

## Southeast Uplift Board Meeting Minutes - 2019 May 6th @ SE Uplift Office



### List of Board of Directors at May Meeting:

Ardenwald-Johnson Creek – Abby Ball  
Brentwood-Darlington – Pamela Hodge  
Buckman – Mary Barrett  
Creston-Kenilworth – Julia Betts  
Eastmoreland – Kristiana Nelson (Vice-chair)  
Foster-Powell – Lotus Romey-Yu  
Hosford-Abernethy – Daniel Amoni  
Mt. Scott-Arleta – Matchu Williams  
Mt. Tabor – Sam Noble  
Richmond – Brian Hochhalter  
Sellwood-Moreland - Elizabeth Milner & Bob Bucktolder  
South Tabor – Tina Kimmey  
Sunnyside – Reuben Deumling (Chair)  
Portland Mercado – Ambar Solarte  
At-Large – Taizoon Doctor  
At-Large – Terry Dublinski-Milton (Past-Chair)  
At-Large – Miguel Rodriguez

### SEUL Board Secretary Vacancy

Nomination of Abby Ball as Secretary & Matchu Williams as Vice/Shadow Secretary

- Terry Dublinski-Milton Motions, Sam Noble Seconds Motion
- 14 Yays, 1 Nay (Sam Noble)

### Grant Recipient Presentation: PDX Latinx Lens by Miguel Rodriguez

- Recipient of [SEUL Small Grant](#), Team of 10 people
- Mission is to amplify the voice of Latinx voices within Portland area
- Community partners include [Portland Community College](#), [Portland Mercado](#), [SE Uplift](#)
- Minimum goal of 75 stories to share with portraits for an eventually art gallery showing, all ages welcome to contribute
- Latinx Leaders Zine with different 10 artists coming soon to share more information about historical, contemporary, and local Latinx leaders

- Upcoming workshops open to everyone except for the May 12 workshop @ SEUL limited to Latin-identifying members
  - Target audience size of 20 people and up to 100 people at Midland Library

**Request that everyone share PDX Through A Latinx Lens!** Workshops are located at SE Uplift, Midland Library, and PCC SE Division. Follow PDX Through a Latinx Lens on Facebook, Instagram, and PDXLatinx.org

[pdxlatinx.org](http://pdxlatinx.org)

[info@pdxlatinx.org](mailto:info@pdxlatinx.org)

IG @[pdxlatinx](https://www.instagram.com/pdxlatinx)

FB @[PDXLatinx.lens](https://www.facebook.com/PDXLatinx.lens)

Portland In Color @ [portlandincolor.com](http://portlandincolor.com) has a directory of People Of Color (POC) Creatives. Check it out!

#### **7:40 Guest Presentation: Rahab's Sisters by Davis**

[Rahab's Sisters](#) organization has been around for over 15 years and seeks to create community through “radical hospitality” for women and gender-nonconforming individuals.

[St Peter & Paul Episcopal Church](#) at 247 SE 82nd Ave every Friday meets with food, flowers, personal hygiene products available. Started as community building and support for sex workers along 82nd Ave. Any woman, transgender, and gender non-conforming individual marginalized by poverty, sex work, abuse, et. al. is welcome. The number of people has grown as recent federal laws have criminalized sex work online (see [FOSTA-SESTA discussion](#)). Over 60 guests are present every Friday. The sense of community is a core belief of Rahab's Sisters. Counselors are available from 6-7pm every Friday @ St Peter & Paul Episcopal Church.

[SE Uplift Small Grant](#) is being used to take portraits of individuals in the SE Portland community free of personal identification. Oregon [Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer](#) is the first to have her portrait taken for this project. The art exhibit will be open in August, 2019 at [1122 Gallery](#) at 1122 SE 88th Ave, Portland, OR 97216-1706.

