, Blythe Pavlik, officer Brent Maxey.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm by president Jonah Paisner. The agenda was presented and, after additions, unanimously approved.

Previous Meeting's Minutes: The April 2011 minutes were presented by Malina Neville, and unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Ute Munger presented the treasurer's report. The current bank account balance is \$839.44. The report was unanimously accepted.

Election of STNA President: Outgoing president Jonah Paisner provided a brief description of the president's duties. Steve Reinemer nominated MaryLouise Ott, who accepted the nomination, and was elected unanimously to the position for a two-year term.

Guest Speakers

1. Officer Brent Maxey of the East precinct presented the April crime report, noting again the preponderance of vehicle thefts and prowls, which usually happen overnight on week-days. He warned about the usual increase in theft/burglaries as the weather warms up and windows are left open late into the dusk hours.

2. Sarah Figliozzi, of the NE/SE 50's Bikeway Project presented an update on the progress that has taken place over the last few months following numerous public meetings. The current plan is to remove parking on the east side of SE 52nd Ave, which borders our neighborhood, to allow for dedicated bike lanes. There will be increased signaling of the crosswalk on 54th Ave at Powell Blvd. The crossing at SE 52nd and Division, as well as the segment of 52nd Ave between Powell and Foster Blvds, are among the areas that have presented significant planning challenges, and will be discussed again at the upcoming meeting on Tuesday, May 24th, at 6 pm at Cafe Au Play. An open house will also take place in late June - details regarding date and location are still being worked out.

An issue was raised regarding safe crossings - neighbors are advised to call 503-823-SAFE to report any crosswalk or safety issues. The March 2011 Revised Design Concept DRAFT of the NE/SE 50's Bikeway Project was endorsed by STNA with a vote of 7 Yes, 0 No, and 3 Abstentions.

Announcements: MaryLouise Ott announced the Mt. Tabor Art Walk, which will take place this week-end, May 21 and 22, 10am - 5 pm. She also presented outgoing president Jonah Paisner with a certificate of appreciation for his 4 years of service, and a gift certificate. In a celebratory atmosphere, Ute Munger kindly served cake, ice-cream and juice.

STNA Committee Reports

1. Clean-up: Jana Throckmorton announced that all preparations are on track for the event, scheduled May 28th, 9 am - 1 pm. There will be no significant changes compared with last year. There will be a "reuse it ~ u price it" area, as well as areas for E-waste, re-building materials, plastics, yard debris. A meeting with volunteers is planned for Thursday, May 26th, 7-9 pm, at Trinity Church. A reminder email will be sent by Steve Reinemer to the listserv. Mary Louise Ott has contacted the Oregonian for better coverage in the local section.

2. SEUplift: MaryLouise Ott, SEUL representative, and Blythe Pavlik from SEUL, announced the SEUL Block Party "Uplift The Commons," scheduled for August 27th.

Open to any interested party, the Land Use Committee Retreat will take place June 25th. Email leah@southeastuplift.org for details.

A free Weatherization Training for homeowners is scheduled Monday, May 23rd, at SEUL. Professional trainers will cover various topics and techniques that do not require a contractor. Email tim@southeastuplift.org or call [503-232-0010 x 313](tel:503-232-0010) to register.

New Business

1. Cancel snacks at meeting or not

Ute Munger raised the issue of not having snacks brought to the monthly meeting. After pro and con arguments, the issue was tabled, and the decision will be made by the new president.

A motion was made, and unanimously passed, to extend the meeting until 8:40pm.

2. Welcome letter to new neighbors

Malina Neville passed copies of the second draft of a welcome letter addressed to new homeowners moving in the neighborhood, crafted in collaboration with Steve Reinemer, after feedback from the board during the previous months. The document file will be passed on to the president for further alterations, and eventual printing and distribution alongside a STNA flier to new neighbors.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. Next meeting will be June 16th, 2011