

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

COALITION NAME:

SE Uplift

Year:

2017-2018

Quarter (circle one): 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:

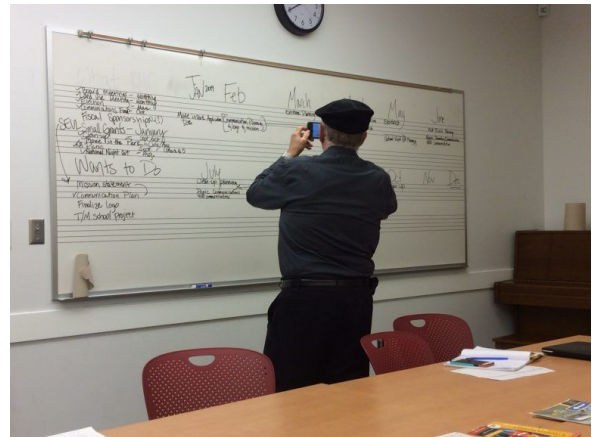
- [1] Strengthen community capacity by developing NAs and the leadership potential of individuals to initiate, coordinate and implement effective advocacy efforts
- [2] Increase the number and diversity of people involved in neighborhood and community livability issues to ensure NAs are reflective of 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

Reed Neighborhood Association - Board Orientation and Strategic Planning Session

1/9/2018 and 2/13/2018; 8 board members in attendance

SE Uplift has provided extra support to the Reed Neighborhood Association this quarter. This Board experienced a complete change in board volunteers last June, and since has been focused on understanding the rules, increasing participation, and organizing meaningful events and meetings for their community. SE Uplift Liaison Leah Fisher conducted a two-part orientation and strategic planning session with the board at their January and February meetings along with extra support between meetings to improve communications, comply with state laws, and prepare for upcoming elections. The Reed board has been highly receptive and motivated to achieve the mission of their organization and increase neighbor involvement in their work.



SE Uplift Land Use and Transportation Committee

Monthly, 29 average attendees

SE Uplift's monthly Land Use and Transportation Committee meetings continued to host knowledgeable speakers with relevant and timely information and resources about land use and transportation projects and plans happening across the city. Typically topics focus on issues relevant to Neighborhood Association representatives or other local community advocates. This quarter the Neighborhood Planning Program Manager took a slightly different approach with

one meeting, intentionally gearing it to a broader audience with more widespread promotion of a topic that she has heard is important to community members. Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) attended and shared information about the new Portland in the Streets programs which attracted a number of new and first-time attendees to the regular LUTC meeting. Additionally this quarter the Program Manager developed and administered a survey to check in on how the forum was serving representatives and participants, what could be improved, and to get buy-in from participants to potentially change up the meeting to better serve underrepresented groups.

Educational Land Use/Transportation/Policy Articles/ Congestion Pricing Article

2/1/18; 221 unique pageviews

In Quarter three, SE Uplift published a Congestion Pricing Article in an effort to educate the community and build their understanding of a number of significant policy changes that may be coming to the metro area to reduce congestion. The purpose of the article was to first address the difference between what the city and the state are doing and how that jurisdiction and authority would impact the outcome. Secondly, the article tried to clarify for readers the differences between congestion/ value pricing and tolling. The timing of the article was excellent, since it was published in the SE Uplift newsletter just before a number of ODOT outreach meetings occurred in the community. The article was also republished by the SE Examiner (with edits by their publisher).

Increase the Number and Diversity of People Involved

Spring Cleanup Kick-Off

February 2018, 12 attendees representing 9 Neighborhood Cleanup events & 2 Neighborhood Litter Pickup events

SE Uplift hosted the 2018-19 Spring Cleanup Coordinators Kick-off to support 12 neighborhood volunteers in planning community clean up events in their area. The focus of the kick-off was to introduce new rules and regulations for the program, support longstanding coordinators, welcome new event coordinators, and provide support for these community projects. The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) was present to help answer questions about process and regulations. SE Uplift partnered with Bikes for Humanity to host the event, and Bikes for Humanities will take a role in the community clean-up events to salvage bicycles and bike parts.

Fiscal Sponsorship Projects

Ongoing; 50 volunteers

SE Uplift extends its 501c3 status to 46 community projects who are able to fundraise and apply for grants due to the fiscal sponsorship program. This quarter, two new projects were added, Richmond Tag Busters and Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Association Hazeltine Park project. All applications are voted on by the SE Uplift Executive Committee or Board. Fiscal sponsorees raised over \$400 for their projects and Friends of Woodstock Community Center was able to complete maintenance for their Community Center using their funds.

Foster Networking and Collaboration

SE Asia Festival Panelist

March 8-11th; 200 attendees

SE Uplift staff member Muz Afzal was invited as a speaker on a panel of community leaders of Asian heritage at Portland's first SE Asian American Festival. Muz spoke about how his Southeast Asian heritage has helped him in his work as a community organizer and social justice advocate. SE Uplift also helped with outreach and publicity for this inaugural event.



