

**Southeast Uplift Neighborhood
Coalition Board Meeting
Monday, February 1, 2016 – 7 to
9pm SE Uplift Fireside Conference
Room 3534 SE Main St.
Portland OR 97214**

<i>Time</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Presenter(s)</i>	<i>Info</i>	<i>Disc</i>	<i>Action</i>
7:00 (10 min)	Welcome Introductions, approve agenda and November minutes	McCullough	X	X	X
7:10 (20 min)	Statement on Brentwood-Darlington Homelessness Notes	Deuming	X	X	
7:15 (20 min)	Brentwood-Darlington Homelessness Session	Wikoff/ McCullough	X	X	X
7:50 (10 min)	Short Presentations on Homeless Issues	Various	X		
8:00 (10 min)	Break				
8:10 (20 min)	Transportation and Land Use Issues (20s Bikeway and others)	Various	X	X	X
8:40 (10 min)	WAMO letter/community center update	Cole	X	X	
8:50 (10 min)	Neighborhood updates	all			
9:00	Adjourn	McCullough			

Next Board Meeting:
3/7/2016 SE Uplift

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.

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 26, 2018

To: Eric Wikoff, Chair Brentwood Darlington Neighborhood Association (BDNA),
Don Gardner, SE Uplift Board Vice President
Terry Dublinski-Milton, SE Uplift Board Member
Anne Dufay, SE Uplift Executive Director
Katy Asher, SE Uplift staff
Kelly Felderson, SE Uplift staff

CC: Southeast Uplift Executive Committee

From: Robert McCullough, SE Uplift Board President

We are setting up a ninety minute session on the homeless issues surround the camp at 82nd and the Springwater Trail at the request of the Brentwood Darlington Neighborhood Association and the local merchants. The focus is on local solutions, not the larger houseless problem.

Possible Invitees:

Bob Stacey, Metro Councilor

Brad Taylor, the City's Mental Health Specialist.

Vahid Brown, Homeless Activist

Director of Clackamas Service Center

State Reps and Senators

City Council Members and Mayor (expected that their staff will attend)

Candidates (Wheeler and Bailey)

Local businesses including Carol Otis and Roger Goldingay from Cartlandia and Progressive Insurance (respectively?)

Springwater Corridor environmental advocates

Lents Active Watch

East Portland Neighborhood Office staff/ reps

Mark Jolin from Home for Everyone

Terry Poppino, City Crime Prevention staff

Kristina Smock (author of the biennial homeless survey)

We should personally call everyone on the final list of invitees.

Proposals:

The session will have 15 minutes for introductions and overview. 45 minutes for speakers on safety and crime and then a wrap-up to result in a letter to the City asking for the proposals below (and/or others). Then 30 minutes for info and Q&A re the larger issues such as what actions/plans/processes are currently underway and how interested folks can contribute.

The introduction should make clear what the purpose of the meeting is, defining the issues, and the results we are hoping for:

- Set ground rules.
- Set expectations (this is an opportunity to voice concern about behaviors on the corridor and to collectively build a strategy to address behavior).
- Define BDNA and its role in addressing concerns around SWC and houselessness.
- Define issues being addressed
- Introduce “experts” in the room and let people know what types of questions/comments should be directed towards whom.

The specific objectives are:

- Given that individuals committing acts of violence and property damage in the area are a threat to both the housed and unhoused, and given that multiple requests for assistance have been made to the city and the police, with no appreciable impact on the crimes in question, including a seemingly increase in population and disruptive behavior after last year’s downtown houseless sweeps, the BDNA is speaking up, to give voice to all who don’t know where to turn next for help.
- The BDNA asks the city for the following ~~information and~~ actions:
 - Immediately provide a garbage service, containers and regular pick up service, along the corridor where houseless individuals are residing.
 - Immediately provide sanitary facilities, at a minimum portable toilets, along the corridor.
 - Direct the Police and Parks Bureaus to jointly develop and implement a public safety plan that insures cooperation between the Bureau’s and addresses the safety needs of everyone in the area.

- Ask the city to revise their messaging around the 823-4000 hotline and online reporting form.
 - Make clear what City Bureaus are doing with the information being reported.
 - Make clear which behaviors/circumstances reported will receive a response and how long that response will take.
 - Make clear to public what types of comments will not receive a response.
- Bring the Neighborhood Associations into longer-term efforts to reduce houselessness by providing them with clear and thorough information and multiple opportunities to plug in to solutions-based activities.

Communications Strategy:

Brentwood Darlington will put a call out asking to hear from neighbors about the problems they are having and information they are seeking in regards to this situation at a meeting February 4th.

Possible topics: policy issues related to criminal behavior, site issues such as sanitation, trash pickup, and destruction of natural areas and how can folks get involved to help find more proactive solutions to the larger issue of houselessness.

Primary media targets include Portland Tribune, Mercury and Channel 6 due to previous coverage and likely interest.

BDNA will reach out using Facebook, Connected Families group, Nextdoor.com, lawn signs and e-newsletter.

Southeast will help create press releases and distribute them under BDNA's name and will provide additional outreach via our listserv and social media resources. The conventional knowledge is to distribute the press release on Monday first thing.

Don, Eric, Terry, Robert and a staff person will make up an action committee and work on setting up a meeting for 2 weeks. Shooting for February 4th. This is when the Brentwood-Darlington regular meeting is.

Land Use Program Manager Hiring Update

Job announcement has not yet gone out. Lots of interest from board members wanting to be on the hiring committee. This is more interest in participating than typical, and Anne is going to need to pare it down. Robert asked Anne to send out a list of volunteers, and the executive committee will help pare it down.

Anne dufay is the person hiring the employee, and really the board is just advisory.

Update on Cafe Au Play

Tyler updates that Paul is working on organizing the stakeholders. At this point we are looking to gather ideas on what the ultimate vision of the project will be.

Update Chairs and Directors Discussion of Houselessness

Anne presents. Kelly's proposal was presented at the last directors and chairs meeting. It was decided that there would be no decisions made at that time. The proposal was also distributed to the Land Use and Transportation Committee, who also took no action.

Set Board Meeting Agenda

Roger Gellar would like to come and present about transportation, we will do this in March.
Transportation and land use has some issues that need to be voted on. (bus rapid transit and the 20's bikeways)
WAMO letter/community center update (presented by Jeff Cole)
Homelessness and us taking the lead on the Springwater Corridor problems.

Meeting is adjourned.