**Southeast Uplift Board Meeting Minutes –**

**December 7, 2020 via** [**Zoom Conference Call**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85135132007)

**[](https://www.seuplift.org/)**

Mission Statement:

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

**Board of Directors in Attendance:**

Brooklyn – Stuart Zeltzer

Buckman – Ashley Gale

Hosford Abernathy – Charlene Zaharakis

Kerns – Dave Weaver

Laurelhurst – John Liu

Montavilla – Lindsey Johnson (Vice Chair)

Mt. Scott Arleta – Tiffany Johnson

Mt. Tabor – Sam Noble

North Tabor – Stephanie Kaza

Richmond – Allen Field

Sunnyside – Ash Hester

Woodstock – Anna Wechsel

Portland Mercado – Ambar Solarte (Treasurer)

Portland Bus Lane Project – Jessie Maran

Portland Community College – Amy Bader

At Large – Cat Davila

At Large – Miguel Rodriguez

At Large – Catherine Diaz

At Large – David Gruber

82nd Avenue – Nancy Chapin

Foster-Powell – Lotus Romey-Yu (Secretary)

South Tabor – Tina Kimmey (Chair)

**SE Uplift Staff in Attendance:**

Leroy Eadie (Executive Director)

Leah Fisher (Neighborhood Planning Program Manager)

Matchu Williams (Community Liaison Program Manager)

Eaen Goss (Office Clerk)

**Guests:**

Amanda Fritz (Commissioner, City of Portland)

Rachel Slocum and Mark Darienzo from 350 PDX

**7:00 pm**

**Introductions and Announcements**

**Tina Kimmey**

* South Tabor wreath sale went well, looking to plan other events
* Brooklyn had food drive with local elementary school. Also working on neighborhood survey and Instagram series highlighting area businesses
* No December meeting yet for Buckman. They’re wanting to connect with a community policing group and work more on houseless community support
* HAND has no December meeting, working on Hawthorne Vision Project. They’re also working on setting up a meeting with Mingus Mapps that other neighborhood associations will be invited to
* Kerns having good meetings/discussions. Dave has been participating on the Sunnyside Houselessness Committee and wants to get on SEUL’s as well
* Laurelhurst having intense conversations about camping at Laurelhurst Park, wanting city to establish more sanctioned camping sites. Concerns about board member safety/information being released via doxxing. John is taking over for Quincy, who resigned and has a different role now. Working on historic landmark process
* Montavilla had elections and now has two new board members
* North Tabor has two new co-chairs, Greg and CJ
* Richmond donated to Hawthorne BA, had annual tree planting event
* Sunnyside provided updates on the Community Safety & Livability Committee meetings. Rob Nosse will be attending upcoming December meeting
* Woodstock is working on houseless outreach efforts and getting the community more involved in that. They had a renewable energy presentation at their last meeting. Questions are coming in from families about the PPS redraw. They’ve also created subcommittees for increasing community engagement and are also interested in an unconscious bias training for their neighborhood.
* The Portland Mercado is open for delivery/takeout/outside dining. They are trying to plan a holiday market.
* Miguel shared info about upcoming Portland Through a Latinx Lens workshops. Information and signups for the events can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/portland-through-a-latinx-lens-31891640657>
* OMSI has been running their Homeroom program to support families with online learning. They are still closed to the public.
* 82nd Ave has a new meeting time: 3rd Tuesday at 10 am. They have 2 new board members. The community recently came together to clean up Hawthorne
* Foster-Powell applied for Portland Clean Energy Fund (PCEF) grant through SEUL in order to create a food forest
* Mt. Scott-Arletta has a new representative, Tiffany. Interested in sharing DEIA documents with neighborhood after the board’s recent unconscious bias training
* Amanda Fritz joined the call to talk about council changes. She’s been in meetings with her successor and other councilmembers. The mayor hasn’t announced who Civic Life will be assigned to. She let everyone know that this new council means a fresh start.

**7:20 pm**

**Approval of July and November Meeting Minutes**

**Tina Kimmey**

**Approving amended July minutes**: Allen Field motions to approve minutes, Stephanie Kaza seconds

* Discussion started by Sam Noble: Questions around process, uncomfortable about changes being made by only the secretary without more input
  + Allen Field: this is standard procedure

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| **In Favor: 6** | Dave Weaver, Lindsey Johnson, Stephanie Kaza, Allen Field, Anna Wechsel, Miguel Rodriguez |
| **Opposed: 0** |  |
| **Abstain: 14** | Stuart Zeltzer, Ashley Gale, Charlene Zaharakis, John Liu, Tiffany Johnson, Sam Noble, Ash Hester, Ambar Solarte, Jessie Maran, Cat Davila, Catherine Diaz, David Gruber, Nancy Chapin, Lotus Romey-Yu |

**Motion Passes**

**Approving November Minutes:** Nancy Chapin makes a motion to approve, Miguel Rodriguez seconds

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| **In Favor: 16** | Stuart Zeltzer, Ashley Gale, Charlene Zaharakis, Dave Weaver, Lindsey Johnson, Stephanie Kaza, Allen Field, Ash Hester, Anna Wechsel, Ambar Solarte, Jessie Maran, Cat Davila, Miguel Rodriguez, David Gruber, Nancy Chapin, Lotus Romey-Yu |
| **Opposed: 0** |  |
| **Abstain: 4** | John Liu, Tiffany Johnson, Sam Noble, Catherine Diaz |

**Motion Passes**

**7:45 pm**

**350 PDX: Green New Deal Presentation**

**Mark Darienzo and Rachel Slocum**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Iazr2obBZfaxzLRGP_4TNtCM6O6N_O6S/view?usp=sharing>

<https://350pdx.org/campaigns/green-new-deal/>

* Goals of Green New Deal are to decarbonize and improve collective wellbeing
* Watched presentation, ***see addendum for handouts, upcoming events, and other materials shared in Zoom chat during the presentation***
* After presentation, board members discussed what resonated with them and how to make connections with others who aren’t yet onboard with the social change needed for the Green New Deal to become a reality (such as the rural-urban divide)
  + Sister cities idea from Stuart Z. – providing opportunities for social change on a relational level
  + Suggestion from Miguel R. for SEUL/neighborhood associations to come up with a plan to become zero emission

**8:30 pm**

**Houselessness Committee Report**

**Matchu Williams**

* Meetings are 3rd Monday of the month, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Let Matchu know if wanting to receive updates
* Committee met in November, speakers gave updates about several initiatives:
  + Downtown Greyhound Station and two community centers are opening up space for folks to go in winter
  + Central Eastside Together doing good work in the community: <https://ceic.cc/centraleastsidetogether/>
  + Shelter to Housing Continuum (S2HC) Project: <https://www.portland.gov/bps/s2hc>. Upcoming meeting on 12/8 about housing solutions: <https://www.portland.gov/bps/psc/events/2020/12/8/planning-and-sustainability-commission-meeting>
  + COVID-19 related updates from the City:
    - City of Portland Phase 1 Protocols (6.26.2020) https://www.portlandoregon.gov/toolkit/article/763279
    - <https://multco.us/domicile-unknown>
  + There is a need for winter survival gear and volunteers – contact 211 to find out more
  + There have been reports that hygiene stations around the city have been tampered with or locked. This shouldn’t be happening and should be reported to [reportpdx@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:reportpdx@portlandoregon.gov) if seen
  + The statewide eviction moratorium ends December 31st unless the State extends the moratorium during a special “catastrophic” legislative session. State Representative HD 46 encourages contacting the Governor (call (503) 378-4582 or use this site: <https://www.oregon.gov/gov/pages/share-your-opinion.aspx>)
    - Sample language: "The COVID crisis is impacting renters and landlords, small businesses and workers, and our future economic security. Please call for a special, catastrophic session of Oregon’s legislature so we can begin to address these problems."

**8:40 pm**

**Executive Director’s Report**

**Leroy Eadie**

* Welcome John Liu and Tiffany Johnson to the board
* Implicit Bias Training was excellent
* Staff changes: Christina has moved and accepted another job. SEUL hired Paola as the new Communications and Outreach Manger (will be formally introduced next month), Matchu and Eaen are also new staff
* SEUL received 8 proposals for Tabor Commons, will be reviewing Thursday with committee made up of board members (Tina and Jessie) and staff (Leah, Leroy, and Eaen)
* Matchu leading small grant program now ($20,000 to award)
  + Workshops coming up this month, applications due at the end of February (Matchu will be recruiting from board to help with decisions)
* Paola leading communications grants ($23,000 to award)
  + Opening early January, due in February
  + Focus on equity, some changes being made
* Working on 6 month report for Civic Life
* Submitted 3 PCEF grants
* Leroy sent email to board regarding SWNI and the conversation with Civic Life about taking over the 2nd half of their contract – no commitments made, will keep everyone updated

