

## SE Uplift Neighborhood Coalition Board Meeting

Monday, May 3, 2021 – 7:00pm to 9:15pm

(Note: The time extension will accommodate our DEIA training in lieu of an additional meeting. Thank you!)

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83716777616?pwd=QSsyNUFkSG5GNIRpLzJ5NXFxd0VyZz09>

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

Time	Item	Presenter(s)	Info	Disc	Action
7:00	Introductions and Announcements (made in zoom chat)	Tina/ Lindsey	X		
7:10	Q&A with Commissioner Mapps <i>*(If possible, send questions in advance of meeting to <a href="mailto:eaen@seuplift.org">eaen@seuplift.org</a> by Thursday)</i>	Commissioner Mingus Mapps	X	X	
7:40	DEIA Training – Part 3: Practice	Cliff Jones, Strategic Partners	X	X	
8:45	Executive Director Report (see written Program updates)	Leah Fisher	X		
8:50	Executive Director Search: Create Committee and discuss costs for Contract Support.	Tina Kimmey	X	X	X
8:55	Approval of minutes and agenda	Tina Kimmey	X	X	X
9:00	Executive Session (closed to non-board members) – Small Grant Awards	Matchu Williams	X	X	X
9:15	Adjourn	Tina Kimmey	X		

**Next Board Meeting:** June 7th, 2021, 7:00-9:00  
**Welcome members and guests!**

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**Office of Community and Civic Life (Civic Life) Grant Process Update:** Coalition Directors have been in conversation with Civic Life regarding our 2021/22 Grant Agreement, primarily discussing insurance requirements and scope of work activities to best reflect the work of the coalitions and ensure we are furthering the long-term goals of Civic Life. While the plan last year was to do more in-depth strategic planning with the SE Uplift Board to identify organizational priorities and, in doing so, better inform this grant, COVID and other time commitments prevented Leroy from completing the desired strategic planning process last grant year.

In lieu of a more robust process, Leah will be using a combination of the following to complete the Grant Agreement: 1) past grant agreement goals and metrics 2) information and insight from staff and 3) information gleaned from the SE Uplift Board via conversations with Finance Committee, Executive Committee and a survey sent out by the Development Committee asking about SE Uplift priorities for the coming year.

If you are interested in the Grant Agreement, you are encouraged to attend May's Executive Committee where more information will be known, and therefore, more discussion about specifics will occur. During our June SEUL Board meeting we will have time to review all of this, but the Board will be asked to make a decision to approve the Grant Agreement and 2021/22 Budget in June in order to meet our deadline of June 30th.

Also, we've been told by Civic Life and Commissioner Hardesty that a City Council work session on this system will happen in the next year, so hopefully we will have information sooner about the grant agreement and can be more strategic and engaging in this process. The work session will discuss future grant agreements and the NA System will start in the next year. We will continue to keep you updated on the status of that activity.

### **SEUL Program Updates:**

**Liaison Program:** SE Uplift staff are working with Neighborhood Associations to prepare for upcoming NA Board Elections in May and early June. This is a busy month and we will be shorted-staffed, so if any Board Members are willing to volunteer an hour or two one evening in May to monitor a ballot box or help with elections, it would be appreciated. Contact Leah Fisher for details.

**Neighborhood Planning Program:** We welcomed a new temporary staff member, Alexander McPherson (he/him) to cover the Land Use and Transportation work while Leah steps in as Interim ED just last month. However, due to unexpected circumstances, Alexander received a permanent job offer at another organization and will be leaving SEUL May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will not be backfilling this position before hiring a new Executive Director. Alexander will help us launch our Land Use and Transportation Leadership Program, which will start mid to late May 2021.

**Communication & Outreach:** Congratulations 2021 Communication Grants Recipients! Communication Grants have been awarded- we are in the process of getting organizations their grant. Please visit: <https://www.seuplift.org/2021-communications-grant/>

**Small Grants:** Now in its 14th year, the Community & Civic Engagement Small Grants program funds small but powerful community efforts aimed at increasing the number and diversity of people engaged in the community, strengthening community capacity to create social change, delivering relief during the ongoing

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COVID-19 pandemic, and increasing community impact on public decisions and community life. This year SE Uplift received over \$100,000 in applications for small grant funds. The need is great and SE Uplift hoped to have additional funds to add to the existing \$20,000, but after Q3 ended we realized we were not able to increase the original small grant allotment. 32 grant applications for the \$20,000 were reviewed by a Small Grants Review Committee comprised of Keller Dean, Destinee Rogers, and Linda Nettlekoven– for their careful consideration and funding recommendations. Recommendations will be discussed and approved at a closed session Monday night.

**Operations:** SE Uplift is revisiting and updating its room rental agreements, tenant agreements and processes to ensure we are ready to go when our office space opens up again – maybe late summer? Ealen is also preparing SE Uplift building for a hybrid office opening late summer - and prepared to have a conversation about technology and hybrid meeting options for those interested. Lastly, SE Uplift is improving its garden and is applying for a “Neighborhood to River Grant” through Bureau of Environmental Services to pay for over half of the improvements – wish us luck! Lastly, we still have office space available.

### **Committee Updates:**

**Bylaws Committee:** Committee charter was approved and will have our third meeting 5/6 to review research of background documents and conduct an initial review of the bylaws to identify sections that need light revision vs more in depth revision that may require additional information and Board feedback.

**Houseless Action Committee:** Our SEUL Houselessness resource page is live and can be found at: <https://www.seuplift.org/se-uplift-houselessness-resource-guide/>  
The HAC continues to have monthly meetings which include neighborhood exchange and guest speakers. This month's guest speaker was Robyn Burek, Portland Street Response. We are working on bringing in representatives from the City and Metro to attend and participate. We are continuing to work on drafting priorities for SE Uplift regarding homelessness.

**Finance Committee:** Finance Committee reviewed Q3 actuals and discussed SE Uplift's Q4 expenses and any costs coming up in Q4 that were unanticipated. Specifically, we realized we don't have additional funds for Small Grants and we will need to identify funds for an Executive Director search.

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