



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

June 5, 2023 at 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Hybrid at SE Uplift Main Street Building and via Zoom Conference Call

ATTENDANCE

Board Members present:

Brooklyn Action Corps – Stuart Zeltzer
Buckman NA (BCA) – Christina Mei Ngook Westbrook
Foster-Powell NA – Lauren Cieurca
Hosford-Abernathy Neighborhood District (HAND) – Bruce Bikle
Kerns NA – Dave Weaver (Chair)
Montavilla NA – Sarah Hartzel
Mt. Scott-Arleta NA – Daniel Portis-Cathers
North Tabor NA – Kimberly Bandy (Secretary)
Reed NA – Anne Tillinghast
Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League (SMILE) – Mackenzie Torres
Sunnyside NA – Matt Lembo
Woodstock NA – Anna Weichsel
82nd Ave of Roses BA – Nancy Chapin
Inner SE Action – Kat West (Vice Chair)
At Large – Amy Bader
At Large – Kimberléa Ruffu
At Large – Albert Kaufman (joined at 7:55)
At Large – Doug Waugh (Treasurer)

Board Members absent:

Sellwood Community House – Ashley Murray

Board Members sending regrets:

Brentwood-Darlington NA – Kimberly DiLeo
Creston-Kenilworth NA – Rachel Davies

Eastmoreland NA – Dianne Levinson
Laurelhurst NA – Jan McManus
At Large – Cat Davila

Staff present: Nanci Champlin (Executive Director), Lindsey Johnson (Fiscal Sponsorship and Communications Manager), Matchu Williams (Community Liaison Program Manager)

Guests: Sharon Wynde (Board Administrator), Allen Field (Richmond NA), David Tunley (Laurelhurst NA)

BOARD DISCUSSION MEETING

7:04 The board 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. This meeting will be recorded by SEUL and by guest Allen Field.

7:05 Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes: May 1st

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| Motion (<i>Dave Weaver</i>) | To approve the May board meeting minutes. |
| Seconded (<i>Nancy Chapin</i>) | |
| In Favor | 13 |
| Opposed | 0 |
| Abstentions | 3 |
| Result: | The motion passed. |

7:10 Welcome and Seating of New/Returning NA Board Members, and Election of At-Large, Organizational and Business District Association Members (Kat West, Board Development Committee Chair)

- Slate to seat new and returning neighborhood association board representatives:
 - New: Lauren Ciorca, Foster-Powell NA, replacing Lotus Romey-Yu.
 - Returning:
 - Bruce Bikle, Hosford-Abernethy NA, continuing a 2-year term ending May 2024
 - Mackenzie Torres, Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League, continuing a 2-year term ending May 2024
 - Sarah Hartzel, Montavilla NA, seated in March to a board term ending Oct 2023
- Slate to Elect At-Large, Organizational + Business District Association Board Members
 - Organizations:
 - Miguel Rodriguez, Portland Through a Latinx Lens (new)
 - Kat West, Inner SE Action (returning)
 - Ashley Murray, Sellwood Community House (returning)

- Business District Associations:
 - Nancy Chapin, 82nd Ave. Of Roses BDA (returning)
- At-Large:
 - Danielle Maillard (new)
 - Amy Bader (returning)
 - Albert Kaufman (returning)
 - Kimberléa Ruffu (returning)
 - Doug Waugh (returning)

Motion (*Kat West*) To seat the new and returning NA board members for 2023-2024 term, and elect the slate of new and returning Organizational, Business District Association and At-Large board members for the 2023-2024 term.

Seconded (*Nancy Chapin*)

In Favor 16

Opposed 0

Abstentions 1 (Bruce Bikle abstained since he's being re-seated).

Result: **The motion passed.**

A Board Member Orientation will occur on Tuesday, August 22 from 5:30-6:45pm prior to the annual Board and Staff Ice Cream Social from 7-8pm. Any current board member wanting a refresher is welcome to attend the orientation.

The following board members will be cycling off the SE Uplift Board this month. We offer sincere thanks for their contributions to SE Uplift!

- Stuart Zeltzer, Brooklyn Action Corps
- Dianne Levinson, Eastmoreland NA
- Janet McManus, Laurelhurst NA
- Cat Davila, At-Large
- Christina Mei Ngook Westbrook, Buckman Community Association

7:20 Review and Adopt Standing Rules for Grievances (Sharon Wynde, Board Administrator)

- Sharon reviewed the draft Standing Rules for Grievances.