**8:50 pm**

**Finance Committee Report**

**Ambar Solarte**

* Committee met last week
* Next meeting will include internal discussion about financial policies and review of budget

**Other Announcements/Questions**

* John Liu: Laurelhurst is having lots of conversations about racial/class equity. There is a facilitator-lead session coming up, other neighborhood associations may be able to attend
* Stephanie: Wanting to go over what committees exist for the new folks
  + Contact Leroy and Tina to be added to any of the following committees: Finance Committee, Houselessness Committee, Board Development Committee, Bylaws Committee, Land Use and Transportation Committee
  + Executive Committee has open meetings, anyone can attend
  + DEIA Workgroup is not a formal committee but is active
* Amy: Flu shot and COVID testing clinic at PCC Cascade – free, prioritizing BIPOC folks (<https://www.pcc.edu/news/2020/11/testing-flu-shots/>)

**9:00 pm**

**Meeting Adjourn**

**Tina Kimmey**

**Next Board Meeting: Monday, January 4th, 2020, 7-9PM**

**Addendum: Zoom Chat Log**

* 19:17:23 From Miguel Rodriguez (he/him/his): <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/portland-through-a-latinx-lens-31891640657>
* 19:18:32 From Tiffany Johnson (she/her): Thank you Miguel
* 19:19:57 From Miguel Rodriguez (he/him/his): omsi.edu/homeroom
* 19:21:34 From Miguel Rodriguez (he/him/his): OMSI Homeroom 50% to 90% scholarships for people in need of financial assistance (until the funds are expended). Providing childcare and online learning support for children between K-8th grade
* 19:24:46 From Leah Fisher (she/her) SE Uplift: Welcome Tiffany!
* 19:24:50 From Lotus: I'm Lotus (she/her), rep. for Foster-Powell NA. We applied for the PCEF through SEUL to transform the Firland Parkway to a sustainable, native food forest.
* 19:25:03 From Lotus: Good to have you Tiffany!
* 19:26:38 From Matchu (he/him): December Meeting Agenda
* 19:26:38 From Matchu (he/him): <https://w5p5k9x4.stackpathcdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/BoardMeetingAgenda-12-7-2020.pdf>
* 19:28:22 From Dave Weaver: Thank you Amanda for all you've done for Portland!
* 19:29:40 From Ash Hester: Amanda, is there a way to stay connected with you?
* 19:31:59 From Lotus: Thank you again Eaen for taking the minutes!
* 19:32:20 From Jessie (she/they): yes, thank you Eaen, and welcome to SEUL!
* 19:33:49 From Dave Weaver: Thank you Eaen!
* 19:43:15 From Mark Darienzo he him: Summary of Green New Deal
* <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Iazr2obBZfaxzLRGP_4TNtCM6O6N_O6S/view?usp=sharing>
* 19:43:39 From Rachel Slocum: 350 GND team website: <https://350pdx.org/campaigns/green-new-deal/>
* 19:55:01 From Rachel Slocum: Passed already
  + Measure 26-214 tuition free, universal pre-K - progressive taxation to build our care infrastructure: <https://ballotpedia.org/Multnomah_County,_Oregon,_Measure_26-214,_Income_Tax_to_Fund_Tuition-Free_Preschool_Program_(November_2020)>
  + Measure 26-217 police oversight because it seeks to hold the PPB accountable - addresses race and class justice: <https://ballotpedia.org/Portland,_Oregon,_Measure_26-217,_Police_Oversight_Board_Charter_Amendment_(November_2020>
* 19:55:50 From Rachel Slocum: Coming up
  + City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability fees on large emitters of air and climate emissions – incentive to lower emissions: <https://www.portland.gov/bps/climate-action/healthy-climate/clean-air-healthy-climate-proposal>
  + Energy democracy campaign coming next legislative session - information Dec. 14 at 350PDX: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqcemsqj0tG9zq1CEhPsFnA4xNRW-XwQPl?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=4651d801-e7d3-4212-a877-1aa6bf44aefa>
  + Municipal public banking for Oregon – a public way to loan money, coming next legislative session: <https://www.orpublicbank.org/>
  + Climate Jobs (and others') advocacy in support of state subsidies for clean energy requiring fair labor standards - supports labor and equity goals: <https://climatejobspdx.weebly.com/>
* 19:59:00 From Lotus: I resonated most with the part of the plan to protect people. To give priority to people who might lose their jobs (coal workers, oil workers, etc.) and train them in restorative work, and make sure that they maintain their same income and benefits.
