

SE Uplift Board Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2017

Welcome and Introductions (Dublinski-Milton)

Marianne Colgrove
Paul Willey
Ben Tarne
Yashar Vasef
Kerry Rowand
Jessica Engelman
Constance Beaumont
Jennifer Tamayo
Sam Fuqua
Denise Hare
Reuben Deumling
Moshe Lenske
Marsha Hancrow
Jeff Cole
Terrence Dublinski-Milton
Erin Flasher
Michael Molinaro

Guests:

Will Roberts (North Tabor)
Molly Mayo (Richmond)
Tina Kimmey (STNA)
Anne Dufay (SE Uplift)
Leah Fisher (SE Uplift)

Review March Board Meeting Minutes (Willey)

Third page “approve the job posting”

Motion made by Reuben “To accept the minutes as amended with the correction”

- Motion was 2nd by *Moshe*
- Motion was approved by all present
- Motion was opposed by 0
- 0 abstentions
- **Motion Passed**

Board Work Plan Review & Discussion (Dufay)

Anne spoke about the needs we have to get the work plan together and that we are needing to understand the pending issues (staff absences and new Executive Director). Given the past retreat success and the desire to meet the ONI deadline, we would (in conjunction with the board) have a retreat in September 2017, which accommodates the new ED and pending staff time off.

Saturday option proposed; board didn't seem to find issue or suggest a different day (weekday evenings)

Comment regarding items we did not accomplish, such as the advocacy survey to the neighborhoods. Scott (who?) was referenced as a proponent of the survey, however, given his absence it was acknowledged as a discussion that was missing a major voice.

Discussion about how a survey could provide additional information on how we could best or better apply our resources to the issues identified. **Schedule has this survey being completed by the end of May 2017 with a goal of survey results made available by the board retreat (as a goal).**

Identified volunteers for a Survey Committee:

- Scott Vala
- Erin Flasher
- Jennifer Tamayo
- Jessica Engelman
- Sam Fuqua

Review & Approve LUTC Charter (Fisher)

Charter is located in the meeting packet and is intended as a guide to understand what the committee does, doesn't do, it's authority, and other such items. It was developed in conjunction with many neighborhoods through in-person conversations, as well as online surveys to get buy-in on things previously agreed to in meetings by the LUTC board. This charter has been referenced by new reps and appears to be helpful.

The on-going issue / question about how different NA's seem not to participate cited.

Comment:

Thank you for your hard work. It would be beneficial to review in 6 months and continue to explore how the LUTC is addressing major topics of concern to the SEUL Board (e.g. design), Neighborhood representation and what a meaningful recommendation means to the Board (i.e. a certain number/percentage of neighborhoods who vote on an issue, level of expertise, or diversity among neighborhoods represented).

Request/Question:

Concern that much of the new design is causing the city to look uglier and uglier. What development looks like is as important to sustainability as is transportation and walkability. The city seems to be missing the boat on what the city is changing into. We should put out the idea that the LUTC should also be thinking about the looks of the city we are building.

Answer:

The LUTC has identified urban design as a priority topic. LUTC would welcome specific SEUL Board requests to investigate specific LU/T issues, and if volunteers are available, for a sub-committee to look into any issue further and keep it on the map. Capacity of the

group to address the breadth and depth of all LU/T issues impacting the city at this time is a constant challenge.

Jeff Cole Made motion to "accept the Land Use Transportation Committee charter as written"

- Motion was 2nd by Michael Molimao
- Motion was approved by all present
- Motion was opposed by 0
- 0 abstentions
- **Motion Passed**

Update on City Budget Process -- Funding from ONI (Dufay)

We recently heard (but it's not yet confirmed) There is a lot of chatter in reforming ONI but at this point the city doesn't really know how that would go. Commissioners are still learning what the impacts of any changes would be.

All this being said there seems to be some changes coming.

Discussion about the role of NA's in a city in the face of gentrification. Mention of a Book [HOW TO KILL A CITY](#) the birth of urban democracy

Form Membership Committee (Dufay)

As per the policy we need a chair and two to four additional board members (only one additional member can be executive committee member) If you are going to be in the position of the board you need to be a NA rep.

- Kerry Rowand (committee chair)
- Yashar Vasef
- Reuben Deumling
- Paul Willey

Motion by Denise Hare to "Extend the Terry, Michael Molinaro tenure until the end of the fiscal year (June 2017)"

- Motion 2nd by Marsha Hanchrow
- Motion was approved by all present
- Motion was opposed by 0
- Abstentions
- **Motion Passed**

(All members of the board are requested to look for people to fill these positions)

Board Bio's -- Please submit them (Dublinski-Milton)

Commissioner Eudaly Visit

Board members and staff are to meet up with the commissioner so she can learn about us and what we do directly.

60's Bikeway Advocacy Request (Dublinski-Milton)

- Serves 6 SE Uplift Neighborhoods
- Request for advocacy from three neighborhoods and the thorburn safety coalition
- PBOT North Tabor Outreach as a part of growing transit communities
- Build pedestrian crossings at 12 high crash and neighborhood Corridors
- Create a MAX to Division HCT Connections
- Leverages the new Mt Tabor Park Path

The ask is that these 6 NA's endorse this project specifically and SE Uplift fully support this

Question:

What is this competing with?

Answer:

PBOT is not that far yet. This is an effort by SE Uplift to be ahead of the game. What we are saying is that if Funding shows up this is our priority.

Question:

Most of this cost is the pedestrian crossings

Answer:

Yes most of the costs is the crossings. Glisian, Stark and Burnside are the biggies

Motion made by Jeff Cole, to "Approve and submit advocacy request for the 60's Bikeway"

- Motion 2nd by Reuben Deumling
- All in favor
- 0 opposed
- 0 abstentions

Washington High School (Cole)

Citation about the benefits of community centers in the city of Portland. Currently the public parks division has stated that a SouthEast/Central Eastside area needs a community center. The area of the older Washinton High School is an identified area for this between SE12th and Stark.

Two advisory committees spoke about this (last one in 2009) came up with an option D to fund the project. The city and the PPS group applied for a 10 year permit with a two phase construction site on the site. Expires in 2022.

Funding from the city of PPS issued to the city an option to purchase the 1.31 acres which expires on May 29th of this year.

SEUplift has gone on record that this should happen and that the area should be built as a community center. Why are there no new parks in SE Portland?

Recently the Buckman NA wrote a letter in support of this opinion however the city has already said "No" to this request in a formal letter. There is already a private party with a secondary option on the property

Draft letter proposed in packet that the city bond the first phase of construction for the community center and the purchase of the land for parks use.

Motion made to submit the letter as written to include acknowledgement of the response from the city and that they continue to support

Michael Molinaro 2nd by reuben

All in favor, 0 opposed 0 abstentions

Request for Removal of SE Uplift from the Portland Business Alliance (Engelman)

Request for Dues to the group and doesn't have a history of being supportive to our charter and as such call for cote to not renew our PBA membership. PBA has a car centric view of transportation. I.E.:

- Bike lanes are bad for business
- Not very considerate for homeless people
- Anti-Homeless billboard campaign

1. Do nothing
2. Send them a letter of resignation
3. Ask them to send us a list of all the good things that they do and how they feel on some key issues?

Jessica is going to reach out to the Board and determine their view on our membership and recommend future action based on their response.

Reminder to Discuss PTU Resolution to Support Renters Rights with NA's
(Dufay)

Read the packet

Reminder to Review Tabor Commons Update in Board Packet (Dufay)

Read the packet