



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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Via Zoom Conference Call

ATTENDANCE

Board Members present:

In Person:

Kerns NA – Dave Weaver (Chair)
Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League (SMILE) – Mackenzie Torres
Sunnyside NA – Matt Lembo
Woodstock NA – Anna Weichsel
Sellwood Community House – Ashley Asbjornsen
82nd Ave of Roses BA – Nancy Chapin

Via Zoom:

Brentwood-Darlington NA – Kimberly DiLeo
Brooklyn NA (BAC) – Stuart Zeltzer
Buckman NA (BCA) – Christina Mei Ngook Westbrook
Creston-Kenilworth NA – Rachel Davies
Eastmoreland NA – Dianne Levinson
Hosford-Abernathy Neighborhood District (HAND) – Bruce Bikle
Laurelhurst NA – Jan McManus
Mt. Scott-Arleta NA – Daniel Portis-Cathers
Reed NA – Anne Tillinghast
Inner SE Action – Kat West (Vice Chair)
At Large – Albert Kaufman
At Large – Cat Davila

Board Members sending regrets:

At Large – Amy Bader
At Large – Kimberléa Ruffu
At Large – Doug Waugh (Treasurer)
Montavilla NA – Sarah Hartzel

North Tabor NA – Kimberly Bandy (Secretary)

Staff present: Nanci Champlin (Executive Director), Phoebe Gildea (Operations Specialist)

Guests: Lauren Cieurca, Midge Pierce, Allen Field, Nikki Mandell

BOARD DISCUSSION MEETING

7:00 The board discussion meeting was called to order.

Call Meeting to Order (Dave Weaver, chair)

- SE Uplift’s mission statement and community agreements pertaining to behavior during board meetings were shared.
- Introductions and announcements were posted by board members in the chat.
- Recording policy was announced

7:10 Executive Director Updates (Nanci Champlin, Executive Director)

Light Our Parks Community Roundtable was held on March 14th: In response, PP&R is planning and removing light posts in 8 SE Portland Parks (12 citywide) **The event drew about 50 participants. 23 Groups Signed on to SEUL Letter to Mayor, Comm Ryan, PPR Director Long**

1. **Allocate expedited funding to restore lighting** to all parks where light posts have already been removed.
2. **Postpone further light removal** in all remaining targeted parks and open spaces until funding for interim solutions and swift light replacement can be secured.
3. **Pursue a meaningful community engagement process.**

On March 29th news Broke that:

- Commissioner Ryan will present an emergency ordinance on Wednesday to City Council to allow the Parks Bureau to purchase all replacement light poles simultaneously.
- The new plan will have a phased light pole removal approach and a coordinated replacement timeline to reduce the time that parks will have fewer light poles.
- After procurement, the fabrication and delivery of new light poles will take six months.
- Light poles removed at Irving Park, **Colonel Summers Park**, Sellwood Park, and Sellwood Riverfront Park will be replaced by PP&R once the new light poles are available.

Action: Sign up to testify or send written comment to Request that the replacement poles:

- Gather input from the public on the light pole design, including: Replicate the historic design of existing poles, Warm lighting, Considers ways to mitigate light pollution.

In other updates:

Workshop, March 29th: Building Engaged Neighborhoods: The Power of Events and Committees had about 10 Participants, was a great roundtable of ideas that spotlighted strategies of BAC, SMILE and ENA. Tips + Best Practices will get circulated.

Board Alignment Workshop (part I) w/Creston-Kenilworth NA co-created a set of Values and Beliefs for comms, volunteer recruitment. Part II will develop an action plan around them. Rachel shared her feedback about the value of the workshop. This opportunity is open to all groups. Contact Nanci to schedule!

COMING THIS SPRING (Dates TBD)

1. Ask Me Anything: A Bylaws Webinar w/David Atkin, Center for Nonprofit Law
2. Backyard Habitat Workshop + Planting Party @ SE Uplift
3. Organizational Development Series: Budgeting, Finance, Fundraising and More!