* 20:00:06 From Lotus: OH! And especially the plans to center indigenous voices in how best to heal the land <3
* 20:00:35 From Lotus: lol thank you Tina
* 20:00:36 From Allen - Richmond NA: I second that
* 20:01:25 From Leah Fisher (she/her) SE Uplift: I agree with Lotus, it’s realistic about the impacts of change and strives to be comprehensive.
* 20:03:00 From Amy Bader: I joined late, could you possibly share those links again? Thank you!
* 20:03:13 From Mark Darienzo he him: Summary of Green New Deal
* <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Iazr2obBZfaxzLRGP_4TNtCM6O6N_O6S/view?usp=sharing>
* 20:07:34 From Miguel Rodriguez (he/him/his): Lobbbbbbyiiiiistsss
* 20:08:36 From Miguel Rodriguez (he/him/his): Could SEUL perhaps create a plan for us to become zero emission? Easier said than done, but just a thought.
* 20:09:10 From Miguel Rodriguez (he/him/his): And in parallel, or perhaps we set the tone, we could encourage NAs to do the same?
* 20:09:38 From SE Uplift: Nice idea Miguel - are you thinking SEUL itself becoming zero emission?
* 20:09:55 From Dave Weaver: Good idea Miguel
* 20:09:57 From Miguel Rodriguez (he/him/his): Yeah! But I know we have an older building, and it might cost a lot.... loool
* 20:10:03 From Jessie (she/they): The organization? or the people who comprise it?
* 20:10:24 From Jessie (she/they): Here's a carbon footprint calculator if anyone wants to check themselves: https://www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx
* 20:10:30 From SE Uplift: We just applied for a PCEF Grant do do some energy upgrades that may lead to solar panels - so we are thinking that way.
* 20:10:58 From Dave Weaver: I also really liked Stuart's idea to have partnerships between urban and rural neighborhoods. Sister neighborhoods - similar to sister cities. That could be really fruitful.
* 20:11:42 From Leah Fisher (she/her) SE Uplift: I would love to see SEUL be more involved in climate action (both how we operate and advocacy for change), it could also be a great way to bring in younger participants/volunteers too.
* 20:12:14 From Leah Fisher (she/her) SE Uplift: An idea for our upcoming strategic planning efforts.
* 20:13:01 From Amy Bader: Agree, they make it sound super complex and mysterious.
* 20:13:08 From Dave Weaver: Thanks for the presentation Rachel and Mark!
* 20:13:51 From Rachel Slocum : <https://ocasio-cortez.house.gov/gnd/resolution>
* 20:14:45 From Miguel Rodriguez (he/him/his): Also, we have seen how COVID-19 has reduced emissions and how people can come together.
* 20:15:39 From Leslie Hammond: We need to understand the rural areas. Every change costs money and many of them do not have it.
* 20:16:07 From Jessie (she/they): I believe there is some mixed data COVID's reduction of emissions--car sales are up as people are avoiding public transit.
* 20:20:48 From Rachel Slocum: <https://truthout.org/articles/the-just-transition-for-coal-workers-can-start-now-colorado-is-showing-how/?link_id=6&can_id=cdc5fe267768fdfa6da676450d534623&s>
* 20:27:41From Jessie (she/they): Thank youRachel!
* 20:29:38 From John Liu: I have a question for Matchu
* 20:31:46 From Leah Fisher (she/her) SE Uplift: It’s challenging to find places/sites and I think the biggest constraint is finding Operators. The City doesn’t do the operations. They help place and providing funding. (From my understanding and conversations with city staff).
* 20:32:08 From Leah Fisher (she/her) SE Uplift: \*provide funding.
* 20:32:54 From John Liu: Thanks Leah. Do you know if the city is looking for “permanent” locations, or if it is willing to use “temporary” locations that are available for 1-2 years?
* 20:33:20 From John Liu: I have another question for Matchu
* 20:33:43 From Matchu (he/him):
  + <https://ceic.cc/centraleastsidetogether/>
  + <https://www.portland.gov/bps/s2hc>
  + City of Portland Phase 1 Protocols (6.26.2020), <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/toolkit/article/763279>
  + <https://multco.us/domicile-unknown>
  + reportpdx@portlandoregon.gov any hygiene stations that have been tampered with or locked
