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IMPACT STATEMENT

Date: December 20, 2019

Council Date: January 23, 2019

Legislation Title: Accept the second Annual Report on Compliance of Agreement with Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association for Mt. Tabor Park Reservoirs (Report)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

This second Annual Report is to inform City Council of progress regarding the commitments made in Council Resolution No. 37146 (Agreement with Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association for Mt. Tabor Park Reservoirs). The Resolution is focused on the historic reservoirs at Mt. Tabor Park, and includes directives regarding communication, alternative water management strategies, water levels in the reservoirs, tree policy, historic preservation, and an interpretive program.

This Report to Council covers the 12-month period from April 2017 to April 2018. A project team from the Water Bureau and representatives of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association (MTNA), which formed a committee to represent the neighborhood association, and the Friends of Mount Tabor Park (FMTP) are managing implementation of the activities related to Council Resolution No. 37146 and the subsequent Mt. Tabor Reservoirs Historic Preservation Project. This group jointly prepared and submits this report.

The Report to Council also includes the semi-annual report, attached as Attachment 1. The semi-annual report covers the period from April to October 2018 and provides current information about the work being done relative to the Council Resolution No. 37146.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

Council Resolution No. 37146 directs the Water Bureau and other bureaus to work with the MTNA to prioritize the historic preservation construction projects specified in the 2009 Mt. Tabor Historic Structures Report (HSR), for which Council allocated at least \$4,000,000 over the ensuing four-years.

The Decision Package, requesting an additional \$1,020,000 for the Historic Preservation Budget for FY 2017-18, was submitted in February 2017 and approved by City Council in June of 2017. The total funding approved for the first two years is \$1,770,000 of which approximately \$1,400,000 will be expended. A Decision Package for FY 2018-19 was submitted for \$1,115,000, and it has been approved.

The Water Bureau and MTNA continue to work together to identify and implement the highest priority projects from the Historic Structures Report. The first phase of improvements were in progress during this reporting period. These include replacing the fence at Reservoir 5, concrete restoration of walkways, gutters, parapet walls and Weir building at Reservoir 1, and Gatehouse building's façade repairs at Reservoirs 5 and 6. An art conservator has begun making repairs to the small water feature at Reservoir 1. Design work is almost complete for the next construction phase and will focus on Reservoir 1 concrete basin repairs.

Separately funded but also included in Council Resolution No. 37146 is development of a public interpretive program on Mt. Tabor. Water Bureau staff and MTNA team members have hired consultants and are designing a two-component program consisting of on-site interpretive methods and a digital media application. A public open house was held in April 2018 to solicit public input.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Council Resolution No. 37146 addresses communication between the Water Bureau and the community due to a history of unsatisfactory communication regarding issues at the Mt. Tabor historic reservoirs over the previous fourteen-years. During the period of this report, the MTNA and the Water Bureau continue in a consistent and productive working relationship.

During this reporting period, the Water Bureau project team continued to meet with the MTNA committee and Portland Parks and Recreation approximately once a month for both the Mt Tabor Historic Preservation and Interpretive Signage projects. The meetings focused on sharing updates and discussing design options. These face-to-face conversations have kept the neighborhood informed about the progress of the preservation design and construction work.

Water Bureau staff will participate in MTNA meetings and public outreach to communicate the preservation and interpretive program work to the community. Water Bureau and MTNA project team members will also appear before City Council, Public Utility Board (PUB), and Landmarks Commission to communicate project elements and status.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

- YES: Please complete the information below.
 NO: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount



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