



## **South Tabor Neighborhood Association**

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STNA monthly Meeting Minutes June 16, 2011 prepared by Ute Munger

Present: Mary Louise Ott, Aron Stephens, officer Brent Maxey, Michael Kuhn, Steve Stenberg, Ute Munger, Dan Brown, Karen Kennedy, Molly Haynes.

The meeting was opened at 7pm by president Mary Louise Ott. The agenda for the meeting was presented and unanimously accepted as written.

Minutes of May 16, 2011 needed minor corrections and were thereafter unanimously accepted.

Ute M. presented the treasurer's report. Thanks to the successful Neighborhood Clean Up at the end of May the amount in the bank has increased to 2,123.65 with a few bills still to be paid. The report was unanimously accepted.

She also mentioned that in past years the STNA has shown appreciation to Trinity Fellowship for their support and physical assistance by giving a check of \$400. to boost their Youth program. No action was taking on the proposal, it will be revisited at the July meeting.

Mary Louise Ott was the SE Uplift (SEUL) representative for the STNA before the election to her current position as President. She resigned her position with SEUL but suggested that it would be beneficial to have a representative continue from our neighborhood to be in touch with this neighborhood coalition. Aron Stephens graciously volunteered and was unopposed elected.

Officer Maxey reported a status quo for this past monthly period regarding offenses, except for one aggravated domestic occurrence. Larceny in general is still around 50% of all reported calls. Larceny from vehicle and motor vehicle parts is down to 3% and 11% respectively and vehicle thefts are still about 15% with a bold overall increase for daytime occurrences. He emphasized again to keep the interior of vehicles clear of visible contents, locked and at night parked either in garages or in lighted areas.

Pedestrian safety on SE Division was again discussed mainly regarding ignorance of speed limit, excessive speeding, and therefore, great hazards at crosswalks. 503-823-SAFE should be called for possible long term enforcement.

Officer Maxey was uninformed about a recent daytime assault on a female jogger on Mt. Tabor Park but promised to look into it and reporting back to STNA at the next meeting. He will also check with his supervisor if police could at times be disbursed to the park on ATV's, if only through the summer months.

Announcements were made regarding a 'Thank You' gathering for all volunteers of the Neighborhood Clean Up. Time and place is to be Pizzicato on SE 61st and Division on Friday, 6/24/11 at 5:30 pm.

Ute M. reported on the 50th Bikeway Open House at Café' au Play on June 8. A delegation of neighbors was present who feel strongly that 51st and 53rd Ave. may be negatively impacted due to increased traffic if a directional traffic change should be imposed to north entry to 52nd Ave. from Division. Presenters of the plan assured the crowd that there would be a trial period lasting either 3 or 6 months and should such diversion cause greater problems than anticipated the plan would be revisited and revised. Most neighbors present were not convinced that the proposal could be trusted.

The next Open House of the 50th Bikeway is scheduled to be on 6/29/11 from 5 pm to 8pm at Our Lady of Sorrows at 5329 SE Woodstock.

#### STNA Committee Reports:

Neighborhood Clean Up and Sustainability - Jana Throckmorton was not able to be present for reporting.

The Harvest Festival is again being chaired by Aron S. (thank you!) who is actively looking for committee members. Steve Stenberg of Warner Pacific College offered help and his business card to be contacted for further discussion.

Proposed date is Sunday, September 18, 2011 from noon to 4 pm, pending on approval of Trinity Fellowship for the green space being available.

Since a grant proposal to SEUL was denied this undertaking will need to support itself with contributions of possibly \$300. from the STNA account. A motion was made, seconded and passed with 5 yes and one abstention. Trinity Fellowship also promised a monetary contribution of \$200.

For fundraising Aron S. proposed a fresh, if possible organic corn feed, hoping for a possible donation of corn from a local farm or business, then sell each hot ear for \$1.

Funds will be needed for fliers, lawn signs, decorations i.e. pumpkins, garlands, straw bales, and other misc. Further expenses may incur for band fees, at which time it was suggested and seconded by Dan B. and others to encourage bands not to use amplification since there were complaints voiced at last year's H.F. by some neighbors and visitors as well.

Suggestion of a plant exchange, a sale for specialty plants, and a possible bake sale was proposed. It was also mentioned that a raffle will be held again for which donations need to be solicited.

ML Ott spoke regarding Movie in the Park, which will be held on the premises of Warner Pacific College on August 20th at 6:30pm. The fun for all movie is 'How to train your dragon'. It is cosponsored by Portland Parks Bureau, Warner Pacific College, Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Assn., Friends of Mt. Tabor and STNA. ML Ott asked for a contribution of \$200. from the STNA and a motion was made, seconded and passed with 6 yes and 1 abstention.

A final decision regarding possible children's activities, monitoring the crosswalk at SE Division and 67th Ave., and to pass out informative material about the STNA, its functions and purpose will be made at next month's meeting.

ML Ott spoke about the long standing problem of safe crossings for pedestrians and safe auto travel and maneuvering on SE Division. Linda Nettekoven a member of the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) citizen advisory committee has put her in touch with Mark Lear at PBOT and he is looking into the request for improved safety. This subject has been on record in STNA minutes since 1972. Current responses from PBOT are that installing pedestrian crossing lights would prove to be too expensive. There is a possibility of converting SE Division to a Safety corridor, which would involve traffic statistics, contact and records from NA's, affected/involved organizations, open houses and neighbor input. A change could include possible pedestrian islands, more room for bicycles, and a change to a 3 lane configuration with left turn center lanes.

A general discussion of present neighbors began with mentions of fright re turning from or onto Division, repeated accidents on SE Division in the proximity of the Warner Pacific College campus, and morning bus commuters being in jeopardy of their lives trying to cross Division. It was voted for the STNA to send a letter to Wendy Cawley, PBOT Safety Engineer, supporting a request to designate SE Division from 52nd to 82nd including the northern border of the STNA district for a PBOT High Crash Corridor Project in 2012. The vote passed with 7 approvals. Molly H. arrived after votes had been cast, but she was also in favor of the vote.

SEUL Fiscal Sponsorship: ML Ott stated in order for STNA to co-use SEUL's nonprofit status

paperwork needs to be completed listing upcoming events, projects and fundraising and submitted to SEUL. No action or vote was taken.

Also, the Land Use Committee Retreat is scheduled for June 25, from 10 am to 2 pm at SEUL. The purpose is to create a coalition with a plan for land use and transportation issues. Portland maps shows current zoning and as soon as the Portland Plan is in place it will be handed to Portland City Council in Sept. 2011.

ML Ott proposed a new committee for neighborhood asset mapping to explore the possibility of taking an inventory of talents, interests, and resources of S. Tabor to help make STNA vital as a connection point, conduit, and facilitator for the neighborhood. Information can be collected by using canvassing, on-line research, one on one interviews, and community conversations. No volunteers were counted or any action taken.

Neighborhood/Common house: Tom Hubka, architectural historian, has been working with Marika Feibel and ML Ott to help identify house types in South Tabor. They would like to make this a part of a larger neighborhood history project with a booklet showing typical house styles as the first outcome. The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability has produced a map of South Tabor to ML Ott showing the age of all structures. This project fits well with the asset mapping because it will help to get in touch with neighbors.

ML Ott proposed to establish a neighborhood history committee. It was voted on and passed with 7 yes and one abstention.

Suggested By Laws update was tabled due to time constraints.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm