

North Tabor Neighborhood Association
Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016, 6:30-8:30pm, 5600 NE Glisan

Board members present:

Keith Mosman, chair
Joshua Carey
Cathy Riddell
Chuck Tubens
Terry Dublinski-Milton
Sam Fuqua
Michael Andersen
Beth Sanders

Board members not present:

Devlyn Keith
David Mosley
Max Goldenkranz

Others present (those who signed in):

Denise Maroney
Mark Davis
Matt Nicely
Kiko Lande
Andru Grimm
Patty Lackoff
Craig James
Kim Kasch
Andrea Robertson
Lars Kasch
Franco Lucchin
Gabe Frayne
Gavin Kennedy
Roger Hughes
Ray Gardner
Suzanne Gardner
Jim Porter
Kerry Aguilar

Minutes

Michael was late and hadn't provided a copy of [the August minutes](#) in advance, so we skipped this action until next month.

Treasurer report

Max, who had a family emergency last week, was absent.

Houselessness and homelessness in Portland

Resident Jean Schiffren asked if NTNA could do anything to help address people living outdoors. Many people attended with opinions on the matter. One resident said someone had defecated in front of her house. Another mentioned that he knows several people who are homeless now.

There were dissenting views about how many homeless people wish to receive help. There were dissenting views about whether adding more homes to the area make homelessness better or worse.

There was talk about where in the North Tabor Neighborhood might be an acceptable site for a small regulated campsite, as recently proposed by the mayor's office for each neighborhood. Terry said he doesn't know of any acceptable site in the neighborhood but that an unused school site in Montavilla, just east of our border, might be one possibility.

There was talk about contacting JOIN, the Community of Christ Church or another nonprofit that works with people living outside to help us understand the local problem better.

There was talk about NTNA's membership of the Welcome Home Coalition, one of the forces behind the affordable-housing bond on the ballot in November.

Block party recap

We discussed the decision to cancel the planned block party on account of rain and Max's absence. Several board members liked the idea of a winter neighborhood event; Keith suggested that planning be the responsibility of the next board.

We discussed the merits of repainting the mural at NE 53rd/Everett, which was to be part of the block party. No one voiced objections to what seemed to be a general assumption that the mural can be repainted during a dry month next summer, when sewer and drainage work in the area will have wrapped up.

Board elections

Keith reviewed the process for board elections: the October NTNA meeting will be a general meeting, which means that all members (neighborhood residents, real estate owners and business owners) will be able to attend, announce their candidacy for the board, and vote on board candidates. Keith said he urges anyone interested to run. The board currently has 11 members out of 15 seats. He said that the most likely scenario is that fewer than 15 people will choose to run, in which case they will be voted on as a single slate.

At the following meeting, in November, the new board will vote among themselves on who the officers should be: notably chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer, but any other offices the board sees fit to create.

Land use and transportation

Terry gave TSP updates: Davis-Everett remains the designated major bikeway & Burnside will be restriped when it is repaved. Pro tem parking will be removed at that time.

Terry will seek to have Scott Batson attend the November meeting to discuss transportation issues in greater detail.

Communications

The communications working group has been advancing plans for the rebooted neighborhood newsletter.

The "North Tabor Neighborhood" Facebook page, which is used to distribute official NTNA information, has been renamed "North Tabor Neighborhood Association" to help distinguish it from the "North Tabor Neighborhood" Facebook group, which functions as an anyone-can-participate forum.

Concerns were again raised about how to reach neighbors who don't use Facebook.

Wrap up

The next meeting will be the annual general member meeting and election on October 18th.