

ONI/COALITION/NEIGHBORHOOD SYSTEM QUARTERLY REPORTING NARRATIVE HIGHLIGHTS IN CORE PROGRAM AREAS

COALITION NAME:
Year:
Quarter (circle one):

SE Uplift
2017-2018
1st (July-Sept) 2nd (Oct-Dec) 3rd (Jan to Mar) 4th (Apr to June)

Describe highlights of the activities of your neighborhood coalition office in the core program areas of the grant agreement. The highlights can include description of activities and approaches used, materials developed, staff role, publicity and/or organizing model best practices, outcomes and any lessons learned in each area during the quarter, and photos in electronic format.

The core program areas include:

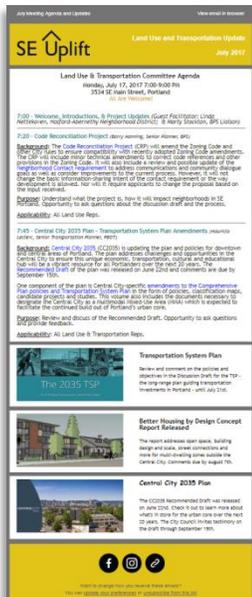
1. Strengthen community capacity by developing NAs and the leadership potential of individuals to initiate, coordinate and implement effective advocacy efforts
2. Increase the number and diversity of people involved in neighborhood and community livability issues to ensure NAs are reflective of the community
3. Foster networking and collaboration between NAs, BDAs, DCL participating organizations, historically under-engaged communities and other community groups
4. Encourage and facilitate communication among community members, NAs, and public and private agencies and groups

Strengthen Community Capacity

SE Uplift Land Use and Transportation Committee

7/17/17, 9/18/17, 26 average attendees/meeting and 3 new Neighborhood Association Representative Orientations

SE Uplift's monthly Land Use and Transportation Committee meeting continued to host knowledgeable speakers with relevant and timely topics in order to equip Neighborhood Association Representative with necessary information to coordinate and implement effective advocacy efforts with their neighbors. The Neighborhood Planning Program Manager coordinated with a variety of presenters from Bureau staff to local non-profit staff to present on land use and transportation projects and issues important to Southeast residents. Topics this quarter included the Code Reconciliation Project, transportation system amendments for the Central City Plan, the Map Refinement Project, the 82nd Ave Improvement Project, the Pedestrian Master Plan, and modifications to the Harrison-Lincoln Greenway.



Additionally, elections over the past months resulted in a number of new volunteers who have stepped in to the Land Use and Transportation Representative role. The Neighborhood Planning Program Manager has begun to develop their leadership abilities through a new representative orientation, sharing relevant training opportunities, and ongoing support.

20's Bikeway Tour

9/30/17, 5 participants

Terry Dublinski-Milton, SE Uplift co-chair, led a community bike ride to explore the finished product of a new bike route running roughly along NE and SE 28th Avenue. SE Uplift and our neighborhoods had been part of planning this bike route, and the ride was an educational opportunity to look at the final results and observe several successes and places needing improvements for safety. This particular bikeway had the purpose of recruiting new riders, and there was discussion and analysis of whether or not it will meet this goal. It was a drizzly day with more rain predicted, but 5 riders showed up and stayed dry due to a nice pause in the rain.



Breakers, Construct Foundation Design Challenge Camp

7/11/17, 20 student participants (12yrs. -17yrs.)

Breaker Design Challenge focused on “Increasing Social Connections Within Communities” as a way to improve mental and emotional well-being for individuals. This is a weeklong camp for youth that visited SE Uplift as part of its curriculum, and the second year that SE Uplift has been a partner. SE Uplift was honored to guide and critique middle school and high school student projects on the topic of urban development focusing on how to support affordable, environmentally-friendly neighborhoods and connecting community in Portland while honoring the values of long-term communities and cultures.



A Finished Heart Performance

9/26/17, 60 participants

60 community members gathered at the Clinton Street Theater on September 26th to watch a performance of SE Uplift's grant project - A Finished Heart, a one-man show of real conversations between a dying man and his husband. Crucial in our current political climate, this SE Uplift grant project celebrated our common humanity, the normalcy of LGBTQ marriage, and deciding how we want to die. Following the performance community members participated in a discussion with a panel of experts in the fields of end-of-life care, choice in dying, and same-gender marriage.