  + Statewide eviction moratorium ends December 31st unless the State extends the moratorium during a special “catastrophic” legislative session. State Representative HD 46 encourages contacting the Governor using the provided sample language.
    - Phone: (503) 378-4582, <https://www.oregon.gov/gov/pages/share-your-opinion.aspx>
    - Sample language you can say: "The COVID crisis is impacting renters and landlords, small businesses and workers, and our future economic security. Please call for a special, catastrophic session of Oregon’s legislature so we can begin to address these problems."
* 20:36:32 From Leah Fisher (she/her) SE Uplift: Parks would not be allow to be used as permanent sheltering areas
* 20:37:31 From Matchu (he/him): <https://www.portland.gov/bps/psc/events/2020/12/8/planning-and-sustainability-commission-meeting>
* 20:37:43 From Leah Fisher (she/her) SE Uplift: What: Reducing code barriers in order to provide more opportunities to transition from temporary shelter to permanent housing. The S2HC project will make recommendations to provide additional siting opportunities for temporary and transitional shelters and to allow more affordable forms of housing. Title 33 (Zoning Code) and several other titles of the City Code will be amended. No plan or zone maps will be amended. Major changes include adding a new Outdoor Shelter use under the Community Service category and expanding opportunities for Group Living. Status: On October 30, the comment period on the discussion draft closed. Next opportunity to engage: A PSC briefing is scheduled for November 10. On November 25, a proposed draft will be available and the project record will open for testimony. The first PSC public hearing is scheduled for December 8. If needed, a second PSC hearing would be scheduled for December 16. The record would then close for written testimony on December 24. A work session is scheduled
* 20:38:12 From Leah Fisher (she/her) SE Uplift: Sorry, long overview of the “Shelter to Housing Continuum Project”
* 20:38:16 From Dave Weaver: Thank you for that link Matchu!
* 20:38:45 From Dave Weaver: Thank you for the presentation Matchu
* 20:38:45 From Amy Bader: Thanks, Matchu
* 20:39:30 From John Liu: I have one final announcement to share please
* 20:42:38 From Jessie (she/they): I've received questions about fiscal sponsorship through SEUL--who should these be directed to?
* 20:43:31 From Tina Kimmey: Have them start here… <https://www.seuplift.org/fiscal-sponsorship/>
* 20:44:29 From Jessie (she/they): Sorry, to clarify, that site references Christina's email address. Do we know who will take on that coordination?
* 20:45:04 From Jessie (she/they): thank you, Tina.
* 20:45:46 From eaen: Side note: The website will be up to date soon with the correct contact info for everything!
* 20:46:08 From Lindsey, she/her: Thank you, Eaen!
* 20:52:38 From Dave Weaver: Thank you John - those are great initiatives
* 20:52:45 From Amy Bader: Love it. Thank you for your leadership, John. This is the direction I hope to see in the NA's heading.
* 20:55:03 From Dave Weaver: I'd like to request that these committees be added to the SEUL website Committee page <https://www.seuplift.org/who-we-are/our-committees/>
* 20:55:12 From Leah Fisher (she/her) SE Uplift: Land Use and Transportation Committee ; )
* 20:55:35 From John Liu: I’d be interested in participating in the SEUL bylaws committee. We are beginning to review our own bylaws in the LNA.
* 20:55:47 From Ash Hester: John, is there a good email to stay connected with you? I’d like to connect with you about the SNA Community Safety & Livability Committee. I think our neighborhoods should partner together.
* 20:55:59 From Dave Weaver: I'd also request that this chat from the Zoom meetings be made available to the board after the fact. And if possible the recordings of the meetings. Thanks!
* 20:57:24 From Matchu (he/him): Hi John, I’ll email you about the bylaws!
* 20:58:06 From Dave Weaver: Agreed Ash!
* 20:59:07 From Amy Bader: Here is the information about the free flu vaccine and COVID testing at PCC: <https://www.pcc.edu/news/2020/11/testing-flu-shots/>
* 20:59:46 From Lotus: I think there has also been previous concerns voiced of not wanting recordings of voice or video posted for public access.