THINGS TO WATCH

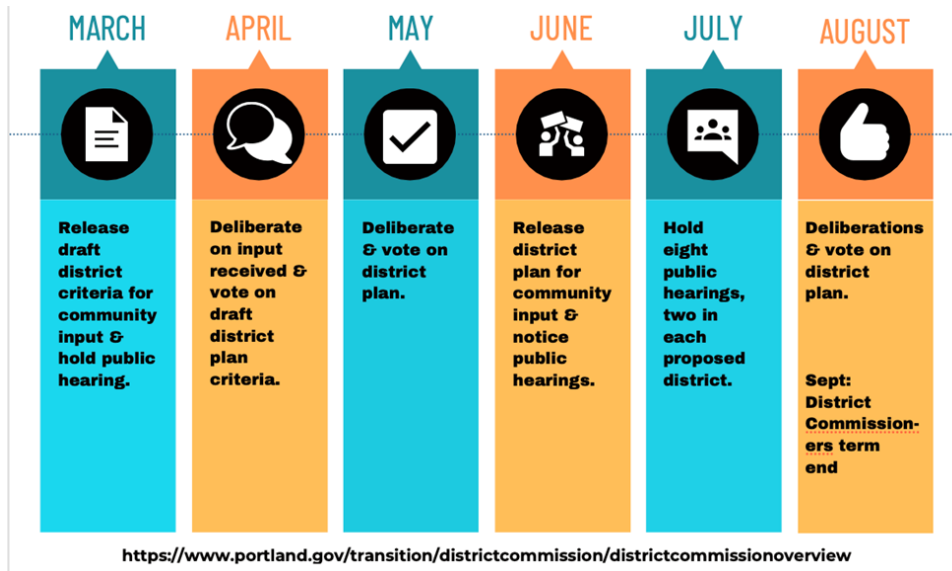
Independent Districting Commission

- 13 community members make up Portland's Independent District Commission
- They are tasked with establishing 4 geographic districts for future city council elections.
- Portlanders will elect 3 city counselors to each district = city council of 12

The districts:

- will be contiguous and compact,
- utilize existing geographic or political boundaries,
- not divide communities of common interest,
- be connected by transportation links, and
- be of equal population.

Timeline:



Last month we kicked off most of our new committees. Updates will be provided during committee updates.

SE Uplift Board and Committee Schedules:

- 1st Monday 7-9pm Board meetings
- 1st Tuesday 6-7:30 Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility (IDEA) Committee
- 2nd Monday 7-8pm Climate Justice Action
- 2nd Thursday 5:30-6:30 Board Development Committee
- 3rd Monday 7-8pm Land Use and Transportation Committee
- 3rd Tuesday 5:30-6:30 Executive Committee
- 4th Monday 5:30-6:30 Houselessness Action Committee
- 4th Thursday 5:30-6:30 Finance Committee
- 4th Thursday 7-8pm Civic Engagement Committee

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! SUMMER EVENTS AT SE UPLIFT (3534 SE Main)



Friday, June 2, 6-8pm
Annual Grantee Mixer



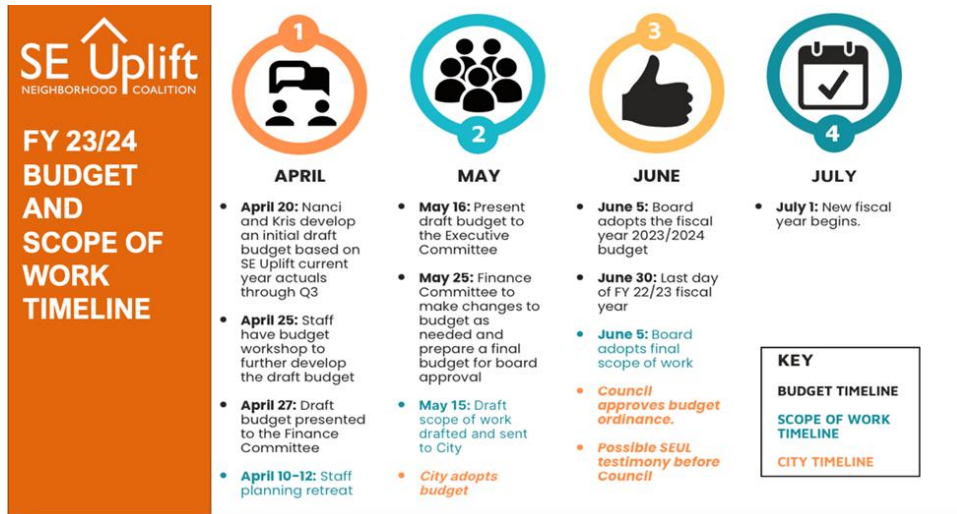
Tuesday, August 22, 6-8pm
New Board Member Orientation / Board + Staff Ice Cream Social

SE Uplift Headquarters Update

Small improvements making a big impact: painting, windows and low budget kitchen upgrades.

WORK	STATUS	CAPITAL EXPENSE
Moisture Removal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Carpet + Asbestos Removal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Roof Repair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Scupper boxes adjusted	<i>In queue</i>	
Drywall Repair	<i>In process</i>	
Floor Leveling	<i>In process</i>	TBD
Flooring Replacement	<i>In process</i>	TBD
Baseboard Heater Removal	<i>In process</i>	
Heat Pump Installation	<i>To be scheduled</i>	\$26,000
Downspouts Cleared	<i>To be scheduled</i>	
Sprinklers Replaced	<i>To be scheduled</i>	\$2,500

Finance Update:



7:35 Board Learning Topic: Open Meetings (Kat West, Vice Chair)

- Kat West presented on the ONI/Civic Life Bureau Standards with a focus on open meetings, deliberations & decision-making.
- See presentation slides, attached.

