

Minutes – SE Uplift Board Meeting – April 2, 2018

Attendees:

Molly Mayo
Reuben Deumling
Terry Dublinski-Milton
Kerry Rowand
Olivia Alsept-Ellis
Nadyne Rosin
Tina Kimmey
Carol Hanna
Cat Davila
Susan Gershwin
Jessica Engelman
Christopher Bacher
Sam Noble
Emma Stocker
Brian Hochhalter
Mark Romanaggi

7:00 – **Welcome** (Reuben Deumling)

Introductions, Community Announcements

- List of upcoming Foster-Powell events was emailed to the Board; all are welcome
- May 5 - community event at Kellogg Middle School site
- April - Cache Project in Laurelhurst (emergency preparedness)
- May 12 - Woodstock Annual Plant Sale on May 12
- Invited to give public comment at upcoming meetings in support of Woodstock Community Center
- April 14 – Ladd’s Circle bicycle relay (“Ladd’s 500”)
- Wheeler budget announced; includes \$15M rehab of Mt. Scott Community Center
- 20MPH speed limit implemented on residential streets
- Transportation meeting upcoming with many neighborhoods
- Every 4th Mon of the month at 7pm, South Portland In Motion (SPIM) meetings; goal to put together a report in September
- April 28 - Mt. Tabor Clean Up from 9:00-1:00 in parking lot of Mt. Tabor Middle School at 57th and Stark; anyone can bring things or donate; will have a resale area
- April 8 – Deadline for online open comments on Central City in Motion Plan; covers several neighborhoods; suggestion to support bus access lanes
- Several neighborhoods holding candidate debates; descriptions will be in SE Uplift Newsletter; Buckman and Brentwood-Darlington; **does SE Uplift have a debate question to submit?**

- Wednesday 8:30-10:30 a.m. downtown is a training opportunity for this board; Nonprofit Association of Oregon training; additional training opportunities will be mailed out for April, May, June
- May 12 - Brooklyn clean up from 9:00-1:00 at the park on 16th and Center

7:15 – **Participatory Budgeting Presentation** (Olivia Alsept-Ellis)

- What is it? Community driven project development; largest growing democratic reform
- Discretionary funds; bring projects to table and community knowledge; vote on project and oversee development
- Endorsed by Obama administration
- Increases accountability, communication, integration with technology; greater equity and resource distribution
- Funds more likely to go to low income neighborhoods
- \$3M budgetary allotment
- Forum on April 14 at Rosewood Initiative; speakers including Amy Wynne; focus on “disappearing communities”; free but need to register
- Fliers available in multiple languages (Spanish, Russian); email Olivia
- Increasing participation from community members
- Olivia attended a conference through sponsorship of “Healthy Democracy” think tank

7:20 – **Approve March Meeting Minutes**

- Minutes don’t reflect as much discussion of agreements; **Molly can add**
- Nadyne votes to approve minutes as amended; Sam seconds the motion
- 3 abstentions, 0 opposed, all others approve

7:22 – **Planning for May and June; July elections** (Reuben Deumling)

- SE Uplift Board Member elections usually in July; Executive Committee feels this is not ideal, for example when new members are asked to vote immediately after being elected
- Next month, bring bylaws revision to move elections to Sept or Oct
- July meeting will be on July 12
- Attempt to streamline the process for at-large and community organizations to reapply; members of Executive Committee will reach out one-on-one to see if you have interest in reapplying
- Would like to solicit interest in 2 committees
- Membership Committee - involves reaching out to groups who may not be represented on board and helping to find new board members (at-large, community orgs, business associations) to assess interest
- Nominating Committee - contacts all board members to ask if interested in officer/Executive Committee positions
- Neighborhood Association elections are in May/June; reps can change at any time
- There are written procedures/structures

- Volunteers for membership committee – Sam, Susan, Olivia
- **Wait until a future meeting to request volunteers for Nominating Committee**

7:30 – **Grievance Appeal Overview** (Reuben Deumling)

- Executive Session will be private discussion; **minutes will be taken but kept separately**
- Decide what you will be voting on in the public meeting; will Board agree or disagree with the recommendations?
- Note that this is an internal process, not a legal one; not punitive in nature, only for organization to see if it made procedural errors; may be appealed to ONI
- Has to be a procedural violation of bylaws (SE Uplift/ONI) and proof that grievant was harmed due to violation; grievant may identify a remedy but non-binding; up to board if they want to make recommendations
- Committee did training with Paul from ONI and staff person Kelly Fedderson; worked through docs for 2 weeks
- Montavilla rep will abstain from voting