Motion (*Dave Weaver*) To adopt the Standing Rules for Grievances as presented.

Seconded (*Kat West*)

In Favor 16

Opposed 0

Abstentions 1 (Bruce Bikle, not for a conflict reason).

Result: **The motion passed.**

7:30 Review and Adopt FY 23/24 Scope of Work (Nanci)

- Nanci presented the FY 23/24 Scope of Work. A presentation on the Scope of Work is attached to these minutes for reference. This presentation includes minimum Civic Life requirements and SEUL staff plans for delivering on SEUL’s mission in accordance with Civic Life’s grant process and service delivery categories.

Motion (*Dave Weaver*) To adopt the FY 23/24 Scope of Work.
Seconded (*Anna Weichsel*)
In Favor 16
Opposed 0
Abstentions 0
Result: **The motion passed.**

7:50 Review and Adopt FY 23/24 Operational Budget (Nanci & Doug)

- Doug presented the FY 23/24 operational budget (see attached) that includes two scenarios:
 - Scenario I represents a 2% reduction of the budget over last year
 - Scenario II represents a budget increase of approx. 9%. This is the version moving through City Council at this time. If the final budget adopted by the Council differs from either of these scenarios, the board will adopt an amended budget when it meets next in August (no July board meeting)
- City Council is expected to vote on FY 23/24 City budget on June 15. The grant contract is expected to be executed in July.
- Dave suggested that we consider diversifying our revenue sources moving forward so that we have additional sources beyond the contract with the City. Anna suggests bringing this suggestion to the committees to think about additional grant funding they may be aware of.

Motion (*Dave Weaver*) To adopt the FY 23/24 Operational Budget including Scenarios I & II, depending on what budget the City passes on June 15th.
Seconded (*Nancy Chapin*)
In Favor 17
Opposed 0
Abstentions 0
Result: **The motion passed.**

8:03 Board Learning Topic: The Portland Transition to Four City Council Districts – An Update and Discussion (Civic Engagement Committee)

- Every ten years the city will revisit the districts and use Census data on population counts. The Independent Districting Commission has evenly divided the population count for the four districts. As the city continues to grow, concern was expressed for considering anticipated areas of growth, but the IDC cannot consider future growth.
- Administrative organization was noted as more important objective
- The three options presented were similar but had distinct differences that all impact inner SE neighborhoods. The differences between the maps and which neighborhoods would be grouped with the west district were reviewed and discussed.
- Delivery of City services is mostly impacted by the fact that a city manager, not council, would manage bureaus. The new City Council would develop policy. Although a political dynamic comes into play with districting lines and maps.
- Dave encouraged Board Members to share and discuss this with your neighborhood associations / orgs for additional review and feedback
- Albert suggests looking at aligning the city and county in terms of districts.
- Christina expressed concern about Buckman potentially being part of the west side district. How might that impact zoning? They'll have the population from Buckman to increase the numbers, but the focus may not be on Buckman.
- Bruce looked at the maps, feels overall the IDC did a good job of dividing up by population. Didn't account for future growth; we need to see demographic studies. There will be more dense population happening in SE Portland, as well as the S Waterfront. If we don't account for that, we'll need to do this again in 10 years.
- Kim asked if there will be a report out? IDC has to reconvene for one or two more working sessions in August after completing a series of public hearings in July.
- Matt commented about operational service delivery benefits of charter reform.
- Kimberlea: Much of the service delivery will be impacted by the internal City reorganizing and reporting structure - the new City Council will focus more on policy and legislating (service delivery is still a part of this, yes) which is where the political dynamic comes into play hard with districting lines and maps.
- A question was raised as to whether SEUL should facilitate a workshop to help communities with their messaging and outreach strategies for driving public input during the IDC public comment period that ends on July 22. Via a straw poll, 15 board members agreed that it would be helpful for SEUL to organize an opportunity to further discuss and communicate these maps with various neighborhoods and organizations as a means for facilitating awareness and opportunity to give input. Nanci will organize it.

9:06 The meeting adjourned.

Next Board meeting: Monday, August 7th, 2023, 7 pm – 9pm by Zoom.

Minutes Approved (Date) August 7, 2023

Secretary Signature

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