8:10 Committee Reports

- Finance Committee – Doug Waugh, Treasurer
 - Updates: SEUL funds are safe from banking industry troubles. We are seeking a banking partner with a more convenient location.
 - Next meeting: April 27th (4th Thu at 5:30pm).
- Board Development Committee – Kat West, Chair
 - Updates: Applications are now open, and due May 5th. A \$25 gift certificate to New Seasons for whomever has the most referrals of candidates.
 - Next meeting: April 13th (2nd Thurs at 5:30 pm)
- Executive Committee – Dave Weaver, Chair
 - Minutes included in the board packet
 - Updates: We have a new fiscally sponsored project for PDSX Women of Color. We renewed fiscal sponsorships for 7 NAs: BAC, Kerns, Creston-Kenilworth, Mt. Tabor, N. Tabor, Richmond and Sunnyside.
 - Next meeting: April 18th (3rd Tues at 5:30pm).
- Houselessness Action Committee (HAC) – Stuart Zeltzer
 - Updates: Right to Rest Campaign was presented to the board (See Slides).
 - Requests:
 1. Request a fair hearing on HB3501, which was unanimously supported by HAC.
 2. Endorsement of the house bill – was not unanimous and statement of support for website.
 - Next meeting: April 24th (4th Mon at 5:30pm).
- Land Use + Transportation Committee (LUTC) – Matchu Williams

- Updates:
- The Just Crossing Alliance, which includes SE Uplift, have launched the Right Size, Right Now S.A.F.E.R. Bridge Campaign. The campaign advocates for a new earthquake-ready I-5 bridge that builds support for environmental justice and is affordable for everyone while spending within our means. The campaign is holding a day-of-action at the Oregon State Capital in Salem on April 13th. More information on how to take action April 13th can and information on the SAFER platform can be found at www.i5bridgenow.com.
- The committee received an update from the Bureau of Planning & Sustainability on the Parking Compliance Amendment Project. The project aims to align parking minimums citywide with state mandates while streamlining the design process and requiring green options on larger lots. Those interested in following the project can sign up for email updates at <https://www.portland.gov/bps/planning/pcap> and follow the project in the Portland MapApp at BPS.
- The Proposed Draft of the SE Uplift LUTC Charter incorporates feedback received during the Discussion Draft. Provide feedback on the Proposed Draft before April 10th and help create a forum for sustainable land use & transportation developments in the district.
- Next meeting: April 17th (3rd Mon at 7pm).
- Climate Justice Action
 - Updates: The committee is forming a resource list to figure out how we will frame our work. We want to connect with other groups doing Climate Justice work such as 350PDX, engaging and holding the city accountable, how they deal with funding for greenspaces, and we should keep a list of groups and entities that we want to collaborate with, such as schools and clean up groups, for small scale impact and start with a younger generation (e.g. school gardens). We also want to develop strategies to enhance biodiversity – tree canopy, and support volunteer activities. Inner SE Action had great green walks. The I5 Bridge group did deep research. Anna is chairing for the next six months.
 - Next meeting: April 10th (2nd Mon at 7pm)
- Civic Engagement
 - Updates:
 - Next meeting: April 27th (4th Thurs at 7pm)
- Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility (IDEA)
 - Updates: The committee is beginning work on its work plan. The first priority is hosting a tentative candidate forum for the May special election on Wednesday April 26th at 7pm.
 - Nanci will send a link out so that Committees can share their questions to candidates.
 - Next meeting: April 4th (1st Tues at 6:30pm).

8:50 The board discussion meeting adjourned.

BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

8:51 The board business meeting was called to order. (Dave)

8:52 Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes: March 6th

Motion (*Nancy Chapin*) To approve the March board meeting minutes.

Amended ()

Seconded

(*Mackenzie Torres*)

In favor 15

Opposed 0

Abstentions 2

Result: The motion passed.

8:53 Vote to Authorize Spending \$12k from the Building Reserve Fund for Sprinklers and Flooring Upgrade

Motion (*Nancy Chapin*) To authorize spending \$12k from the Building Reserve Fund for sprinklers and flooring upgrade.

Amended (*Bruce Bikle*) Increase the authorized funds from the Building Reserve Fund from \$12k to \$15k.

Seconded (*Matt Lembo*)

In favor 18

Opposed 0

Abstentions 0

Result: The motion passed.

8:56 Motion to approve a draft letter to Rep Maxine Dexter requesting a fair hearing on the Right to Rest Campaign (HB 3501), and have HAC finalize the letter and send.

Motion (*Nancy Chapin*) To approve a draft letter to Rep Maxine Dexter requesting a fair hearing on the Right to Rest Campaign (HB 3501) and have HAC finalize and send the letter.

Amended ()

Seconded (*Matt*)

In favor 18

Opposed 0

Abstentions 0

Result: The motion passed.

There was no motion to endorse the Right to Rest Campaign and approve advocacy for SEUL's website. The item was returned to HAC to get more information and address questions.

9:00 The meeting adjourned.

Next Board meeting: Monday, May 1st, 7 pm – 9pm, In Person & via Zoom.

Minutes Approved (Date) 5/1/2023

Secretary Signature

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SECRETARY
