

## **Southeast Uplift Board Meeting Minutes - 2019 June 3rd @ SE Uplift Office**



### **List of Board of Directors in Attendance:**

Ardenwald-Johnson Creek- Abby Ball (Secretary)  
Brentwood-Darlington- Pamela Hodge  
Buckman- Mary Barrett  
Foster-Powell- Lotus Romey-Yu  
Mt. Scott-Arleta- Matchu Williams  
Mt. Tabor- Sam Noble  
Richmond- Brian Hochhalter  
Sellwood-Moreland- Elizabeth Milner  
South Tabor- Tina Kimmey  
Sunnyside- Reuben Deumling (Chair)  
Community Org Rep- Kelly Quinlan (On-the-Move Community Integration)  
At-Large-Catherine Davila  
At-Large-Terry Dublinski-Milton (Past-Chair)  
At-Large- Miguel Rodriguez

Executive Director: Molly Mayo

### **Guests:**

John Carr- STNA  
Denise Hare- RNA  
Linda Nettekoven-HAND  
Ashley Field-RNA  
David Donley- Montavilla NA  
Chris Eskamp-HAND  
Suk Rhee- Director, Office of Community and Civic Life

### **Greeting and Announcements (Deumling)**

- Brian (Richmond), Sam (Mt. Tabor), Pam (Brentwood Darlington), Matchu (Mt Scott Arleta) and Lotus (Foster Powell) all reported successful neighborhood involvement in the June 1st Paint the Town Green litter and graffiti clean-up.
- Miguel (At-large): Portland Through a LatinX lens has reached 30 stories.

- Terri (At-large/Past Chair):
  - Testified at Metro 2020 Bond hearing, relayed SEUL support for Reedway Overpass. A [survey](#) to be shared with the Transportation Funding Task Force regarding transportation in Portland is open for public comment until June 30th at <http://bit.ly/getmoving2020>
  - Pedalpalooza ride, [Maxing Access to the Max](#): Monday June 17th, 5pm Normandale Park, see calendar on [shifts2bike.org](http://shifts2bike.org)
  
- Molly Mayo:
  - PUAH has selected SEUL as their fiscal sponsor, this was pre-approved by SEUL board at our April meeting.
  - Thank you to the volunteers that showed up for Sunday Parkways- check the website for more volunteer opportunities.
  - DE&I team met this month
  - Many thanks to Kelly (On the Move) as this is her last meeting.
  - Thank you also Tina (South Tabor) for your outstanding participation and Suk Rhee for your leadership.
  - Expect new board members to arrive in July.

### **City Code 3.96 Change Q & A (Rhee)**

Recap- There was a resolution from city council in July 2018 to rewrite city code, a committee was formed and has been working on drafting new language. A draft was not out as of last month's SEUL meeting but came out shortly after and is available for review today. A subcommittee is finalizing the draft which will be put out for public comment.

Suk Rhee, Director of the Office of Community and Civic Life here to answer questions. Draft of current and proposed code handed out.

Q- This is scheduled to go to city council in July, given the final draft is currently not available do you anticipate this will be delayed?

A: Suk- there are no dates available to go to session in July so we are currently looking for a date in August for all 5 city councilors to be in attendance.

Q: I attended a city code session and feel the outline lacks specific details, do you have a side-by-side comparison of the old versus new code available.

A: Suk- No line-by-line comparison with old code but the old code and the draft of the new code are available. In the proposed draft there is more emphasis on defining the function of the bureau rather than the organizations that it supports which is the point of code. There will be less and more succinct sections new code. Previous code did not include all community partners and instead of writing a limited laundry list of current constituents the goal is to talk about people, communities and neighborhoods in general.

Comment: Support expressed for the process, neighborhood associations don't capture the entire neighborhood, so defining the function of the bureau makes more sense than defining organizations.

Q: Old code defines SEUL and its relationship with the city, with that absent in code, what will define that relationship?

A: Suk- We can come together in a lot of ways, either involving money or not, depending on the relationship there may be rules/contracts, collaboration may be broad and involve others or may be specific. This code change allows many other types of relationships to exist.

Q: Where will the documentation and definition of a neighborhood association exist?

A: Suk-It will get written down if it involves money. Do we need to define in code specific organization details? We will be accountable to many types of associations but we do not want to make a list now that may exclude other organizations in the future.

Q: How does a neighborhood association know how to define itself.

A: Suk- Currently neighborhood associations are voluntary and independent groups and can define themselves. In the future, neighborhood associations may not be the only association to claim a neighborhood as their constituency.

Q- As a board member of the SEUL coalition, code helps define us, our budget and obligations, sets outlines for how we function, our mission and what the city's responsibility is to us. Will the bureau replace these details from the previous code with administrative rules?

