



*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**

**October 2, 2023 from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Via Zoom Conference Call**

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **Board Members present:**

Brentwood-Darlington NA – Kimberly DiLeo  
Brooklyn NA (BAC) – LC Hansen  
Kerns NA – Dave Weaver (President)  
Montavilla NA – Sarah Hartzel  
Mt. Scott-Arleta NA – Daniel Portis-Cathers  
North Tabor NA – Kimberly Bandy (Secretary)  
Reed NA – Sabrina Perry  
Sunnyside NA – Matt Lembo  
Woodstock NA – Anna Weichsel  
82nd Ave of Roses BA – Nancy Chapin  
Inner SE Action – Kat West (Vice President)  
At Large – Amy Bader  
At Large – Sharon Wynde  
At Large – Agha Zain

#### **Board Members absent:**

Buckman NA (BCA) – Scotty Robinson  
Eastmoreland NA – Steve Kilduff  
Foster-Powell NA – Lauren Cieurca  
Hosford-Abernathy Neighborhood District (HAND) – Bruce Bikle  
Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League (SMILE) – Mackenzie Torres  
Sellwood Community House – Ashley Asbjornsen  
Black + Beyond the Binary Collective – Mireaya Medina  
At Large – Albert Kaufman  
At Large – Kimberléa Ruffu  
At Large – Doug Waugh (Treasurer)

#### **Board Members sending regrets:**

Creston-Kenilworth NA – Rachel Davies

Laurelhurst NA – David Tunley  
Portland Through a Latinx Lens – Miguel Rodriguez

**Staff present:** Nanci Champlin (Executive Director)

**Guests:**

Zach Kearl (Government Transition Advisory Committee, “GTAC”), Linda Nettekoven (HAND), Allen Field (RNA), Susan Lindsay (BCA), Jona Davis (NECN)

## GOVERNMENT TRANSITION ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

### **7:00 Welcome, Community Agreements, Housekeeping Items**

#### **7:05 Presentation and Public Q+A** (Zach Kearl, *Government Transition Advisory Committee*)

- Government Transition Advisory Committee (GTAC) presented an overview of their role and efforts in the City government transition process; GTAC then fielded questions
  - GTAC can submit recommendations, serving as a public body, that represents what the greater City community wants
- Future Chief Administration Officer (CAO) - Michael Jordan, overseeing process of defining the new organizational structure
- City Budget will be adopted in Summer of 2024, New voting format will begin Nov. 2024
- As many as 42 candidates have already entered for the future City Council rolls
- [www.Portland.gov/transition/advisory](http://www.Portland.gov/transition/advisory)
- Home page for the transition: [www.portland.gov/transition](http://www.portland.gov/transition)
- Public meetings announced at: [www.portland.gov/transition/engage](http://www.portland.gov/transition/engage)
- Contact GTAC at: [Transition@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Transition@portlandoregon.gov)
  - Ask specific questions/comments or request presentation material
- Direct comments to Commissioner Ryan, T.J. McHugh, and Civic Life Interim Director Mourad Ratbi. cc: GTAC.
- City Code standard changes are still to be determined. Although GTAC has gathered input on a select Chapters that will be updated but specific changes were not shared.
- Participant and NECN staff, Jona Davis, requested that GTAC attend the next NECN mtg

### **8:02 Adjourn to Board Meeting** (Nanci)

Recording was stopped.

## BOARD DISCUSSION MEETING

#### **8:02 The board discussion meeting was called to order.** (Dave Weaver, *chair*)

- SE Uplift’s mission statement and community agreements pertaining to behavior during board meetings were shared.
- Announcements were posted by board members in the chat.

- Recording policy was announced.
- A question was asked if an NA can send an “alternate” to a district coalition board meeting. The answer was that the ONI Standards (and state law) prohibit “proxy” voting. Therefore, an NA can send an alternate to participate in a meeting, should the seated board member be unable to attend BUT only if the NA has formally appointed an alternate. However, the law is clear that only seated board members may vote. Thus, an alternate could serve in a liaison role but would not have decision-making authority.

**8:07 New Board Member Welcome** (*Dave*)

Sabrina Perry stepped in to represent Reed NA, replacing Anne Tillinghast. Sabrina introduced herself, and she is interested in getting involved.

**8:10 Vote to Approve the September Board Meeting Minutes.**

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| <b>Motion</b> ( <i>Dave Weaver</i> )   | To approve the September board meeting minutes.  |
| <b>Amended</b> ( <i>Sharon Wynde</i> ) | Add an “X” to Latinx; add an “e” to the end of Sharon Wynd name; guests included Lisa, Allen, Laurie and Nikki |
| <b>Seconded</b> ( <i>LC Hansen</i> )   |  |
| <b>In favor</b>                        | 10   |
| <b>Opposed</b>                         | 0  |
| <b>Abstentions</b>                     | 3  |
| <b>Result:</b>                         | <b>The motion passed.</b>  |

**8:15 Debrief of GTAC Forum** (*Nanci*)

- In the current proposal for future government structure, an Assistant City Administrator will manager Neighborhood Associations and District Coalitions
- The Board discussed potential concerns with how the civic engagement process has been conducted and wants to ensure that the City Council will remain engaged with the NA’s and District Coalitions.
- Nanci collected board member comments to reflect in a written public comment from the organization, and public testimony when Council will adopt the org chart. The following discussion points will be addressed:
  - NAs and DCOs should not turn into complaint center
  - NAs do not have capacity to adopt a service model that replaces city services
  - Don't narrow scope of what NAs and DCOs are doing
  - Civic engagement processes should be improved with a minimum set of criteria that reflects public engagement best practices (i.e. at minimum 30-day public comment periods, communication of a DRAFT publishing date, the forum for issuing questions and comments, as well as deadlines for comment); the City needs to authentically “set the table” to the public can pull up a chair.
  - There needs to be broader and more robust outreach, particularly to marginalized communities and key stakeholders that will be impacted by decisions being made. .

**8:45** The board discussion meeting adjourned.

## **BOARD BUSINESS MEETING**

**8:45** The board business meeting was called to order. (Dave)

Dave reminded everyone that the Board + Staff Retreat will be Saturday October 21, 10am-3pm. Lunch will be provided, and we'll be conducting a tour of the building so board members can see the renovations.

**8:49** Motion that we vote to authorize Nanci to write a letter and to testify on the issue using the bullet points:

**Motion** (*Kat West*)

The board vote to authorize Nanci to write a letter on behalf of SEUL testifying issues identified in the board discussion

- NAs and DCOs should not be the complaint center that cannot be services
- Neighborhoods do not have the capacity to adopt a service delivery model
- Additional scope should include additional resources
- Don't narrow the scope of what NAs and DCOs do change
- Civic Engagement must be better- basic standards for asserting a minimum 30 day public comment period that engages permanently included in new city policy.
- Efficiency will provide the speed. Have a strong list and disseminate
- Longer and broader more robust outreach. cite marginalized communities

**Amended** ()

**Seconded** (*LC Hansen*)

**In favor** 12

**Opposed** 0

**Abstentions** 0

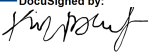
**Result:** The motion passed.

**9:00** The meeting adjourned.

**Next Board meeting: Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 7 pm – 9pm, via Zoom.**

**Minutes Approved (Date)**    11/6/2023

**Secretary Signature**

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