

SE Uplift Board Meeting Minutes

November 6th 2017

Welcome and Introductions (Dublinski-Milton)

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Guests:

Molly Mayo (SE Uplift)

Presentation: Village Coalition (Tomo Solano)

What is the village coalition. March 2016 as an organization to help the tiny home villages grow and help the homeless issues. The first of these villages was Hazelnut grove. All of these villages started as a focus of activity to grow the community. Our mission is to collaborate and build consensus with communities to create these villages.

We are hosting in different neighborhoods these meetings to come up with solutions for what these communities would look like in each neighborhood. All of our villages are self-governed and have their own 501c3 with bylaws and a community agreement.

These villages provide more autonomy and power than a group of unorganized tiny homes would.

How can SEUplift support and be involved with Village Coalition?

Be a part of the discussion. This has to be accepted by the community in order to succeed.

Question:

How do you take care of water and sewage?

Answer:

Many lots have services that are in place for them. It can be done with a little work.

Community Visit: Vibe at Tabor Commons (Laura Streib)

We just celebrated our 10th birthday at Vibe. We are an Organization to bring quality access to arts education to underserved communities. Currently we are in eight schools and provide music and art classes during, before and after school. The classes that we provide depend on the school, it's needs and interests. In 2011 they opened an art studio. Last spring the Tabor Commons became the new home for their art studio space. There are weekly classes with new workshops and events added on a semi regular basis.

The Christmas tree sale is going to be coming back.

New ideas for community engagement events, adult art classes, creative space for use and other community outreach possibilities.

As for our organization the location has provided a lot of visibility. If there are people who are passionate about equity for arts education please get involved with us. Board, committee, events, volunteer, artists.

There will be an artisan fair the first three weekends in December. Please see the website for VIBE

Question:

Curious if the classes that are offered are supplementing what the school has or are you it?

Answer:

Both, when we got started things were not happening and it was before the arts tax. Now that the arts tax is on the way it helps ... but!?! Some schools have art but no music. Others have music but no arts so we augment. The studio provides art for people who come.

Question:

How do you get your funding?

Answer:

Sun programs and afterschool programming. PTA's, Studio programs are fea for service, donations, fund-raising, (dine-out at great notion, tree sale, you caring, Kickstarter).

Question:

Address is?

Answer:

57th and Division

Question:

It sounds like most of these sources of funding are great for

Answer:

Schools uniting Neighborhoods organization is our main source of funding because of title-one funding. In areas where additional funding is needed there are grants and fund raising by the PTA's.

Presentation: Community Watershed Stewardship Program

CWSP administers two grant programs: Stewardship Grants of up to \$10,000 and Native Plant Mini-Grants of up to \$500.

Been around for over 10 years.

The applications once received are then dealt with and ensure that your grant proposal has it's best shot at getting funding. Grant writing workshops specific to this program are scheduled and on the way.

The requirement for a grant is that the project must be in the urban services boundary. The funding comes from water rate payers dollars.

Question:

So would this be useful for a sub-standard block that could be updated to have a micro-park to convert one of these area's

Answer:

Yes that is an excellent question. We had a project back in 2009 - 10 where a group of neighbors got together and built out an overgrown block full of invasives to overhaul it and build a vertical garden with services. We love funding community group projects.

Question:

How much of my water and sewer bill is going to this program?

Answer:

I don't know. I can find out.

Question:

Budget

Answer:

310k

Review October Board Meeting Minutes (Willey)

Corrections: robber mccullah

Motion made by Nadeen "*To accept the minutes as amended with the correction*"

- Motion was 2nd by Tyzoune
- Motion was approved by all present save one
- Motion was opposed by 0
- 1 abstentions
- **Motion Passed**

Q&A with Habitate

We have been around for about eight years and worked with SEUplift to find Vibe and provide building maintenance. We are excited to talk to you about the SEUplift headquarters. It is one of the buildings

that could potentially utilized more and help provide income as well as vibrancy for the organizations that could / do meet here. I look forward to hearing more about the groups you want to attach to your site.

Question:

Please talk about some of your idea's for the site in terms of community building and meeting our mission:

Answer;

There are many opportunities. With a little shifting and moving storage from the exterior to the interior of the building we can create additional office space without changing the structure of the building too much. Small changes to the basement could make things more attractive for rentals. The community has a need for affordable space and that is something that SEUplift can provide. There are many non and for profit organizations that work in the area of community and equity that could be good partners for your organization. We did a market analysis and for our site the suggested rate would be ~\$22 / sq foot.