A- Suk- The most important thing is that as an organization, you exhibit self-determination, be inclusive, aim to better meet the needs of the community. You should be relevant, credible and represent people.

Q- Will there be administrative rules?

A- Suk- Programs, administrative rules and code are three different things and the administrative rules may change.

Q- I'm concerned about eliminating ONI standards, eliminating NA wording from the code and that setting NAs "free" is going to eliminate support from the Office of Civic Life. Can we keep the words "Neighborhood Association" in the code?

A- Suk- Neighborhood associations predate the bureau and now there are many constituents that Civic Life needs to partner with. A 45 year contract to one organization (Neighborhood Associations) without any competition is unheard of for government contracts and is not a model of good governance.

Q- Code is being written to be inclusive of all organizations but Civic Life is not an infinite resource. So if Civic Life is not explicitly responsible to support a specific system or organization

then what will ensure accountability to any organization? And how will Civic Life decide who to support?

A- Suk- Civic Life (OCCL) will focus on supporting racially, socially and culturally competent organizations for a fair society with a focus on correcting historical wrongs. The ideas presented in code are filters to identify which organizations meet these standards and the filters will inform how to prioritize resources.

Q: The survey regarding the draft code was supposed to be open until the 28th of May but was closed on the 23rd of May, when was it closed?

A: Suk- I will look into that.

Additional Comments:

- SEUL contract with Civic Life will be put up for bids in July 2020.
- There is a potential for the neighborhood coalition to persist in a similar capacity but without neighborhood representatives as the governing body.
- Board demographics/diversity are important when applying for grant funding
- Board member expressed frustration with the “senatorial” format of neighborhood representation (ex. representative from Milwaukie weighted the same as from Montavilla)

Q: How can we keep our neighborhood associations well informed of changes. For example, who can they contact with questions about the proposed code changes?

A: Contact Suk Rhee, attend drop-in sessions with the Office of Community and Civic Life, online surveys, etc. [suk.rhee@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:suk.rhee@portlandoregon.gov) or 503-823-4134.

### **Advocacy Request (Williams)**

Request from Matchu Williams (Mt Scott-Arleta) to write a letter of support for changes to the current City of Portland Bureau of Transportation proposal to repave and line SE 45th Avenue from Glenwood to Harney streets. Current proposal widens the bike lane and adds a same-grade pedestrian walk-way where there is no sidewalk. Request is for the addition of two crosswalks and the implementation of a no-right-on-red turn at Johnson Creek and 45th Place. This corridor is the only official access to the Springwater trail for the Woodstock neighborhood as the other access has a 14.9% grade and is not ADA compliant.

Motion to approve advocacy request by Lotus (Foster-Powell), seconded by Tina (South Tabor)

Q: The request seems “tame”, why are we not asking for grade separation, protected bike lanes etc.

A: Considering budgetary constraints the overall design should be encouraged and we'd like to see it adopted in other neighborhoods. Regarding grade separation- the budget would not allow for this. The proposal includes having parked cars in between the moving traffic and the bike lane.

Q: Is the road being widened into the shoulder?

A: In underutilized parking areas those spots will be removed to allow for bike/pedestrian walkways.

Q: Are the crosswalks near bus stops?

A: Knapp crosswalk is near the future greenway extension and is close to the bus stop.

Comment: Suggest adding that language in the letter of support.

In favor: 14 Opposed 0: Abstained: 0

Motion approved.

### **Board Self-Evaluation and Reflection - (Mayo)**

*Budget postponed*

### **Approval of May Meeting Minutes (Ball)**

Motion to approve by Sam Noble (Mt Tabor), seconded by Tina Kimmey (South Tabor)

In favor: 12 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 2 (Elizabeth Milner and Catherine Devila)

Motion approved.

### **Board Planning Activity (Mayo)**

*Momentum Alliance training postponed- reading material provided*

Review of our board's function compared to the standards for non-profit organizations:

How can the board do better?

- Have more specific goals related to the mission statement.
- Improve communication between board members and Neighborhood Associations.
- Update the website.
- Highlight past successful programs
- Include a summary of the board meeting to share out to constituent associations.
- Newspaper mailing- tie this to an activity at SEUL to draw interest.

Successes and challenges:

- Increase diversity- has been both a success and a continued challenge.
- SEUL is currently dictated by the city code. If code changes it opens up a new challenge to potentially change the structure of SEUL.

### **FYIs**

July- new board members join

August- no board meeting

September- board retreat

### **Adjourn (Deumling)**

Motion to adjourn Sam Noble (Mt Tabor), seconded by Mary Barret (Buckman)

In favor: 14 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0