

December 2018 - SE Uplift Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Attendance:

Board Members:

- Ambar Solarte
- Kelly Quinian
- Taylor Wallau
- Catherine Davila
- Terrence Dublinski-Milton
- Susan Gershwin
- Miguel Rodriguez
- Abby Ball
- Paul Willey
- Kristiana Nelson
- Lotus Romey
- Daniel Amoni
- Carol Hanna
- Matchu Williams
- Sam Noble
- Brian Hochhalter
- Tina Kimmey
- Reuben Deumling

Staff:

- Molly Mayo
- Mireaya Medina
- Muz Afzal
- Gaby Saldaña-Lopez

Guests:

- Alan Field

Introductions and Announcements:

New drawings for new accessibility entrance at SEUplift

Testimony for Central City in Motion and plan was adopted by the council 3 votes to 0.

Feedback from the testimony had almost unanimous support and there was resistance from the east side coalition on the 7th Ave bikeway.

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/71158>

Foster Night Ride is tomorrow night, December 4th, through the Foster neighborhoods

Rich Newlands from PBOT will be at the Mt. Scott-Arleta Neighborhood meeting, December 5th at Mt Scott Community Center, to discuss the timeline for the completion of the Foster Streetscape.

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/57866>

Sunnyside Community House has an emergency warming shelter that is currently in effect. They need volunteers for the shelter and have a volunteer training on Monday DEC 10th from 6:00 - 9:00 @ the St. Peter and Paul Episcopal church 247 SE 82nd drive. Training about trauma informed care and there is a baked potato bar.

<https://sunnysidecommunityhouse.org/>

Small Grants program is open and accepting proposals until January 8th

<http://www.seuplift.org/neighborhood-small-grant-program/>

Fiscal Sponsorship program is opening up soon More information in the Newsletter

Craft fair at the Mercado with tabling opportunities for community organizations and members. Please contact the Mercado for information on a tabling opportunity. December 15th from 12-7

<https://www.portlandmercado.org/>

Community Tree lighting on December 20th from 6:00 - 8:00 @ Ardenwald Park. Free food and crafts and carlourlors sponsored by Hope Church.

Report on Mulugeta Seraw Sign Caps

A few months back the board voted to support the commemorative events for Mulugeta Seraw. This man was murdered in the neighborhood 30 years ago by white supremacists. In commemoration of this we help purchase sign caps to be placed around the Kerns neighborhood to commemorate his memory. This happened on the 14th of November and a large conference was held by the Urban League of Portland. There were lawyers who were present as were his family to remember the event.

Staff and other community members were present and the board was listed as a sponsor for the event because of our contribution. At 9:00 the next day on 31st and Pine the unveiling occurred and was attended by several city and members and community organizations. Also present was a large turnout from the Ethiopian community.

Most memorable for us was the Urban League's excitement around our encouraged response from the board and their support. It was a tremendous partnership and a great community building opportunity. The sign caps got quite a bit of national attention.

Brief video on the events

<https://ulpdx.org/event/mulugeta/>

Committee Reports

Brief discussion on the committees that are currently formed (Strategic Planning). More information moving forward.

Advocacy Request: Voz Workers' Rights

Request from a SE Area non-profit that supports day laborers. Many are from the latino community and several are homeless. There is also an educational component that provides classes and other supports. They are a partner of our through various programs and they have a new interim executive director. They have been renting space from prosper portland who currently is offering to sell them the space. They are prepared to purchase the space and is asking that community partners write a letter of support about the mission and encourage prosper portland to move forward with the sale.

They have a purchase and sale agreement as well as a low interest loan. They have contracted with Casa of Oregon as a development manager. The need for a permanent home for day laborers is real and urgent. Their current facility is limiting their capacity for supporting these laborers.

The request is that we as a partner write a letter of support to Prosper Portland in support of the purchase.

<https://portlandvoz.org/>

Question:

Is there a specific clause that requires a letter to be written?

Answer:

The Executive Director left the organization and as such there became some political issues that slowed down the sale.

Motion Made by Terry Dublinski-Milton to write a letter in support of Voz Workers' Rights to Prosper Portland
2nd by Kelly Quinlan

Approval of November Meeting Minutes

Motion made to approve the minutes as corrected (add the slate of people to the minutes)

Motion by Sam Nobel

Motion 2nd by Christiana

2 Abstentions

Formation of Grievance Committee

Grievance filed by the Richmond Neighborhood and a call made to form a grievance

Sam Nobel

Kristiana Nelson

Tina Kimmey

Abby Ball

Board Buddies

Each board member pairs off and switches contact information with another board member to provide a person to communicate with. It provides an eye out to check in with and break the ice for new members.

Buddies were pre-assigned and given out during the meeting

Break

Meet your friends and neighbors

Momentum Alliance Training

Introduction about the Momentum Alliance and their organization and the exercises that we are embarking on.
Question about how the readings and to bring it to the present.

Discussion about the article that was assigned as reading before the meeting for discussion.

Comment about the lensing between the differences between the terms for native americans and the usage in the article. Also the use of "NDN" as a term within the Native American community to reclaim the archaic term "Indian."

- Within Portland what lands do we occupy and what is desired. Is SE Uplift involved in any projects to increase awareness in this area?
- Talking about the Urban Renewal issues moved people and now tolling on the highways. This is needed but not racial equatiable?

- Portland is a quite highly populated with people that claim native american heritage. The Willamette Falls Legacy Project within Oregon City is looking at developing a historic indigenous site colonized by Western industry. There is hope to shine a light on the site and its historical native roots. How do we honor this? How do we bring this to our local discussion? <http://www.willamettefallslegacy.org/>

Breakout into small groups to discuss these questions in the context of the article.

Adjourn

Thank you for coming