

Southeast Uplift 5/5/14 Board Meeting Minutes

Members present:

Marianne Colgrove, Ardenwald-Johnson Creek
Bill Crawford, Hosford-Abernethy
Anne Dufay, SE Uplift
Kelly Fedderson, SE Uplift
Don Gardner, Laurelhurst
Seth Gardner, Creston-Kenilworth
Paul Leistner, Mt. Tabor
Moshe Lenske, Woodstock
Eric Lozano, South Tabor
Peter Maris, Montavilla
Robert McCullough, Eastmoreland
Scott Vala, Mt. Scott Arleta

Guests:

Allen Field, Richmond
Bill Greg, Buckman
Chris McGhie, Laurelhurst

The meeting was called to order by Robert McCullough at 7:05 pm

Minutes

Moshe moved to accept the April minutes and Scott seconded. The motion passed with two abstentions (Bill Crawford and Marianne Colgrove were not present in April).

Recommended residential parking code amendments

Allen Field from Richmond presented on the subject of parking regulations for single-family dwellings. Current regulations (Residential Parking Code Section 33.266.120) require that when a garage is converted to alternative uses, the homeowner is must seek an adjustment in order to continue to park in the driveway. Converting garages to alternative uses supports land use and sustainability goals but the cumbersome and expensive (\$1,800) adjustment process deters homeowners from making reasonable and beneficial uses of their detached garages. Both the Richmond Neighborhood Association and the SE Uplift Land Use Committee have voted to support the changes to current parking regulations.

Paul moved to support the RNA letter and Moshe seconded.
The motion carried with one against and one abstention (Seth Gardner)

Creative Engagement Grants

Kelly Fedderson presented recommendations for Creative Engagement Grant recipients. The goals of the grant program is to provide neighborhood associations an opportunity to push the scope and scale of their outreach activities and to heighten civic dialogue and inspire people to get involved with their neighborhood association.

SE Uplift raised \$5,026 to help replace some of the funds lost when the neighborhood small grant program was cut. There were eight grant applications, totaling \$10,600. The selection committee recommended five projects for approval, thought not all at full amount.

Paul moved to approve the grant recommendations and to provide fiscal sponsorship for those projects that need it. Scott seconded and the motion passed unanimously

At-large members of the the executive committee

Paul raised the topic of at-large members of the executive committee. It is a great opportunity for people to get more involved without being an officer. There was some concern that we might need to make sure officer positions are filled before we expand to add more committee members. This could be included with other bylaws changes if those are coming up

8:00 break

Treasurer's report

Robert presented a financial report, with the budget line prorated to three-quarters of the annual budget. The Income looks low due to the ONI payment schedule, but the budget is on target, and there are no surprises.

Nominations

Marianne and Scott discussed officer nominations, which will be coming up in July. Officer positions are chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer. Anyone who's interested is encouraged to talk to Marianne or Scott, or any other executive committee member.

Demolition advocacy follow up

Robert provided an update on the demolition issue. As of April 30, the Bureau of Development Services is now applying demolition delay regulations to permit applications that want to replace a single family residence with something other than a single residence.

Anne showed 5 demolition papers SE Uplift received in the mail in just one day, which gives a sense of what demolition permit requests were already in the pipeline. While the city is now sending notices to coalitions, we don't know whether they are also going to NAs, nor do we know if builder has to post anything on site.

Anne has also been working with other coalition directors. There is a joint Facebook page and activity is starting to get up and running. CNN is hosting an event tomorrow night. Planning an informational panelists other coalitions.

Introduction of NA governance conversation, Anne and Paul

Ongoing discussion at chairs and directors about alternative organizational on ideals. Cindy Cumfer looked at alternatives but hasn't found any that work well. In some parts of the city, more interest in entry-level emerging organization. The city doesn't, say we have to be incorporated, but insurance companies want that.

Fiscal 2014-15 ONI grant, Anne

Our 5-year grant agreement with ONI, and Amendment number 4 for the upcoming year were distributed. The numbers might change a little bit but this is our last chance to approve grant renewal.

Peter moved to approve the grant amendment, and Seth seconded. The motion passes with two abstentions (Paul Leistner and Moshe Lenske)

New business

Robert wrote to Novick to try to clear up the long-standing issue with the speed bump funds.

William Greg from the Buckman neighborhood raised the topic of regulations of short-term rentals (e.g., Airbnb). Laurelhurst and others have said that the proposed code changes are not minor and there should be a more open, thorough process before they are adopted.

Paul moved that we add our voice by asking that Items 12, 13, 14 be removed from Recap 6, and Moshe seconded. The motion passed with one abstention (Eric Lozano).

Adjourned 9:06