

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD
SOUTHEAST UPLIFT (SEUL) NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

Tuesday January 12th, 2016, 7:00PM @ 3534 SE Main Street, Portland Oregon 97214 (Fireside Room)

There was sufficient attendance to constitute a quorum.

P - Present N - Not Present

SEUL Board Members

P - Ardenwald-Johnson Creek - Marianne Colgrove

N - Brentwood-Darlington - Sara Clark

N - Brooklyn - Wendy Miller

N - Buckman - Nate Miller

P - Creston-Kenilworth - Tyler King*

N - Eastmoreland - Robert McCullough* (President)

NA- Foster-Powell - *vacant*

P - Hosford-Abernathy - Bill Crawford

N - Kerns - Rai Mckenzie

P - Laurelhurst - Don Gardner*

N - Montavilla - Maranda Mole

P - Mt. Scott Arleta - Scott Vala*

P- Mt. Tabor (MTNA) - Paul Leistner

N - North Tabor - Cathy Riddell

NA - Reed - *vacant*

P - Richmond - Denise Hare

N - Sellwood-Moreland - Gail Hoffnagle.

NA - South Tabor - *vacant*

P - Sunnyside - Reuben Deumling

N - Woodstock - Moshe Lenske

* member, ExComm

SEUL At-large Board Members:

N - Mandy Heaton (Reed College)

P - Michael Molinaro (Sunnyside)

P - Jeff Cole (Sunnyside)

N - Michael Sonnleitner

N - Ann Sanderson

P - Terry Dublinski-Milton

SEUL Staff:

P - Anne Dufay - Executive Director

N - Ashe Urban - Outreach and Communications Program & Fiscal Sponsorship Manager

N - Kelly Feddersen - Community Resource manager & Newsletter Editor

N - Jay Derderian - Senior Administrator

N - Bob Kellett - Neighborhood Planning Program manager

N - Katy Asher - Community Outreach Coordinator

Welcome, Introductions, approve agenda and December Minutes

Don calls the meeting to order. Introductions all around. Reuben moves to approve agenda, Scott seconds. Passes unanimously.

Tyler moves to confirm the minutes, Denise seconds. Passes unanimously.

Paul is not going to be able to help with exploring getting a candidate forum together. He is looking for someone to take over, but he is not going to have the time to spearhead it. No volunteers at the meeting, but the offer is on the table.

Neighborhood Updates

Bill talks about the BRT project. The issue is if 82nd Avenue would be part of the projected route. The city is exploring several options at the Powell and 82nd Avenue intersection but it would impact 27 properties for the project as a whole. Terry follows up that this will be discussed further with at the land use transportation committee meeting. Don would like to see an update on this project at the next Board meeting.

North Tabor has applied for a grant from SEUL for improving NE Oregon between NE 63rd and Vera. It is a substandard street they would like to close off for park use.

Anne gives a heads up that all bureaus with general fund funding will have to find 5% in savings (cuts) including ONI. We will have an update at our February meeting.

Tabor Commons - Cafe au lay closure and next steps

Paul presents. 5633 SE Division is the property. This property was acquired through a coalition of NA's and SEUL and Cafe au Play was opened as a community resource. However, Cafe au Play is now closing. SEUL is the sole legal owner and will get possession of the property on February 1st. The plan is to get different stakeholders together and have some visioning meetings.

The parties of interest include: South Tabor NA, Mt. Tabor NA and SEUL as the owner. There were grants and significant volunteer time that brought Cafe au Play into fruition. Paul is willing to lead-up the process to get community input.

\$500 a month is expected to be the monthly carrying costs for the site.

Tyler, Michael and Paul will form a committee and follow-up with each other.

Bob Kellet Leaving SE Uplift - Discussion of hiring process and timeline

Bob is moving on to PCC. This leaves a vacant position at SEUL and we will start the hiring process. Anne has provided a job description and hopes to post the job tomorrow.

Micheal would like to have land use and transportation committee have a chance to review the job description before it is posted. The committee meeting is next week. Anne thinks she could wait 10 days for the committee to review although Anne would like to have someone by the end of February so time is of the essence.