Electric Bus Advocacy

In August the SE Uplift board of directors composed a letter to TriMet requesting that the idea of electric, battery-powered buses be revisited in the plans for the Division Transit Project. The letter was favorably received, and there were official responses from Neil McFarlane, General Manager of TriMet, County Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson, and County Commissioner Sharon Meieran. There was a follow-up meeting with Brenda Martin from TriMet, SE Uplift Co-chairs Terry Dublinski-Milton and Reuben Deumling, and Division Transit Project representative from SE Uplift John Carr.

Fiscally Sponsored Projects Obtain their Own 501(c)3 Status

SE Uplift's fiscal sponsorship program extends our 501(c)3 status to neighborhood projects that align with our mission of creating communities that are livable, socially diverse, safe and vital. By providing fiscal sponsorship, SE Uplift supports these organizations in gaining footing, building their capacity, and focusing on their work. This quarter two of our fiscal sponsorship projects – Montavilla Jazz Festival and SE Portland Tool Library – flourished and grew to the point where they were ready to become their own 501(c)3 organizations. The Montavilla Jazz Festival has been fiscally sponsored by SE Uplift since 2014 and is a two-day festival that showcases the very best in original Portland jazz; ticket sales fund a variety of music education grants, which are open to the four public schools that serve Montavilla families. The SE Portland Tool Library has been fiscally sponsored by SE Uplift since 2010 and is a volunteer-run space where residents who live within the SE Uplift Boundaries can borrow tools for free. These organizations were able to grow and gain a solid foundation through SE Uplift's fiscal sponsorship program.

Increase the Number and Diversity of People Involved

National Night Out Parties/Picnics/Ice Cream Socials/Potlucks

August 2017

9 out of the 20 neighborhood associations in our coalition officially hosted Neighborhood Night Out events (and several others held events outside of the official window) this summer ranging in size, scope, and activity. See below for highlights.

- Foster Powell Neighborhood Association National Night Out Event included live music, community information and business tables, face painting, and a kids craft table.



- Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League hosted its 38th annual Sundae in the Park event which raises funds for Meals on Wheels. The event included inexpensive ice cream sundaes and hot dogs, informational displays, community groups booths, five bands, a clown, a reptile display, a bounce house, and a climbing wall.



SE Uplift staff supported these efforts by helping to spread the word, connecting organizers, and providing insurance and outreach templates. These events not only provide an opportunity for neighbors to get together, but also for neighborhood associations to showcase other work they are doing in the community and get others involved in emergency preparedness, sustainability, and land use efforts

South Tabor Harvest Festival

9/10/17, 150 participants

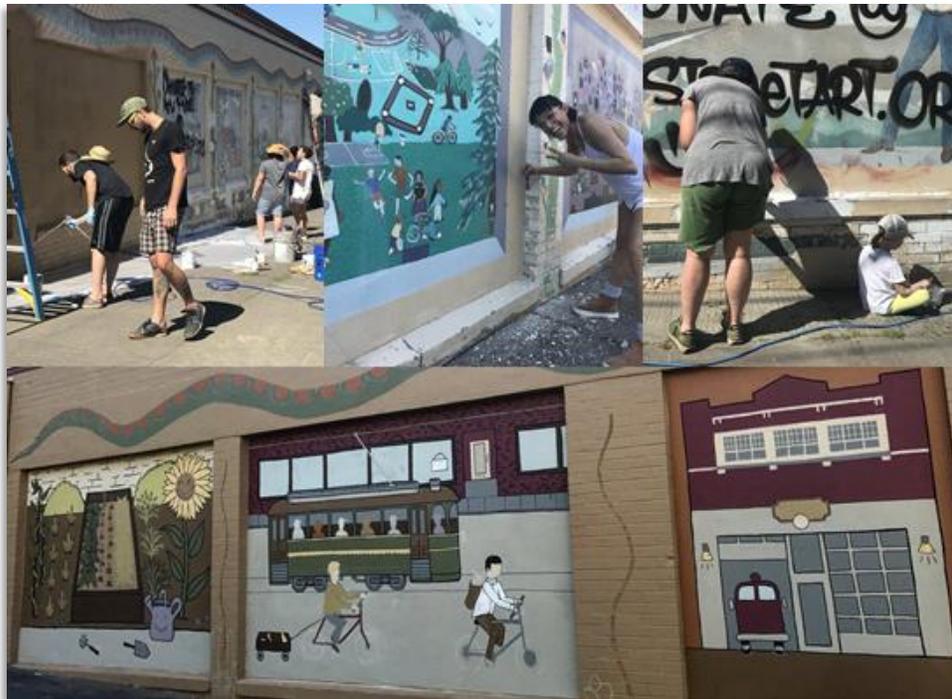
The South Tabor Neighborhood Association hosted its 8th annual family-friendly Harvest Fest and brought in more folks this year by inviting and partnering with surrounding neighborhood Foster-Powell for this event and summer tabling. The Harvest Fest included a vegetable, plant and seed swap and a tool trade. Community participants enjoyed fresh pressed apple cider and crafts while browsing local craft vendors and jamming out to live music. SE Uplift supported the event by providing insurance and designing the outreach materials.



