

Southeast Uplift Board Meeting Minutes - Monday, March 2nd, 2020 @ SE Uplift Office - 3534 SE Main St, 97214 (Fireside Conference Room)



List of Board of Directors in Attendance:

Matchu Williams, Mt. Scott-Arletta
Tina Kimmey, South Tabor
Miguel Rodriguez, Director at Large
Estefania Zavala, Community Organization Rep.
Pam Hodge, Brentwood-Darlington
Sam Nobel, Mt. Tabor
Lotus Romey-Yu, Foster Powell
Dave Weaver, Kerns
Constance Beaumont, Laurelhurst
Anna Weichsel, Woodstock
Reuben Deumling, Sunnyside
Allen Field, Richmond
Stephanie Kaza, North Tabor
Lauren Schaefer, Director At-Large
~~Lindsey Johnson, Montavilla~~
~~Daniel Amoni, Hosford-Abernathy~~

SE Uplift Staff in Attendance:

Leroy Eadie, Executive Director

Guests:

Brian Ettling
Doug Klotz
Amanda Watson
Michelle Crim
Midge (Southeast Examiner)

6:30

Networking & Social Time

7:00

Change Agenda (Tina)

- due to cancellation and slight time adjustment

Reuben motions to change the agenda as amended & Sam seconds.

In Favor: 20
Opposed: 1
Abstained: Lauren
Motion passes.

7:05

Greeting and Announcements

- **(Miguel)** Event; Culture SE; Portland through Latinx lense at PCC SE, Mt. Tabor hall. Dreams Defered, Stories of undocumented experience. April 11th Dreams Deferred live at PSU at the Lincoln hall. Upcoming OMSI event; Bodyworlds.
- **(Estefania)** Looking for participants for Avanza 2020, open to ages 18-35, anyone who identifies at Latinix, Free. Intercambio family training, March 14th. Language exchange program.
- **(Dave)** Manhouse project; creating 88 units of affordable housing using environmentally sustainable building techniques. Done by the organization Innovation Housing.
- **(Allen, Richmond)** Hosting a house party for Mingus Mapps. 630-8 March 11th, Wed. Planning on movies in the park, Aug. 16th.
- **(Matchu)** Recently got a grant for a new community science center.

Approval of February Minutes (Matchu & Tina)

Stephanie motions to Approve the February Minutes as Amended, Reuben seconds.

In Favor: 10
Opposed:
Abstained: Lotus, Lauren, Miguel

Motion passes.

7:10

Land Acknowledgement (Tina & Matchu)

Plaque was bought last summer, wording is still being worked out as there is a character limit.

Sam motions to make a committee to work on the land acknowledgement plaque, Reuben seconds.

In Favor: 13 (Unanimous)
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0

7:30

Climate Emergency Declaration, Mayor's office (Amanda & Michelle)

[Portland Climate Energy Declaration Resolution.](#)

Working towards a more human centered design in solutions, really focused on Portland's front line communities.

Timeline: Earth day is when they plan to bring this to city council.

Taking comments and questions through March 16th.

8:00

Climate Reality Project, Ecological Wellbeing Presentation (Brian Ettling)

Snowpack is decreasing over the years, contributing to increases in fires.

Call your representatives often. Make sure to vote. Get involved with a group such as [Citizens Climate Lobby](#).

8:30

Approval Small Grants (Leroy)

Sam motions to accept the applications as is, Lauren seconds.

In Favor: 11

Opposed:

Abstained: Miguel R., Estefania Z.

Motion passes.

8:47

Houselessness Action Committee (Reuben)

Filter into neighborhoods for sponsorship for Mobile Outreach Trailers.

8:50

Remembering Kathy Coleman, DACP (Matchu)

Longest serving disabilities activist and arts director. Rest in power Kathy.

SEUL staff suggests renaming one of our buildings rooms after her.

Discussion of others that we could rename rooms after; larger discussion suggested.

Tabling the idea of renaming the room for next month's meeting.

8:54

Educate Ya (Estefania)

20 years running, Latino community-based non-profit organization.

- Intercambio Program: Volunteer based language exchange program. 2 hours per week for 6 months commitment.

- Avanza Program: Free program geared towards young adults who identify as Latinx. PDX through a Latinx Lense (Miguel) was born from this.

- Health Educators Program: Volunteer based presentations given by certified medical workers.

- Spanish Classes, placement tests are available.

- Translation services for documents and also events.

- Study abroad programs

9:05

Financial Committee Update (Leroy)

Questions about why Sankofa NW has such a large amount; This is because we are holding their account, operating as a bank to them. However, this is not part of our revenue.

Sam asks for a straw poll to see if there is board interest to charge fees to these groups in order to gain revenue.

Comments point to equity vs. equality when it comes to asking them to pay fees; looking at this case by case, not across the board.

Finance committee will look into this through an equity lens.

9:15

Adjourn

Next Board Meeting: Monday, April 6th, 2020

Lotus Romey-Yu, Board Secretary