Question:

In your audit of the building; how many spaces could be made available

Answer:

There are many potential options. Couple hundred square feet to considerable space

Question:

Have we explored the option of facilitating a shared work-space in the building?

Answer:

That is definitely some that came up as a possibility for the site. Shared or incubator space. It comes down to the parameters that the sub-committee sets up.

Question:

I was part of the sub-committee to come up with a basic list for tenant selection. How much is it the business of SEUplift to decide the percentage of market rate we want to charge? We would like to offer opinion about that but don't know what market rate would be for some of the various spaces / uses that we have so we can give an opinion.

Answer:

Space really varies in this neighborhood. Office space is 24-32\$/sq foot. It's something that Habitate will be involved in helping determine those values.

Question:

From what you have seen of the building, is there things that you suggest that we update in terms of the groups we intend to attract.

Answer:

Yes depending on the groups that you're intending to attract to the site.

Question:

Is there things that your group is able to provide in terms of design suggestions?

Answer:

Perhaps; we can offer suggestions but for a more complete answer a designer or architect would be a more complete point of contact for work of this type.

Retreat Follow-Up: Is there a need for mission statement updating?

The question of what we are looking at is in terms of our mission statement. Do we need to update it? We are not going to attempt to repair it NOW. The purpose of the discussion is to decide if the board needs to update the statement.

One reason for looking at the statement is that when I came on in may we don't have a long term strategic plan. 3-5 years. One of the most important parts for developing that is a clear mission statement. As such it jumped out to me as something we need to look at. Second the statement is long and general. Also it's important for communicating our mission and direction. It's worth doing now.

At the retreat we broke into small groups and discussed the statement and it's meeting in each group phrase by phrase. We brought the summaries back to the group and shared them in the context of our overall mission by the city and our charter. At the end of the retreat we did a round of exercises with a ten minute attempt to write a rough new statement overlaid with all of our experiences with SEUplift.

The request is that we follow up with the activity and decide if updating our statement is needed and decide what that update should be.

A mission statement should be what our organization does best. It should be a clear north star that guides the work of the staff, board and communicated to our supporters and stakeholders.

Comment:

In coming up with the rubric for new tenants having had a clear mission statement would have been helpful for that effort.

Comment:

In applying for membership of SEUplift I looked at the mission statement and the orgs values. It did tell me that it is something that I am aligned with but it could be better.

What is the best way to approach this effort?

Motion by Terry-Dublinski that we "look at the mission statement for potential clarification and revision to current standards"

- Motion 2nd by Nadyne Rosin
- Motion was approved by all save two
- Motion was opposed by
- 2 abstentions
- **Motion Passed**

Meeting to discuss the future of this committee after the meeting

List of volunteers:

- Paul Willey
- Olivia Alseph-Ellis
- Tina Kimmey
- Cat Davila
- Soren Impey

- Reubin Deumling
- Christopher if needed

Retreat Follow Up: Would the board benefit from shared community agreements?

Some of our meetings in the recent past have been bumpy and having a community agreement posted would have made this go more smoothly. ONI has recently sent out a draft of such a community agreement for NA's to consider. To move this forward Reuben took the ONI one and from other feedback a short-list was generated:

Come prepared to participate; but not dominate
 One person speak at a time
 Encourage & respect diverse perspectives
 Allow for questions, dissent & debate
 Strive to always be constructive

Question:

Is this for board members? Community members? All?

Does this list seem like a good starting point?

Community announcements:

Creston Kenilworth:

Developer in portland is going to pilot a housing project. 12 bedrooms for rent with shared facilities for potential expansion.

HAND:

Double open-house on Wed the 8th from 5-7 @ Lincoln Street Methodist Church to discuss area transit improvements. Trimet and PBOT.

Tenant selection efforts went forward:

Finalized the rebrik and it will go out to the board to review

Mt. Scott Arleta:

Recent retreat to go over organizational efforts, new website

Mt. Tabor:

Resavarous are getting upgraded in various ways. Replacement of the handrails leading from five to six to make them more stylish

Woodstock:

Had a large halloween event that was quite successful

Terry Dublinski:

- Japanese delegation came to the city and looked at the way our neighborhood system works to see how they can emulate that in Japan.

- Transportation meeting for the woodstock bike lane gap
- LUTC november newsletter with articles about central city plan

Small business saturday Division / Clinton

Give guide (many non profit for the groups mentioned are in SEUplift)

December 14th @ city Hall 2:00 the temporary relocation assistance ordinance will be voted on at council to make it permanent. Please show up if you're interested in the issue.

Foster Powell

Kick-ball match coming up

Village coalition event has been rescheduled