Keep on the Sunnyside Mural Painting

8/26/17, 9/2/17, 9/24/17; 20 participants

With the support of a Neighborhood Small Grant from SE Uplift, Portland Street Art Alliance is in the process of completing a new mural at SE 30th and Belmont that honors the rich history of the Sunnyside Neighborhood and Belmont District. Local artist Mado Hues was commissioned as the lead artist and three community work days were held in August and September where the public was invited to help with prepping and painting the mural. Community members have also provided historical information for the project by submitting stories, pictures, and artifacts.



Jade Night Market Tabling

8/19/17 & 8/26/17, interacted with 400 participants, 40 newsletter signups

The Jade Night Market is a project to help rally and unite the business and residential community together in SE Portland. The mission of the Jade District is rooted in building power in the community and fighting displacement pressures on neighbors that live in the area around Southeast 82nd Avenue and Division Street. SE Uplift was thrilled to table at the night market and to celebrate the culture and diversity that make the Jade District a unique place in Portland. At the event, SE Uplift involved community members with discussions about community engagement and volunteerism. Through short surveys, SE Uplift collected data on the types of

barriers to volunteering that our neighbors face. Se Uplift will use this data to guide our work in supporting renters in Portland.



Montavilla Jazz Festival

8/20/16 & 8/21/16, 650 attendees and 70 volunteers

The fourth annual Montavilla Jazz Festival was a smashing success. Attendees enjoyed two days of performances by the best of Portland's creative jazz community, held within the comfortable theater space at Portland Metro Arts. The all-volunteer-run festival once again showed what's possible when neighbors come together with purpose to put on a neighborhood event that supports art and enriches the community by raising money for the neighborhood schools' music programs. SE Uplift provided fiscal sponsorship services and provided outreach through our newsletter and social media.



Foster Networking and Collaboration

Vibe of Portland Grand Opening

9/23/17, 100 participants

Vibe of Portland is the community partner organization that was chosen last spring as the tenant at the Tabor Commons community space now owned by SE Uplift. Since then, Vibe moved into this space (a building and lot on SE Division across from Franklin and Atkinson schools), held summer camps, and held a grand opening celebration. SE Uplift is heavily invested in the

success and mission of Vibe as a primary community partner. Over 100 community members enjoyed the grand opening celebration through doing art projects, eating birthday cake and accessing great local food from food carts brought into the lot. With the new studio location, Vibe has the ability to expand their reach and serve more of our community's youth. Vibe's mission is empowering Portland's underserved youth through art & music; inspiring the next generation of creative leaders; celebrating artistic integrity; engaging local artists as instructors; overcoming obstacles through the arts.



Eastmoreland Neighborhood Cleanup

7/17/17 16 volunteers & 123 households served

For the 19th year the Eastmoreland neighborhood association hosted a neighborhood cleanup. This year by including the Duniway elementary PTA they increased the number of volunteers supporting the event from 7 to 16 and increased neighbor participation and donations. SE Uplift supported the Eastmoreland Cleanup with planning, encouraging their partnership with Duniway PTA and helping coordinators with using the new BPS toolkit.

Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood Cleanup

9/23/17, 6 volunteers & 75 households served

Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood Cleanup hosted a successful cleanup this year after taking a few years off due to new dumping rules and regulations. We were pleased to support and assist HAND by offering one on one planning meetings and new toolkits created by BPS to aide in the keeping Hosford-Abernethy waste-free.

Disability Culture and Justice Leadership Institute

4 Saturdays in September, 25 participants

SEUL hosted the Disability Culture and Justice Leadership Institute in a new partnership. The intent of the Institute was to build power in disability communities by bringing together disability leaders. The following identities were prioritized to make up the cohort of leaders: 50% BIPOC, 50% Queer and 100% Disabled. Leaders participated in interactive training sessions featuring: disability culture and art; race, racism; intersectionality; using relational access and engagement of our bodies for liberation; capitalism; policy change; internalized oppression and truth-telling. The vision is to build a statewide Disability Justice Coalition to address institutional ableism and demand change.



Community Space Rental

SE Uplift provided community meeting space for 16 nonprofits, public agencies, and community groups between July and September. These groups included Alcoholics Anonymous, Portland Underground Graduate School, Oregon Prison Project, Disability Art and Culture Project, Jewish Voices for Peace, and Showing Up for Racial Justice. By providing extremely affordable meeting space, SE Uplift is able support organizations working together and collaborating with the public and other groups.

Promoting Opportunities to Connect

SE Uplift continues to prioritize using our communication channels to support and promote the efforts of partner organizations working with historically underrepresented communities. Between July and September 2017, approximately 30% of SE Uplift's Facebook posts and 60% of our newsletter event listings featured the work of these organizations.

Encourage and Facilitate Communication

Google Group for SE Uplift's Land Use and Transportation Committee

43 google group members

While the Land Use Transportation Committee (LUTC) continues to provide a monthly meeting forum for neighbors and representatives, other communication tools have been implemented to encourage and facilitate communication between Neighborhood Association Representatives, community organizations, and neighbors on land use and transportation issues. One new tool includes a new SE Uplift LUTC google group for neighborhood land use and transportation leaders to connect between meetings. The tool had previously gone unused for months, until some evaluation and weaknesses were identified and corrected. After some tweaks and a brief training, the google group, which has 43 active subscribers, has proven to be an effective communication tool for participants and has allowed them to share important detailed information with the communities they represent.

Movies in the Park

July - September, 2017

Summer of 2017 marks the first year of a second decade of Neighborhood Associations working with the City of Portland Parks and Recreation Department to host movies in their parks. Starting at dusk, you can see residents interacting with family and neighbors as they make their way to their favorite local park to enjoy a movie under the night sky. Movies in the park are a fun way for Neighborhood Associations to share their mission and welcome new members into the fold. Additionally, Movies in the Park events provide an opportunity for Neighborhood Associations to work with a variety of local businesses, bureaus, and other community partners in their community, which creates and nurtures long-term relationships for future needs. This year, Creston-Kenilworth, Foster-Powell, Brentwood-Darlington, Kerns, Montavilla, Mt. Tabor, and Sellwood-Moreland Neighborhood Associations supported and/or financially contributed to

hosting a movie in their park. SE Uplift supports our neighborhoods through our Neighborhood Association Program to coordinate and host large events, create communication materials, and engage effectively with neighbors.



Portland United Against Hate

50 organizations & community groups signed on

Portland United Against Hate is a community initiated partnership of community based organizations, neighborhood associations, concerned communities and the City of Portland, working with the Office of Neighborhood Involvement to build a rapid response system that combines reporting and tracking of hateful acts and providing support and community-building across the coalition. SE Uplift has been involved with PUAH since its inception, and allocates staff time for PUAH meetings and related activities. To date, Portland United Against Hate (PUAH) has hosted a candlelight vigil in Kerns (a SE Uplift Coalition area neighborhood) marched in solidarity with Northeast Coalition of Neighborhood's Good In The Hood parade and secured funding for both a full-time staff hire and funds for grant making opportunities for groups fighting hate. Most recently, SE Uplift worked with PUAH to host a community training on combating hate crimes with the National Civil Rights Lawyers Guild and attended a vigil condemning hate graffiti at Menlo Park Elementary school where SE Uplift staff was featured on local news stations with other community leaders of color speaking out.

<http://koin.com/2017/10/03/david-douglas-investigating-4-vandalism-incidents/>

