

**Southeast Uplift Board Meeting Minutes - 2020 February 3rd @ SE Uplift Office -  
3534 SE Main St, 97214 (Fireside Conference Room)**



**List of Board of Directors in Attendance:**

Brentwood-Darlington - Pam Hodge  
Eastmoreland - Chris Solsby  
Educate Ya - Estefania Zavala  
Hacienda CDC - Ambar Solarte (Treasurer)  
Kerns - Dave Weaver  
Laurelhurst - Constance Beaumont  
Montavilla - Lindsey Johnson  
Mt. Scott-Arleta - Matchu Williams (Vice Chair)  
Mt. Tabor - Sam Noble  
North Tabor - Stephanie Kaza  
PCC SE Division - Amy Bader  
Portland Bus Lane Project - Jessie Maran  
Richmond - Allen Field  
South Tabor - Tina Kimmey (Chair)  
Sunnyside - Reuben Deumling (Past Chair)  
Woodstock - Anna Weichsel

**SE Uplift Staff in Attendance:**

Leroy Eadie (Executive Director)  
Mireaya Medina  
Muz Afzal

**Guests:**

Doug Klotz (Inner SE Action)  
Midge Pierce (SE Examiner)  
Susan  
Zach Kearn (Staff to Mayor Wheeler)

**6:30**

**Networking & Social Time**

Come visit with our new ED and your fellow board members and enjoy tea and snacks.

7:00

**Introductions and Announcements**

- Jan. 31 - Feb. 29 [Cascade Festival of African Films](#) @ PCC Cascade Campus & Hollywood Theatre
- Feb. 3 [Montavilla Emergency Warming Shelter](#) is open with volunteer opportunities
- Feb. 5 [US 2020 Census](#) hiring session & job fair on Wednesday @ SEUL Offices
- Feb. 6 5:30-8:30PM Portland United Against Hate "[Interrupting Hate in Public Spaces](#)" workshop @ Brentwood-Darlington Community Center
- Feb. 9 [Drag Queen Brunch](#) @ Bit House Saloon \$25 with proceeds to [Educate Ya](#)
- Feb. 10 7PM Portland Public Schools & SEUL Working on Boundary Districts @ Grout School
- Feb. 13 2 PM City Council Hearing (Time Certain) for [Rose Lane Project](#) hearing
- Feb. 15 6-8PM Portland Mercado is hosting salsa dance lessons
- Feb. 13 3-6PM "Fall In Love With SE Uplift" A Dessert Meet & Greet" with ED Leroy Eadie & Staff @ SEUL Office
- Feb. 29 9AM-12PM South Tabor NA Pancake Breakfast @ Trinity Fellowship
- Mar. 5 & Mar. 31 7-8:30PM Council Candidate Discussions hosted by Brentwood-Darlington, Woodstock, & Mt. Scott-Arleta @ Brentwood-Darlington Community Center
- Woodstock NA concluded a styrofoam cleanup and did neighborhood pickups
- Division Street Parking Permit Open House last week hosted by Richmond NA to look at Division parking permit district to be put before vote
- Tighter deadlines are in effect at SE Examiner (which covers SE Portland north of Powell to I-84); request for events to be shared and early

**Approval of minutes for January and tonight's agenda.**

**Discussion:** Correct incorrect name in minutes and add Allen's request for carbon copy of testimony be provided to SEUL Google Group in addition to current procedure of posting on SEUL website.

