

Southeast Uplift Board Meeting Minutes - 2019 July 1st @ SE Uplift Office



List of Board of Directors in Attendance:

Ardenwald-Johnson Creek- Abby Ball (Secretary)
Brentwood-Darlington- Pamela Hodge
Buckman- Mary Barrett
Eastmoreland- Chris Solsby
Foster-Powell- Lotus Romey-Yu
Hosford-Abernathy- Daniel Amoni
Montavilla- David Onley
Mt. Scott-Arleta- Matchu Williams
Mt. Tabor- Sam Noble
Richmond- Brian Hochhalter
South Tabor- Tina Kimmey
Sunnyside- Reuben Deumling (Chair)
Woodstock- Anna Weichsel
At-Large- Catherine Davila
At-Large- Terry Dublinski-Milton (Past-Chair)
At-Large- Miguel Rodriguez
Portland Mercado- Ambar Solarte

Executive Director- Molly Mayo
Intern- LaShawn McCarthy

Guests:

Jessie Maran- Portland Bus Lane Project
Denise Hare- RNA
Amy Bader- Portland Community College SE
Estefania Zavala, Edúcate Ya
Lauren Schaefer

Greeting and Announcements (Deumling)

- Ardenwald JC- August free summer concert series at Ardenwald Park every Thursday from 7pm-dusk
- July 8th- Portland Chamber of Music is opening meeting at Montavilla NA meeting Montavilla Jazz festival in August 17-18th
- Foster “Tasting Tour” 7/20, celebration of the Foster Corridor (fosterarea.com)
- July events in Buckman’s Colonel Summer Park: Movies in the Park- Black Panther 7/12 6:30pm; 10th Annual Unity Picnic July 28th 4-8pm
- Terry continues to voice support for the SE corridors being considered as projects for the Metro Transportation 2020 Bond.

Review Summer Schedule (Mayo)

- No board meeting in August
- Next meeting is Tuesday September the 10th
- Board Retreat in September- tentatively planned for Saturday Sept 14th
 - 10am-3pm

2019-2020 Budget (Bacher absent; presented by Deumling)

- Review of Budget

Discussion: Molly relayed that the current fiscal year expenditure from our book-keeper is pending. Board member requested transparency regarding expenses.

Motion to approve the proposed budget by Terry, seconded by Tina Kimmey.

In favor: 16 Opposed: 0 Abstain: Anna Weichsel

Motion passes.

Approval of June Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve the June meeting minutes by David, seconded by Matchu.

All in favor: 15 Opposed: 0 Abstained: Miguel, Anna

Motion passes.

Election of Board Members for At-Large, Community Organizations and Business Associations

4 new folks on the ballot, along with 5 current members.

The current At Large that are seeking another term are: Terry Dublinski-Milton, Cat Davila, Taizoon Doctor, and Miguel Rodriguez. The returning Business Organization rep is Ambar Solarte from Portland Mercado.

3 new Community Organization reps the committee is recommending and one new At Large rep.

Estafania Zavala, representing Educate Ya: Volunteering has always been a part of my life from church projects in my youth, to Key Club in my high school years and various opportunities I've been able to be a part of in Portland. My strong sense of empathy and desire for social justice motivates me to be involved, and I want to dedicate my life to improving communities around me, especially the ones that are often underrepresented.

Amy Bader, representing PCC: Working with and supporting community is my full time job and one of my greatest passions – I collaborate with a number of local organizations, government entities, small businesses, schools, etc. regularly. I also use what free time I can find to support other local organizations with their missions – my main areas of focus being to support marginalized communities and the environment.

Jessie Maran, representing Portland Bus Lane Project: In addition to my current work with the Portland Bus Lane Project and 350PDX, I was on the board of the 40--Mile Loop Land Trust for three years. I have 23 years of professional experience in city and regional planning and am a Managing Partner and Principal with urban planning and design firm Crandall Arambula.

Lauren Schaefer, At Large: As lead of the Impact Committee at Upward Technology, I provide and track volunteering opportunities for the employees, based off our chosen values for the year. I co-founded a community arts gallery, have hosted comedy shows and benefits at the Portland Mercado for years now, and try to stay involved with local organizations via things like the grants panels ran by SE Uplift and RACC.

Vote Tally:

20 votes for Taizoon, Amy, Jessie, Lauren, Estefania

19 for Ambar

19 for Terry

19 for Miguel

19 for Cat

All candidates are voted onto the board.

Officer Appointments (4 month period)

Open Positions:

Treasurer

Ambar self nominated, seconded by Terry

Co-chair

Tina Kimmey self nominated, seconded by Terry

Vice Chair

Matchu Williams self nominated, seconded by Tina

Sam Noble self nominated, seconded by Tina

Results

Co-chair: Tina Kimmey

Vice chair: Matchu Williams

Treasurer Ambar Solarte

City Code 3.96 Draft Language Review

Discussion:

- Statement in favor of the proposed code changes- NAs have been the main voice in the city and Civic Life is opening this to other voices/community groups.
- July 1st 2020, SEUL contract with the city's contract will be put out to bid. In the past SEUL received funding as long as they fulfilled the criteria in the grant contract. What will be the grant requirements next year when it is open to other applicants?
- Multiple board members stated that details are missing from the proposed code.
- Previous meeting with director was not transparent and was frustrating.
- Statement made for de-privileging NA and abolishing the current NA board system.
- Question of where will the NA be defined? If NA's will be defined within programming language of the Office of Civic Life, it would be useful to have this information available for the NAs now.
- Multiple statements agreeing with the effort to open the door for other groups to be more involved in neighborhood and city affairs.
- Multiple board members stated their support of the aspirational ideas in the proposed code.
- Question raised as to whether this code change is a way for the city to reduce its communication responsibility to the community.
- The lack of detail in the code creates confusion.

- One member expressed his priority of obligations to SEUplift board, organization and its long-term future as an employer with 5 full-time staff members
 - We have an opportunity to align our bylaws with the draft language
- Will NA open-meeting rules continue?
 - Response: private sector checks will exist- insurance would require open meetings.

- Current code lays out mutual responsibilities and the new code does not.
- Opinion expressed that we should be bringing more voices to the table vs dismantling the table.
- The language of the code is unobjectionable but doesn't hold the city accountable to anything in particular.

Note: Suk Rhee, Director of Civic Life is on a panel discussing this on July 12th at the City Club of Portland's Friday Forum. Open to the public, also available on radio and webcast.

Brian H. makes a motion for SEUL to request Council to set-over consideration of 3.96 until 45 days after the Committee votes on its final 3.96 proposal so NAs and District Coalitions have time to consider and vote on the final proposal to be presented to Council.

Seconded by Miguel with the following amendment:

Discussion:

- We're requesting to have 45 days after the code committee reports on the last draft, prior to taking it to city council. But what effect would our vote or NA votes have?
- What happens if the draft changes in the summer when we don't have a meeting in August?
 - We could have an emergency board meeting

Miguel proposes that we amend the motion to "*consider and make recommendations*" in place of "*vote*".

Amended Motion:

SEUL requests Council to set-over consideration of 3.96 until 45 days after the Committee votes on its final 3.96 proposal so NAs and District Coalitions have time to consider and *make recommendations* on the final proposal to be presented to Council.

In favor: 15

Opposed: Daniel Amoni, Mary Barrett

Abstain: Sam Noble, Reuben Deumling, Matchu Williams

Motion passes.

Meeting Adjourned.