Terry is volunteering to sit on any committee in relation to the hiring. Terry and Jeff will be spearheading the land-use committee meetings until the position is filled.

Update on Chairs and Directors Homelessness working group

Anne presents. Chairs and Directors meets again this thursday and this topic is being discussed. The general consensus of staff, given the problems with Hazelnut Grove is that none of the coalitions are going to come to a total agreement.

Our staff likes the proposal to develop outreach and working with the city to come up with a structure and standards to deal with city sanctioned homeless communities. So the rules are clear and applied across the city.

Another recommendation is each district coalition, with city staff assistance, would work through a process to identify sites within their boundaries to facilitate camps.

Another recommendation would be for coalitions to facilitate a process of developing good neighbor agreements with each individual camps.

Overlook NA has sent out a letter on how to regulate and deal with homeless camps and at this point several NAs are drafting their own letters along similar lines.

Comp Plan Update

Public testimony has been so well attended at the public meetings for folks to comment on on the Comp plan, they are adding another public meeting next week. Paul points out that working with City staff is the most important part of the public process, even more so than the public testimony and meeting with elected officials.

After the hearings close, council will work on the plan in public sessions without any comment, and likely come up with amendments and changes to the plan.

Other issues related to homelessness, including impacts of unregulated camps in our area. Consider possible responses

A neighbor from Brentwood-Darlington expressed the pressing concern with homelessness in the neighborhood. Specifically the springwater corridor seems to be having a lot of problems with homeless issues. Anne points out that what chairs and directors is working on is to regulate sanctioned camps. However this doesn't solve the problem of unregulated camps.

A representative from Cartlandia presented that the area between SE 82nd and Harney is having serious trouble with criminal activity. There is a coalition of community and business groups to maintain this segment of the springwater trail. Many folks camping on the trail seem to be familiar with police and are not actively seeking shelter. The encampment continues to grow and is threatening businesses and folks enjoying the trail. Additionally this is a habitat restoration area which is now being destroyed.

At this point the campers are bringing in more permanent materials (plywood, refrigerators, etc). The owners of cartlandia are looking for any guidance/help with how to deal with this issue.

General advice and consensus from the board is that the goal at this point is going to be to raising awareness and getting the word out that this is impacting Cartlandia, the neighborhood residents, and the surrounding businesses. The focus should be that this is a crime issue, not a homeless issue.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott moves to adjourn, Tyler seconds. adjourned

SE Uplift Executive Committee Minutes

Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 5:00 PM @ SE Uplift (3534 SE Main St)

SE Uplift Executive Committee Members in Attendance: Scott Vala, Don Gardner, Tyler King, Robert McCullough, Sarah Clark

Others in Attendance: Eric Wicoff (brentwood darlington chair), Maryanne Schwab, Anne Dufay (staff), Terry Dublinski-Milton, and Jeff Cole

Quorum confirmed

Avenue of Terror Walk

Terry recently walked the site and talked to some of the homeless individuals. It is clear there are some isolated individuals causing the majority of the problems. There seems to be two separate camps. One between 82nd and 92nd, and one around Cartlandia.

Robert mentions that this is a crime and control issue, not a houseless issue. He proposes a press release saying we are planning on having a walking tour of the camps around Cartlandia. The goal is to raise public awareness by having as much press there as possible.

On a side note, Robert would like to see another survey of the homeless population conducted by the city.

Eric Wicoff is here from Brentwood-Darlington. He is looking for strategies for aligning the groups involved.

Robert is asking who should take the lead on this. SEUL or Brentwood Darlington? Sarah is of the mindset that SEUL should take the lead because we have the manpower and resources. Also, this is a larger issue affecting all neighborhoods.

Don is stressing that we can lead the way, but we really need outraged local residents to have a strong effect.

Scott Moves that SEUL will take the lead. Tyler seconds. Passes unanimously.

Robert would like to have a press release ready to go by a week from monday.

We would like to get a meeting together. Typically a month would be needed to get all the politicians that we want there. However, if we call this an emergency meeting, we might still get a good turnout with the added pressure.