**Matchu Williams motions to approve the January minutes as amended, Reuben Deumling seconds.**

**In Favor: 8**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained:** Amy Bader, Stephenie Kaza, Pam Hodge, Sam Noble, Chris Solsby

**Motion passes.**

7:15

## Community Agreement, Mission Statement (Reuben)

7:20

### Report from Mayor's February 1 Homelessness Community

#### Conversation (Zach)

- Community Conversation held on February 1, 2020 at Portland Community College SE Division Campus was well attended
- Facilitated discussion on what the city, county, and state are doing on homelessness
- First of four events to happen throughout the city
  - Southeast Portland – Saturday, Feb. 1, 9:00am - 12:00pm at PCC Southeast Community Hall ([map](#))
  - Central Northeast Portland –Thursday, Feb. 13, 6:30pm - 8:30pm at Beaumont Middle School Cafeteria ([map](#))
  - North Portland – Tuesday, Mar. 3, 6:30pm – 8:30pm at U. of Portland Bauccio Commons ([map](#))
  - Southwest Portland – Saturday, Mar. 7, 9:00am - 12:00pm at Multnomah Arts Center Gymnasium ([map](#))
- Purpose tonight is to solicit feedback to share with commissioners and improve future events
- Social media engagement was extensive. Suggestions provided to communicate directly with neighborhood associations, local papers, and provide fliers to libraries and community centers.
- Video of presentation and PowerPoint slides will be on Mayor Wheeler's website with list of resources including Portland Oregon Homeless Tool Kit.
- Mayor Wheeler presented recently at a conference in D.C. on homelessness
  - Over 7,000 people have been successfully transitioned from living on the streets with an emphasis on placing veterans and women with access to services including but limited to Oregon Health Plan, shelter, supported housing, state licensing, camp cleanups, supportive housing, and more
  - Portland Housing Bureau presented on affordable housing efforts
  - Proposed ballot initiative from the Here Together Coalition for providing housing funds regionwide
  - Question of whether Wapato Jail is being considered a homeless facility. Response that the size of the facility is not conducive to providing shelter and the staffing required is cost prohibitive.
  - Call 211 for information on resources or visit [211.org](http://211.org)
  - Preventative programs do exist within the county for continuing to house low income populations at risk of becoming homeless
  - Discussion of vacancy tax and whether Portland is considering a measure similar to that enacted in Vancouver BC

- Hacienda CDC and other groups work with low income community members to prevent homelessness with 141 units being planned through supportive services
  - [Neighborhood Partnerships](#) coordinates efforts around homelessness (Feb 20 lobby day in Salem)
  - Personal Items confiscated during cleanups are now held at a facility next to the Orange MAX line near OMSI with open hours as well as delivery options for individuals who are mobility diverse
  - Discussion of cities allowing people to camp in cars in designated parking lots with access to restrooms, water, and utilities
  - Suggestion to create opportunities for people without housing to directly provide input with future conversations with cultural specific outreach that reflects the demographics of people experiencing homelessness
  - There has been an increase in people experiencing chronic homelessness despite inroads on transitioning people into housing and investments into affordable housing
  - [Innovative Housing](#) is a nonprofit group to create affordable housing through existing buildings that are in need renovation such as the Mann House in Laurelhurst as one example

## 8:00

### Houselessness Action Committee (Reuben)

- Committee meets Sunday every 2-3 weeks
- Started around the idea of opening SEUL Offices an emergency warming shelter and is working on communication difficulties and frustrations around homelessness
- [Mobile Trailer Program](#) from the City of Portland is available with options for showers, garbage disposal, lockers, phone chargers, sharps disposal, etc. to provide low-barrier access to services
- Community Listening Session planned for Sunnyside Neighborhood in early May at SEUL Offices to communicate, build trust, and develop understanding
- Mission to open SEUL as an emergency shelter
- Next meeting is February 16th @ SEUL
- Reach out to [Montavilla Emergency Warming Shelter](#) for information sharing
- Discussion of resource guide for different organizations working on related topics
  - E.G. Streets Roots Resource Guide

## 8:10

### Staff and Programming Update (Leroy)

- Six month report from SEUL Staff is in to Civic Life
- Active committee process in place at SEUL
- [Small Grants](#), [PUAH](#), Fiscal Sponsorship
- [Portland Small Grants Program](#) applications deadline is Thursday, February 6th with Committee formed to evaluate applications

