

# January 2019 - SE Uplift Board Meeting Minutes

## Meeting Attendance:

### Board Members:

- Kelly Quinlan
- Catherine Davila
- Taizoon Doctor
- Terrence Dublinski-Milton
- Susan Gershwin
- Miguel Rodriguez
- Paul Willey
- Mary Barrett
- Julia Betts
- Kristiana Nelson
- Daniel Amoni
- Matchu Williams
- Sam Nobel
- Nadyne Rosin
- Brian Hochhalter
- Tina Kimmey
- Reuben Deumling

### Staff:

- Molly Mayo

### Guests:

- Denise Hare
- Matt Otis
- Illegible names x 3

## Introductions and Announcements:

SE Active Motion moving forward with the city. They know who we are.

**December 21st Vigil of remembrance on national homeless persons** Memorial day and the longest night of the year. Neighbors came together to remember the lives lost on the streets of Portland over the past year. A bell was rung after the names of 50 lives lost were read aloud and another 30 times for those whose names were not known. Flowers were placed upon an alter as community leaders promised to work together to ease the suffering experienced within our communities. Multnomah County Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson, faith leaders, advocates and members of Foster-Powell and Mt. Scott-Arleta joined together in remembrance.

**Foster Night Ride @ Portland Mercado** -- January 1st 15th and 29th @ 7:00 PM

### **Community Alliance of Tenants -- Renters' Rights Training**

Date and confirmation / additional details forthcoming with the Mt. Scott-Arleta Neighborhood Association some time in March.

**Foster Streetscape** The streetscape is continuing with an estimated completion of major road work in late January. Rapid Flashing Beacons, street lights and bioswales are anticipated to be

installed. Expect final striping as soon as a dry stretch in the weather forecast appears -- possibly as late as spring 2019.

February 6th in Salem there will be a green lobby day for green jobs.

[http://www.greenforall.org/clean\\_energy\\_jobs\\_lobby\\_day](http://www.greenforall.org/clean_energy_jobs_lobby_day)

## **Board Agreement Process:**

We have agreements governing the meetings but there is another aspect that we want to consider. This would speak to us as a board but more to our presence and role as a board. Other non-profit boards have similar statements that new board members would be invited to sign and understand to better understand their role. ExComm invites us as a board to consider adopting an agreement like this.

Build cohesion, clarify responsibilities and solidify our roles. The goal is to provide a common understanding about the role and rules that govern it. It is considered good practice to look at board member evaluation and practice as a lense for this.

### **Question:**

Are we trying to solve a specific problem.

### **Answer:**

It is difficult for people to know if they should be in front of or behind an issue and how they should vote (board member or as a person in the NA or role).

Comment that this should happen and these types of documentation would provide a valuable asset. It will also help in our annual cycle. Perhaps a clear understanding of the expectations early in the year would result in a more stable board attendance.

Motion by Paul Willey I to form a sub-committee to examine this issue and draft some language for a board agreement.

Motion 2nd by Miguel Rodriguez

14 in favor

1 abstention

### **Committee Volunteers:**

- Miguel
- Sam
- Tina
- Matchu

## **Board Visioning Activity:**

This is an opportunity to chat with your board buddy and frame an answer to the question for you

What personally motivated you to be here tonight and what are you trying to accomplish on this board in the next few months.

Were looking to cause some personal reflection on the question and your role.

Various individuals shared their vision and goals as board members.

Common topics were:

- Diversity
- Inclusion
- Process Improvements
- Finding strength in our role and board
- How do we get our board to work on 2 or 3 substantive projects each year
  - Approve attendance and have more members join
- Pet projects

## **Approval of December Meeting Minutes:**

Motion made to approve the minutes as corrected (add the slate of people to the minutes)

Motion by Terry Dublinski-Milton

Motion 2nd by Julia Betts

4 Abstentions

## **Break:**

Get some Tea

## **Grievance from Richmond Neighborhood:**

Vote to accept the grievance findings as written

Approved by 14 voting members

1 vote against

1 abstention

## **Gideon Pass Letter of Support Information:**

Overpass was cut due to perceived budget overages. When it was all done the government said they would give us 15 million to do an overpass. Trimet was not aggressive about the outreach and some opposition was made. Trimet assed for a letter of support for the building of the overpass.

## **Closing Comments:**

Overpass

## **Adjourn:**

Thank You