

Feb 2018 - SE Uplift Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Attendance:

Board Members:

- Iris Hodge
- Matthew Micetic
- Soren Impey
- Brenna Kingshita
- Catherine Davila
- Taizoon Doctor
- Terrence Dublinski-Milton
- Susan Gershwin
- Paul Willey
- Mark Romanaggi
- Robert McCullough
- Jessica Engelman
- Carol Hanna
- Oliva Alspet-Ellis
- Sam Noble
- Emma Stocker
- Nadyne Rosin
- Brian Hochhalter
- Gail Hoffnagle
- Tina Kimey
- Reuben Deumling
- Christopher Bacher

Visitors:

- Corbett White
- Katy Koch
- M. Dielie

Staff:

- Molly Mayo

Introductions / Announcements and Updates:

Neighborhood updates and information about each NA/Business Association
Several city updates on various projects and enhancements

Portland Water Bureau - Sewer Improvement Project:

(Presented by Katy Koch)

City improvements are going on for multiple neighborhoods. Map Provided. Presented by Debbie;

Q: Specific areas where there are projects going on?

A: Detailed maps exist, we will provide exact information

Q: What are these projects?

A: Sewer repair and stormwater restoration. Increased pipe sizes and stormwater abatement constructions being installed. Green Streets as an example. Efforts to work with the NA's to communicate with engineers to come to solution

Q: On the big picture; when it comes to digging channels the asphalt on top of the streets is not quite even. Usually

A: Multiple factors in play there.

Q: Bioswales have been considered a sewer expense is there any project to go back and place them on greenways?

A: Contact me and I'll work to get you that information from the correct source.

Q: There is a project on 20th and oak; please consider providing additional consideration for pedestrians.

A: We have heard that and are going to look into that.

Q: Stark has some construction. Having a sign that indicates that you can't turn north at 20th would be helpful.

A: I'll talk to our PBOT contacts for that issue.

Portland Water Bureau - Financial Services Program:

(Name of presenter not captured)

Yes the water, sewer and stormwater bill is big and there are programs that will help with this. There are two components for the program; discount every quarter and a voucher program based on income of the water payer. That would total up to 750 dollars in discounts every year. You must reapply every 2 years and in person at several locations in town or [on-line](#).

Also we can work to connect you with other resources because if a customer is having issues making a water bill payment then there is likely need in other ways.

Other resources include payment arrangements. Portland Water does not add additional fees for that.

Going online to <http://portlandoregon.gov/water> will have additional resources and information.

There is also a discount for seniors and disabilities program where there is a one-time application review until the individual moves residences.

There is also the need to remove barriers for access to these programs. For example there is the ability to do a courtesy email to add your contact information to monitor services at an address for someone who has the bill in someone else's name.

Q: How does a single service address multi-family residences

A: Currently the program is not working for that. Billing for Portland Water works for single service location

Q: How does Portland Water determine availability for these programs

A: Part of the application process includes requirements to provide income information

Q: 582K is your request from city council. What does that include?

A: We're partnering with home forward to provide these services as they have a program that we can leverage. Also this money will go towards rental assistance for people in fear of being evicted. There are many other great things that come with this type of program.

Q: What is the reason for this program?

A: This is an effort to provide outreach with the services that are offered for people who may benefit and don't know about it.

Q: Can we contact you with NA meetings to provide a presentation?

A: Please do!

Lead Paint and Asbestos Regulations Update:

Portland has a lack of environmental programs that are active. In SE we are at risk for Diesel particulates and other air quality issues. Several years ago there were some demolitions that took place near schools and recently there has been an effort to eliminate checking for lead and asbestos. That has now changes and these checks are in place.

Developer Review Advisory Committee (DRAC) is the battlefield and there is now (after city hall address) mandatory remediation and resolution provisions in place after the long fight. This goes a long way towards improving the city environmental record.

The bad news is that Portland is complain driven. If you see a construction demolition without any posted notices and research reports for the demo sight filed at BDS a complaint will produce results.

Q: To whom does someone complain?

A: Bureau of Developmental Service (BDS). Go down and / or call.

Q: Is there a simple guide that can be created to educate people on what Qs to ask?

A: I'll get a document together and provide it to the board.

Approval of December Meeting Minutes:

Motion made by Terry 2nd by Jennifer (to approve the minutes as written).

5 abstentions

0 against

Motion Passes

Mission Statement Update:

This most recent meeting of the Mission Statement sub-committee felt like the one that brought it all together. For the benefit of those where were unable to attend the meeting our decision was to come up with two suggestions that work together. This would enable us to have a longer more specific statement to build our vision upon that works well with a condensed and specific statement that has more evocation and power.

Long Version

To collaborate with the SE Portland community to build informed, inclusive and participatory neighborhoods that support our social well-being and uplift the historically underrepresented.

Short Version

To advocate for and inspire an equitable, participatory and inclusive SE Portland

Discussion to follow via email with this information and request for feedback so we can address this in future.

Break:

Let's take a few minutes and stretch

Seat New Member:

Amanda Stocker is representing North Tabor

Vice-Chair Elections:

We would like to have our executive committee reflect the diverse group of people that we are and represent. The vice chair would act as the facilitator for the board meeting or representative to the media in the event if a chairperson was unavailable. The role is more maximum or minimum depending on the person who decides to run.

Nominations:

- Christopher Bacher
- Susan Gershwin
- Catherine Davaila

Board election results:

Susan Gershwin

Community Agreements:

The idea is to proactively and intentionally specify the rules of engagement for meetings. They are intended to be a living document and a basis for discussion by the board in general.

- Come prepared to participate - but not dominate
- One person speaks at a time
- Encourage and respect diverse perspectives
- Allow for question, dissent and debate
- Strive to always be constructive

For visitors and guests:

Although this is a public venue where all voices are welcome, board members have priority when it comes to speaking

(these agreements are expected to be revisited, periodically as needed)

We still fall back to [Roberts rules of order](#) however this set of rules is a way to specify the acceptable tone for interactions.

Expect email on this soon

City Budget Discussion:

20th largest city in the country and have outgrown our system. This is evident based on declining infrastructure. Our budget is difficult to read and it's cumbersome. Adds and reductions is the governing document.

Decisions are made by the department heads and therefore quite a bit of power lives here. Each department has been told to reduce budgets by 5% and then elects what programs are important.

The ask for the board is that we (the board) decide what programs are important and advocate for these as an organization. **Please come back to the board with your list of important line items on the budget sheet.**

Adjourn:

Thank you for attending the meeting today

Board Member Homework:

- **Read over the proposed *mission statements* and offer comment via email**
- **Read over and prepare thoughts on the "*Community Agreement*"**
- **Read over the emailed city budget and come prepared to discuss line-items**