**Supplies and female identified volunteers are needed.** Donations of personal hygiene are particularly needed. **People with communications and marketing skills are needed.** More training is being worked upon for volunteers. [Multnomah County Harm Reduction Program](#) is providing support services. [JOIN](#), [Operation Nightwatch](#), [Right 2 Survive](#), [New Seasons Market](#), [Trader Joe's](#), and more groups are among the community partners with Rahab's Sisters.

### **7:50 Celebrating Anniversary of SEUL Mission Statement: Cake & Break**

*"To collaborate with the SE Portland community to build informed, inclusive, and participatory neighborhoods that support our social and ecological well-being."*

### **8:10 Metro Regional Flexible Funding 2022-2024 Project Endorsement**

Read more about [Metro Regional Flexible Funds](#).

- Projects are around \$5 million each
- SE Uplift eligible projects
  - Springwater to 17th Trail Connection- connection between City of Milwaukie and Sellwood
  - Stark/Washington Corridor Improvements
  - SE Belmont & SE Morrison
- [SE Uplift LUTC subcommittee](#) has [endorsed](#) the recommendations of Springwater to 17th Trail Connection and the Stark/Washington Corridor Improvements

Question: What is there to argue with here?

Answer: Community support can sway Metro to include a project in the current cycle or not. There may be a project that falls off the list elsewhere in the city. The list is currently at "200%" with ten projects listed and likely five to make the cut. Projects elsewhere could "lose" while SE Portland projects could emerge as "winners" within the resource constrained RFFs.

**Terry Dublinski-Milton Motions to recommend Stark / Washington Corridor Improvements and Springwater to 17th Trail Connection, Brian Hochhalter seconds motion**

- 14 Yays, 1 Abstention

### **8:20 City Code 3.96 Change Committee Update by Molly Mayo**

[Resolution No. 37373](#)

The level of writing of the resolution deals with city neighborhood districts. The July, 2018 resolution adopted by City Council has three directives: 1) A unified set of culturally-responsive practices for engaging a diverse range of community partnership; (2) an updated description of the Bureau's responsibilities; and (3) a set of voluntary guidelines that represent best practices for civic engagement.

The updated language reflects the increased roles, operations, and purpose of the [Office of Community & Civic Life](#) not previously reflected with the 2005 language describing the previously named Office of Neighborhood Involvement. The July 18, 2018 resolution renamed the Bureau. A draft of the language describing the Bureau roles will be released May 2019 after reviewing and collating community feedback, June 2019 will collect community feedback on the draft, and in Summer 2019 will be presented to City Council.

Question: Does draft language exist?

Answer: Speculation is that the draft language is not yet ready and will be released after the Thursday May 23rd meeting.

Question: What is the purpose of the Change Committee if not to write the draft language?

Answer: The 25 member Change Committee is producing concepts in concert with community feedback.

Question: Currently the Neighborhood Associations and Coalitions are articulated and provide a geographical based structure to advise the city on policy. Currently the Neighborhood Associations have responsibilities and obligations. Without draft language, how do we know that the Bureau's new code and policy will achieve the stated outcomes of inclusivity?

Answer: A draft will emerge soon and likely after the May 23rd meeting. The city will not eliminate the Neighborhood Associations.

Question: When is the City Council hearing?

Answer: Likely in July 2019.

Question: Could Southeast Uplift invite staff from the Office of Community & Civic Life to the June Board of Directors meetings?

Answer: Sure, we could invite a member of Civic Life to discuss the proposed draft language.

### **8:35 8:55 SE Uplift Board Committee Updates**

- Skillshare Committee without current members (not active)
- Strategic Planning Committee (Christopher, Reuben, Julia, Kat)
  - the objective is complicated by the Southeast Uplift contract renewal coming up in 2020 with the Office of Community & Civic Life
- Membership Committee (Sam, Abby, Miguel, Tina, Reuben)
  - coordinates the effort to retain and recruit At-Large, Community, and Business members
  - timeline with election for five positions in July, 2019
- New Membership Committee

Approval of April 2019 Meeting Minutes

- Terry Dublinski-Milton Motions, Lotus Romey-Yu Seconds
- Passes with 12 Yays, 3 Absentations