

**Southeast Uplift Board Meeting Minutes - 2020 May 4th 7-9 PM @ [Zoom](#)**  
**[Conference Call](#)** Meeting ID 815-7832-1701



*Mission Statement: To collaborate with the SE Portland community to build informed, inclusive, and participatory neighborhoods that support our social and ecological well-being.*

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

Tina Kimmey, South Tabor (Chair)

Matchu Willams, Mt. Scott-Arleta (Vice Chair)

Ambar Solarte, Hacienda/Portland Mercado (Treasurer)

Sam Noble, Mt. Tabor

Jessie Maran, Portland Bus Lane Project

Lindsey Johnson, Montavilla

Cat Davila., At Large

Constance Beaumont, Laurelhurst

Allen Field, Richmond

Amy Bader, PCC SE

Miguel Rodriguez, At Large

Dave Weaver, Kerns

Anna Weichsel, Woodstock

Stephanie Kaza, North Tabor

Estefania Zavala, Educate Ya

Reuben Deumling, Sunnyside (Past-Chair)

Taizoon Doctor, At Large

Pam Hodge, Brentwood-Darlington

Lauren Schaefer, At Large

**SE Uplift Staff:**

Leroy Eadie, Executive Director

Muzafzl, Staff

**Welcome members and guests!**

**7:00**

**Introductions and Announcements**

Laurelhurst NA

- >150 volunteers for the [Neighbor 2 Neighbor initiative](#)
- Letter in support of the Mann House proposal is going forward; PBOT has rescinded asking for modification to allow street building

Richmond NA

- No April meeting, May Zoom meeting
- Elections postponed to July at present; will watch the Laurelhurst elections to see how other NAs are handling paper ballot votes
- Community Collections Events cancelled

Hacienda/Portland Mercado

- Closed to the public

- All businesses are doing take out and deliveries; all support is appreciated; [menus and gift cards are available online](#)

#### Brentwood-Darlington NA

- Community Alliance of Tenants hosting a [Renters Right Training](#) May 12th 3-5PM with Brentwood-Darlington NA

#### Portland Community College - Cascade

- Operations are online
- Preexisting inequities are brought to the forefront during COVID

#### Woodstock NA

- NA is acting as information hotline with bi-monthly neighborhood newsletter updates
- May elections postponed until June elections
- Continued renewal of support for the Woodstock Farmers Market with discussion of how to support regional food vendors
- Plant sale is continuing as it is an important source of revenue for Woodstock NA
- All Saints is giving out food boxes, meals, and help including for unhoused neighbors
- Maintaining a list of open businesses
- Next meeting is Wednesday with a guest speaker about the Portland Urban Coyote Project and what to do about when you encounter coyotes

#### Kerns NA

- Virtual meeting in April - successful & small including owner of City-State Restaurant
- No Business Association is active in Kerns neighborhood; discussion of whether the

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF TENANTS  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BRENTWOOD-DARLINGTON N.A.

**FREE  
RENTERS' RIGHTS  
WEBINAR\***

**MAY 12TH FROM 3-5PM**

LEARN ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS AS A RENTER UNDER:

- **COVID-19** EVICTION MORATORIA
- **PORTLAND FAIR LAWS** - CHANGES TO THE RULES FOR APPLICATIONS, SCREENINGS & SECURITY DEPOSITS

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**CAT**

Neighborhood Association can incorporate business interests together

- Postpone elections

#### Mt. Scott-Arleta NA

- Digital Town Hall with Rep. Keny-Guyer, Rep. Smith Warner and Sen. Dembrow for our virtual town hall on **Thursday, May 7th, 5-6:30pm**. RSVP via [Zoom](#).
- **May 21, 5:30pm** for our next digital town hall.
- Community Collections Event with Foster-Powell cancelled

#### Educate Ya

- Closed to the public
- [Online classes available](#)
- [Donations page set up](#)

#### Portland Bus Lane Project

- [MTIP](#) comments open
- Gladstone & 28th has an agave plant blooming!