[Executive Session Notes are Archived Separately]

- Public meeting resumed
- Motion on the table to approve the slate (findings and recommendations from the committee); 1 abstention (Montavilla/Olivia); 0 objections; all others approved
- Thank you to the committee for your work

8:04 – Break

8:14 – Meeting resumed

8:15 - **Bike Loud Advocacy Request** (Terry Dublinski-Milton)

- PBOT should keep the SE 26 Ave bike lanes; Land Use Transportation Committee (LUTC) voted unanimously to approve/support; now it is being brought to the SE Uplift Board
- In 2015 there was an accident where a cyclist lost his leg; new crossing has since been built on 28th; bike lanes need to be minimum 6 feet per new policy
- ODOT telling PBOT they will remove (narrow) bike lanes and give space to cars/trucks
- Jurisdictional transfer of Powell from ODOT to PBOT by 2020; PBOT doesn't want to ruffle any feathers before then
- Recommendation to build 21st as a bikeway if removing bike lanes on 26th
- Request for Board to endorse Bike Loud's advocacy
- 21st is flat; 28th is steep (ex. at Woodward) and heads the wrong direction
- Discussion, Q&A

- Gladstone to Powell has incline; 28th a bad choice for commuters but a good route for safe routes to school
- 26th Ave bike lanes are substandard
- Need alternative to replace broken bike lanes
- HAND has been asking for 21st for a long time; letter sent
- Reminder that advocacy requests go to LUTC first
- Motion to encourage PBOT to not remove the 26 bike lanes; if removed required that 21 Ave be built first (or as soon as financially feasible) so people biking west have a flatter alternative
- Motion to approve – Sam; Jessica seconds
- Maybe subtract out “as soon as financially feasible” language
- Brief discussion
- Recommendation to go with Bike Loud PDX’s wording (approved by LUTC) or not
- Vote on motion as amended; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions; all others approved

8:30 – **Mission statement review and update** (Olivia Alsept-Ellis)

- To recap, at September’s board retreat, looked at Mission Statement; determining if effective, any problematic aspects
- Hoping to wrap this up in May with a vote
- How do Board members feel about the mission statement? Sub committee developed language and will ask you to vote on your preferences
- Please consider your own work within SE Uplift
- To **collaborate** with or to **advocate** for
- Vote – collaborate 6; advocate 5
- To **build** communities vs. to **inspire** communities
- Vote – build 8; inspire 2
- **Informed**, inclusive & participatory communities vs. **equitable**, inclusive & participatory communities
- Vote – informed 3, equitable 1, both words 6
- To support social & ecological well being vs. to support our social well being and uplift the historically underrepresented
- Vote – first 8; second 3
- Choose **short and brief** statement vs. **long and precise** statement
- Vote – short 8; longer 3
- Suggestion to clarify participatory part of system; some individuals mistakenly presume NA boards will do work for them (rather than the

individual engaging with the NA, or NA connecting them with resources and/or shepherding them through process)

- Advocacy is one of eight parts; not necessarily reflective of all elements of community programming

8:47 p.m. – **Updates from ONI including ONI budget process** (Molly Mayo)

- ONI is SE Uplift's sole funder
- ONI proposal online
- East Portland Neighborhood Organization (EPNO); 7 district coalitions; similar to size of SE Uplift in the community it serves but underfunded (for a long time)
- All need more funding, especially EPNO; proposing another \$150K (which would bring it up to SE Uplift funding)
- Wheeler and Eudaly support add package for EPNO; need one more commissioner on board
- Supporting our fellow coalition is a great idea; they have been historically underfunded
- Best way to advocate on budget item is through direct contact with City Council; are forums coming up
- **Flier distributed; please share with stakeholders**

- Discussion, Q&A
- Q: Why hasn't ONI made this change before now?
- A: Unsure. ONI has new leadership (Suk Rhee)
- East Portland is 82nd Ave to Gresham; approximately 160K people
- Q: Has there been any discussion of consolidating coalitions to save resources?
- A: Yes; maybe over years
- Perhaps previous ONI leader left because this was one issue that wasn't dealt with
- More growth potential for East Portland; opportunity to fix this now
- Thank you for your support of EPNO and SE Uplift

8:58 – **Meeting adjourned**