- Fiscal Sponsorship program is still open to community organizations with two new groups accepted
- ReportHatePDX
- [Community Collection Events](#) is different this year similar to a grant process with fewer bins provided with cheaper bins available.
- [Portland United Against Hate](#) (PUAH) visuals have been updated and ReportHatePDX
- Multicultural Marketplace is tentatively scheduled for Aug. 15th @ SEUL
- [Communications Grant](#) applications are due February 28th

**8:25**

**Financial Committee Report (Ambar)**

- Last meeting was Wednesday, January 23rd
- Books are continued to be cleaned with the help of our accountant Kryz
- Budget is looking good
- Suggestion to budget for reoccurring expenses such as website maintenance & updates every three years
- Landscaping came over the budget amount for last year but remains a small part of the overall budget
- Balance for January will be available at the next meeting with an Income Statement planned for every quarter going forward

**8:35**

**Portland United Against Hate (PUAH) Update (Mireaya & Muz)**

- [Portland United Against Hate](#) is a coalition of more than 80 community organizations, neighborhood groups, agencies, and local governments working together for a safe, healthy, and loving community. Together, we built a rapid response system that combines reporting and tracking of hateful acts and we provide support and protection our communities need in this uncertain area.
- Started in 2017 during a period with an increase in misogynistic and racist symbols and messages throughout Portland. Kickoff on Valentine's Day, 2017 at Davinci Middle School with the support of Mayor Wheeler, Commissioner Eudaly, and Commissioner Fritz.
- Steering committee meets quarterly to organize and work on the tracking tool
  - [REPORTHATEPDX.ORG](#)
  - Attorney General and other state agencies use the tool to help track hate acts
  - Meetings are open to everyone
  - [POIC & RAHS](#) were recipients of a grant from SEUL and are part of PUAH
    - [Video shared from RAHS]
    - Report when hateful acts happen
    - Contact 24/7 Hate Crime Hot Line at 971-352-6822
    - If acts are not reported it is unknown and can be denied as ever happening
    - Always dial 911 if an active emergency situation is occurring

- PUAH has held 195 trainings for 5,085 people in 2017-2019 with outreach in over 11 languages
- Over 250 reports on hate incidents
- Request for more meetings on how to interrupt hate and share resources
- Many neighborhood associations and community groups have signed up in endorsement of PUAH
- PUAH provides action cards, organizational policy recommendations and review, and workshops
- SE Uplift offers staff support, outreach & communications, event-related support, graphic design, member recruitment, and fiscal sponsorship
- Get Involved:
  - Join the coalition! Member or Endorsment
  - Attend Civic Dialogue Workshops ([www.seuplift.org/puahcd](http://www.seuplift.org/puahcd))
  - Donate to PUAH - link on SEUL website
  - Reporthatepdx.org - use the tool, share it on social media and NL's, tell your neighbors
  - More info: [portlandunitedagainsthate.org](http://portlandunitedagainsthate.org)

**\* Question of where bias ideas originate and emerge and if the reporting tool can be used to capture bias incidents as well as hate acts. Answer is yes, it can.**

**8:50**

#### **Board Updates**

- **SEUL Board Development Committee is looking to recruit At Large Community and/or Business Members**
- **[Politisit.org](http://Politisit.org) can be used to refund childcare expenses for people attending civic engagement events**
- **Last month the Board approved the SEUL LUTC recommendation to support the [Rose Lane Project](#) with its stated goals of advancing the city's [transportation mode share goals](#) and [climate goals](#). Question presented where the transportation mode share goals are not advanced due to spatial conflict and constraints. Answer is that the board does not have time to consider the issue without advance notice.**

**9:00**

**Adjourn (Tina)**

**Next Board Meeting: Monday, March 2nd, 2020, 7-9PM.**

**Inclement Weather Information: SE Uplift follows Portland Public Schools closure information. If PPS are closed, SEUL is closed. To receive alerts text “YES” to 68453 or visit <https://www.pps.net/Page/124>**

**Minutes by Matchu Williams, Interim Secretary & Vice Chair**