#### Montavilla NA

- 11-22 Gallery is doing Zoom meetings to discuss what they're doing creatively; check Instagram

#### Miguel, PDX Through a Latinx Lense

- OMSI held Virtual Gala broadcast on KGW
- OMSI is shifting to online and will conduct outreach to see how to best serve the community
- EMA USA are working with [PDX Through a Latinx Lens](#); DACA and undocumented folx who have not received funds; [Oregon Workers Relief Fund](#) is helping but more help is needed

#### N Tabor NA

- No meetings
- Community Collections Event cancelled

**7:25**

**State Representative Rob Nosse (D-OR) Q&A**

- Over 2,500 confirmed cases of COVID-19 cases in the state
  - Among the lowest rates found throughout the United States
- Hospital capacity has been able to handle the number of patients and has sent ventilators to New York and elsewhere
- Over 360,000 claims processed for Oregon Unemployment; ~18% Unemployment Rate
  - ~100,000 claims still need processing
  - Highest number of unemployment claims in a generation
  - Despite a quadrupling of staff, antiquated computer systems delay processing
  - Hospitality and restaurant industries have been most impacted industries
  - Emergency Declaration is extended until July 6th
  - Healthcare was allowed to start non-essential surgeries, cancer, dental, doctor & provider offices beginning May 1; cosmetic services not allowed such as salons, etc.
  - A lot depends upon availability of PPE and testing kits
  - Question: Regarding healthcare services who may have donated PPE and are reopening, will they have access to PPE? How would a provider secure PPE?
  - Answer: It depends upon a complex calculation based in part based upon the population within a county. Check with your provider. State is working on connecting providers with equipment.
  - Question: How does this drop in working rates impact the state budget?

- Answer: Oregon is one of the best funded Unemployment Systems within the US. It is a separate fund from the General Fund with a reserve of \$5 billion. On May 20th, the state will receive its Revenue Forecast and have specifics available. Predictions are that it could be \$2-\$3 billion lower for the next two years. The state is being primarily guided by the Oregon Health Authority and health officials. Re-opening is based on how it can be done safely.
- OHSU is working with the state to monitor 100,000 Oregonians to study how the virus works and track its progress
- We need ~24,000 housing units coming online per year for some time to keep housing costs controlled. The best year recently was only 20,000 units. It would take \$5 billion (?) to cover that gap of housing vouchers and public financing.

## **8:00**

### NA elections - Muz

- Laurelhurst & Eastmoreland NAs are holding elections remotely via paper ballots
- Presentation on NA Elections During a Pandemic
  - Slate/Hand-Raise
  - Electronic

\* Review By-Laws to determine how elections may be conducted

\* Many allow voting by raising hands for example

\* 30 days advance notice are required including date, time, location, and description of topics to be covered

\* full agenda can come later

\* some by-laws require that eligible members need to attend X number of meetings, some do not

\* Remember About Outreach

\* get people interested and excited by highlighting successes, projects, and work from the past year

\* resist detailing processes and technicalities regarding the bylaws; those are available already

\* practice beforehand!

\* Communications Funds can be used for virtual meeting expenses

\* Email NA meeting minutes to your SE Uplift liaison

\* Zoom provides phone calls for meetings

\* SE Uplift has a Zoom account that the SE Uplift staff liaison can provide if it does not conflict with meeting

\* ideally two people should chair and facilitate the meeting

- \* before the election, each person should state where they live or work within the neighborhood and verify eligibility (or if they're present as a guest)
- \* record the meeting to send the recording to supplement minutes
- \* a ballot can be created online using Google Forms or Microsoft Word, ballots should remain secret (this is stated in most bylaws) so please send the information over to your staff liaison and they will create an online ballot
- \* some people may have trouble accessing internet and you do not want to get in trouble for excluding people so i recommend a physical ballot drop off site in the neighborhood
- \* elections can remain open for up to 24 hours so if online ballots open at 7pm they can remain open until 7pm the next day, only ballots submitted within that 24 hour period will be counted
- \* See Laurelhurst NA election for an example of a successful online ballot
- \* Remember SE Uplift staff liaison should construct the ballot to keep voting secret and accountable to public records request for 60 days; after that the ballots are disposed of

**8:10**

**Approval of minutes and agenda - Tina**

**Sam Noble motions to approve the March meeting minutes, Stephanie Kaza seconds.**

Approve: 11

Oppose: None

Abstention: Seven

**Motion passes.**

**8:15**

**Houselessness Action Committee - Matchu Williams**

## April updates from the Houselessness Action Committee at SE Uplift.

April 26, 2020. The Houselessness Action Committee has drafted a mission statement.

*The mission of the **Houselessness Action Committee** shall be to analyze and address homelessness including advocacy, support, and collaboration with people affected by homelessness and related organizations in SE Portland.*

## HereTogether

The Houselessness Action Committee **recommends that SE Uplift join HereTogether coalition as an endorsing organization for Measure 26-210** on the May ballot and vote “YES” to increase homeless services. Please join us in supporting the collective well being of our neighbors. Read about HereTogether at [weareheretogether.org](http://weareheretogether.org). Learn about 26-210 at [Multnomah County Elections](#).