SE Uplift Dessert Open House

Jan 13; 25 attendees

SE Uplift invited neighbors and community members to our office for a night of networking and delicious desserts. Attendees had the opportunity to meet staff and learn more about the services that SE Uplift offers to the community. Staff had the opportunity to share their successes with the community members. This event was part of the organization's annual plan of extensive outreach, and our most local neighbors were targeted-- many folks in nearby blocks had never been inside our building before. Several community members were linked with staff who will help them coordinate neighborhood projects.

Coalition District Land Use Program Collaboration

January 31, February 15, March 16; 4 - 6 District Coalition land use program staff participating

Coalition District Land Use staff have been meeting, at least quarterly, to collaborate on land use program activities and services. The group identified common challenges and opportunities with Bureaus, generated learning opportunities related to topics of interest and skill development needs city-wide and more. The intent of this cross-coalition collaboration is to increase program efficiency, reduce overlap and create more opportunities for all community members regardless of geographic location. This quarter, the group met once to collaborate and share ideas, and delivered two city-wide learning opportunities (ABCs of Land Use Training and Oregon Humanities' Race and Place Conversation Project). Additionally, a Bureau of Development Services Neighborhood Notification meeting was organized and attended by Coalition District land use staff and Bureau of Development Services staff to address current challenges and future changes to city notifications and process.

Neighborhood Small Grants Review Committee and Awards

SE Uplift's grant committee was made up of 6 volunteers this year from a diverse range of backgrounds. In early January committee members attended a one and a half hour orientation meeting where they were provided with a grant binder of grant guidelines and this year's small grants program applications. During the months of January and February, committee members reviewed and scored each application to assess how well applicants had addressed the grant guidelines and SE Uplift's criteria for use of funds. The selection committee met on March 3, 2018 to review and discuss the projects, using average scores to guide the conversation. With the total amount of requested funds at \$44,608.63 over the amount of grant funds available, the committee also reviewed project budgets to determine whether line items were reasonable and projects could be completed with reduced funding.

Community Space Rental

SE Uplift provided community meeting space for 24 nonprofits, public agencies, and community groups between January and March. These groups included the Disability Art and Culture Project, Jewish Voices for Peace, Outcome Alternatives, Rose City Rollers, People's Food Coop, Raphael House, NW Environmental Defense Center, Voz Workers' Rights Education Project, and more. By providing extremely affordable meeting space, SE Uplift is able to support organizations working together and collaborating with the public and other groups.

Encourage and Facilitate Communication

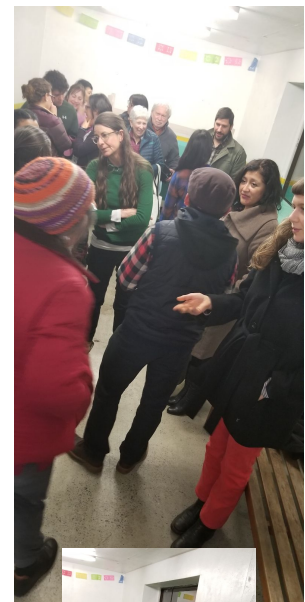
Oregon Humanities Conversation Project Events

Jan 17, Feb 26, Mar 8, Mar 10; 140 participants



SE Uplift partnered with the Oregon Humanities Conversation Project to host four community conversations this quarter. Due to high interest, SE Uplift hosted "How to Build Inclusive Communities" conversation twice; participants discussed how our environment, culture, policies and personal bias support building inclusive communities or practices. The other two conversations were "The Space Between Us: Immigrants and Refugees" where participants spoke of times they have felt displaced and in "Democracy From the Inside Out" the participants shared their views on how our democratic system is flawed and what can be done to overcome political differences in communities. Three conversations were held at local community sites with community partners Bike For Humanities and Portland

Mercado. One session of "How to Build Inclusive Communities" was sign-language interpreted, and "The Space Between Us" was Spanish language interpreted.



Foster-Powell Neighborhood Association Community Meeting Regarding New Shelter

1/8/18; 140 people

When plans for a new shelter to temporarily house individuals who are homeless/houseless were announced in mid December 2017, there was a community uproar regarding the



process and the lack of community involvement in decision-making and planning for the shelter. The neighborhood in which the proposed shelter is located, Foster-Powell, wished to respond quickly to hear community concerns and determine how the local community, city, and service providers could work together constructively moving forward. With a very short time for planning, Foster-Powell Neighborhood Association collaborated with SE Uplift to plan a community conversation designed for neighbors to communicate with each other.

Because the atmosphere during the initial announcement of the new shelter had been charged, SE Uplift attempted to arrange for a professional facilitator from Resolutions NW, but since none was available due to the short timeline, SEUL director Molly Mayo filled this role. Using clear ground rules,

emphasizing community building, and

using a combination of small group activities and large group discussion, community members were able to express their views and hear from others without engaging in negative or unconstructive group dynamics. Neighborhood fears and concerns, and visioning what a safe and effective shelter would look like were two areas covered in the meeting.

