

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD
SOUTHEAST UPLIFT (SEUL) NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION
Monday October 5, 2015, 7:00PM @ 3534 SE Main Street, Portland Oregon 97214 (Fireside Room)

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Quorum confirmed.

P - Present N - Not Present

SEUL Board Members

P - Ardenwald-Johnson Creek - Marianne Colgrove
P - Brentwood-Darlington - Sara Clark
N - Brooklyn - Wendy Miller
P - Buckman - Nate Miller
P - Creston-Kenilworth - Tyler King*
P - Eastmoreland - Robert McCullough* (President)
NA- Foster-Powell - *vacant*
N - Hosford-Abernathy - Bill Crawford
N- Kerns - Rai Mckenzie
P - Laurelhurst - Don Gardner*
P - Montavilla - Peter Maris* (Treasurer)
P - Mt. Scott Arleta - Scott Vala*
P- Mt. Tabor (MTNA) - Paul Leistner
P - North Tabor - Cathy Riddell
NA - Reed - *vacant*
NA - Richmond - Denise Hare
P - Sellwood-Moreland - Gail Hoffnagle
NA - South Tabor - *vacant*
P - Sunnyside - Reuben Deumling
P - Woodstock - Moshe Lenske
* member, ExComm

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SEUL At-large Board Members:

N - Mandy Heaton (Reed College)
P - Michael Molinaro (Sunnyside)
P - Jeff Cole (Sunnyside)
P - Michael Sonnleitner
P - 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 Fedderson - Community Resource manager & Newsletter Editor
N - Jay Derderian - Senior Administrator
N - Bob Kellett - Neighborhood Planning Program manager
P - Katy Asher - Community Outreach Coordinator

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Welcome, introductions, approve agenda and September minutes

introductions for all present. Our bylaws committee update is being moved to next month. Robert would like to add a discussion about trees. This will be added at 8:40. Candidate Forum discussion will be added to the agenda during neighborhood updates. Reuben moves to approve September meeting minutes with corrections. Sarah seconds. Passes unanimously

Enter Executive Session to review/deliberate on recommendation of grievance committee on grievance appeal submitted RE Richmond NA grievance decision

Marianne moves to go into executive session to discuss Richmond appeal. Peter seconds. passes unanimously. This was a closed session, no public was present. Grievance committee (Nate, Gail, and Sarah) presents recommendation and board discusses. (see handout for recommendations)

It is determined that there will be two votes. One on if a grievance is valid, and another on appropriate suggested remedies.

Jeff moves to exit executive session. Nate seconds. One vote against exiting the session, 17 votes for exiting the session.

Exit executive session, vote on grievance appeal recommendation

Vote 1: All in favor of the recommendation from the committee as presented. 8 in favor, 4 opposed. 5 abstain. (Paul Leistner abstained as an employee of ONI)

Vote 2: Suggest remedies as proposed from the committee as presented. 10 in favor, 2 opposed. 4 abstain. (Paul Leistner abstained as an employee of ONI)

Commissioner Novick, discussion/Q&A RE Street fee and how to better involve the NA's
Commissioner Novick presents. Discussion on gas tax. In his opinion it looks to be the best option and the best option that can pass a general vote.

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Highlights of the discussion:

Robert points out that reps from the city need to get to NA meetings to discuss these issues because they are affecting people on this level. Also, transparency needs to be paramount.

Terry points out few SEUL projects on the preliminary list of repairs and maintenance priorities the gas tax would pay for.

Jeff is concerned that paving is less of a priority than other projects.

Don wonders if it is appropriate to be discussing a project list at this point. Also the weight mile tax would be hard on truckers.

Peter points out that the city should be explaining, even on the neighborhood level why some areas are prioritized over others.

Treasurer's Report

Sara Clark is going to be taking over as treasurer. Peter is going to focus on his own neighborhood for the immediate future. Last month it appeared there was a budget surplus. Petter, Anne and Sarah are going to meet in the future to discuss options for the spending of those funds.

Neighborhood Updates

Jonathan Pulvers presenting on a candidate forum. Paul suggested Jonathan speak to us after presenting to Mt. Tabor. He is asking if SEUL thinks that is a worthwhile thing to pursue. He is talking about all levels of government.

Ann points out that the goal should be ALL candidates should be included. There are some thresholds so not all candidates that have filed need to be invited. Paul points out that there are models to achieve equitable representation. Robert is requesting feedback from the neighborhood associations.

Would we want something that is a coalition-wide event, or sponsoring smaller events at the neighborhood level? Also, should it be a debate type event, or a town hall type event?

Trees

Mayor asked for a recommendation on redoing the tree code from Robert. Robert would like to see the same hearing process for big trees as is for demolitions of homes. For SEUL, he would like to have us at least have a seat at the table. There is a call for a representative.

Meeting adjourned.