## Donations

Many of us sheltering-in-place during the past weeks have security of place. The same cannot be said for people without stable housing. Instead different challenges have only increased disparities. For example, drinking fountains have been shut off to slow viral transmissions and people who rely upon public sources of water have had to navigate extended periods without safe access to water.

[Blanchet House](#) recently organized a donation of water bottles to distribute and help ease the time spent without access to drinking water. Groups are taking donations of new or gently used blankets, sleeping bags, and other items. For example, see the [Street Roots wish list](#) for items you may donate. Volunteers are always welcome.

## Create Masks from Home

[Transition Projects](#) (TPI), operator of nine shelters in Portland including the Willamette Center in SMILE and Laurelwood Center in Mt. Scott-Arleta, are **in need of 500 face masks**. This is a fun activity to do while staying inside and a good use of spare fabrics that we might have stored. Any contribution towards this goal is gladly accepted. Please [complete the form](#) on the Transition Projects website to get started. TPI also is in urgent need of pants, jackets, undergarments, shoes, gloves, and belts. Blankets, towels, and hygiene products are welcome.

<https://www.tprojects.org/news/2020/4/covid-19-support>



## Portland Street Medicine

Each month we want to highlight a group providing support to the wellbeing of our neighbors who have reported experiencing homelessness within the SE Uplift boundaries. This month is Portland Street Medicine.

<https://www.portlandstreetmedicine.org/>

Portland Street Medicine is “a Portland, Oregon-based coalition of volunteer medical providers, social workers, care managers, and lay people dedicated to reaching our most forgotten citizens.”

Portland Street Medicine provides primary care, behavioral and addiction services for people without access to stable shelter. Donations of bandages, pain relievers, cold relief, over-the-counter medicines, and other items are urgently needed. Please visit the site for a [full list](#). The group along with other community care groups has partnered with Multnomah County to distribute laminated COVID-19 info cards and raise awareness. See the attached images at the end of the update.

## Joint Volunteer Information Center

Multnomah County and the City of Portland have launched the [Joint Volunteer Information Center](#) to coordinate a regional response to COVID-19. **The greatest need is for volunteers to help in our shelters.** Interested in volunteering to help Multnomah County and the City of Portland respond to this outbreak? Complete the online volunteer interest form or call 503-406-3696 to express interest and someone will contact you as opportunities to volunteer are identified. The Joint response is seeking donations of:

- Home-made face covers or home-made cloth face coverings
- Toilet paper
- Facial tissue
- Thermometers
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registered disinfectant

Learn more about how you can help out at <http://bit.ly/mult-co-jvic>

**8:25**

**Staff and programming update - Leroy Eadie**

SE Uplift is putting out a COVID-19 resource guide in multiple languages that is expected next week to go out in the mail.

SEUL 2020-2021 Budget is being developed and will be presented to the Finance Committee including insurance updates. SWAT analysis has been shared with the Executive Committee. Communications Grants are going out soon. BPS will no longer fund Community Collection Events going forward. SEUL has funds for 2019-2020 for CCE and has been authorized to use it towards COVID-19 community needs. Contact SEUL with suggestions and ideas. BPS is not going to use Coalitions to distribute funds to Neighborhood Associations for Community Collections Events and may have different avenues of distribution. Updates will be shared soon.

**8:40**

**Board Development Committee - Tina Kimmey**

Committee will be involved with the recruitment process, nomination form, and hope to have it available Monday, May 11th. There are five At-Large positions, five community groups, and two business association representatives available in addition to the 20 recognized neighborhood associations. If you know a group or representative that is interested, email Tina the SEUL Chair with nominations. The applications have to be submitted before June 21st. Procedure will be developed for filling vacancies.

**8:50**

**Financial Committee Report - Ambar Solarte**

The committee went through the balance sheet, income statement, and bookkeeper Kris completed budget-to-actuals for the year. There is no unexpected news to report. The next meeting is on the 14th. The organization is in a good position. Q3 finances have been submitted to Civic Life including fiscal sponsorships. The Financial Committee will develop the budget for the next year, share with the Executive Committee, and present the proposed budget at the June meeting for approval by the board.

**9:00**

**Adjourn - Tina Kimmey**

**Meeting minutes taken by Matchu Williams.**

**Next Board Meeting: Monday, June 1, 2020, 7:00-9:00**