

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD
SOUTHEAST UPLIFT (SEUL) NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

Monday December 7, 2015, 7:00PM @ 3534 SE Main Street, Portland Oregon 97214 (Fireside Room)

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Quorum confirmed.

P - Present N - Not Present

SEUL Board Members

N - Ardenwald-Johnson Creek - Marianne Colgrove
N - Brentwood-Darlington - Sara Clark* (Treasurer)
N - Brooklyn - Wendy Miller
N - Buckman - Nate Miller
P - Creston-Kenilworth - Tyler King*
N - Eastmoreland - Robert McCullough* (President)
NA- Foster-Powell - *vacant*
N - Hosford-Abernathy - Bill Crawford
N- Kerns - Rai Mckenzie
P - Laurelhurst - Don Gardner*
P - Montavilla - Maranda Mole
P - Mt. Scott Arleta - Scott Vala*
P- Mt. Tabor (MTNA) - Paul Leistner
P - North Tabor - Cathy Riddell
NA - Reed - *vacant*
P - Richmond - Denise Hare
P - Sellwood-Moreland - Gail Hoffnagle
NA - South Tabor - *vacant*
P - Sunnyside - Reuben Deumling
P - Woodstock - Moshe Lenske
* member, ExComm

SEUL At-large Board Members:

N - Mandy Heaton (Reed College)
P - Michael Molinaro (Sunnyside)
P - Jeff Cole (Sunnyside)
P - Michael Sonnleitner
N - Ann Sanderson
P - Terry Dublinski-Milton

SEUL Staff:

N - Anne Dufay - Executive Director

N - Ashe Urban - Outreach and Communications Program & Fiscal Sponsorship Manager

P - Kelly Fedderson - Community Resource manager & Newsletter Editor

N - Jay Derderian - Senior Administrator

N - Bob Kellett - Neighborhood Planning Program manager

N - Katy Asher - Community Outreach Coordinator

Welcome, introductions, approve agenda and September minutes

Introductions for all present. Tyler moves to add to the agenda seating a new Montavilla representative. Scott seconds. Passes unanimously. Michael moves to approve the agenda as amended, Moeshe seconds. Passes unanimously. Terry moves to approve last month's minutes. Michael seconds. Passes unanimously.

Seating Montavilla SEUL Representative

Maranda Mole is being seated representing Montavilla. After a brief introduction, Tyler moves to seat her. Moeshe seconds. Passes unanimously.

Update from chairs and directors work group on homeless issues and possible roles/opportunities for Coalitions/NAs

Kelly Fedderson presents. At the August meeting of the seven coalition board chairs and directors, SEUL brought the idea of coalitions being proactive on houselessness. A work group was created and the existing policy, initiatives, and history on houselessness was looked at. No action was taking at the meeting, and no action is asked for tonight. But Kelly is seeking feedback on three items:

1. Houseless inclusion project. ONI and Coalitions explicitly include "houseless" in definition of "historically underrepresented communities" in all relevant documents.

2. Informational campaign. getting information to the NA's and others in Southeast Portland about homelessness/houselessness.

3. Proactive Site Identification. Each neighborhood association works to identify sites within their boundaries for new camp sites and/or small scale shelters.

Kelly will be going back to directors and chairs within the next month or so to get an idea of what the different coalitions feel about these proposals. Kelly asks for feedback via email from the board. She will send out an email reminder. After some discussion, the first two proposals seem to have general acceptance. Concerns about the third proposal were raised.

Street Fee Update

Mark Lear is presenting. The vision is now to raise \$64MM with the goal of reducing costly rebuilds through street repairs, and funding safety projects to reduce fatalities and injuries.

The idea of a temporary local gas tax seems to be at the forefront of the discussion. It is difficult to include large commercial vehicles in this tax. But the city is exploring options to include them.

End of January Council will have a hearing to determine if they will include this on the next ballot.

Staff request to board for support of social media affirmation Statement

Kelly presents. Racial justice issues are occurring nationwide. She would like to do a social media blast with the following language:

In response to recent local and national acts of racially-motivated hate crimes, SE Uplift Neighborhood Coalition's Board of Directors acknowledges that silence equals complicity. As long as race continues to be a determinant of quality of life, we recognize that we will not see the full diversity of participation we strive for within our board and in our neighborhood associations. While we recognize that the fight for racial and social justice does not always take place within the neighborhood association system, we write this in support of those who are fighting this fight within our area, throughout the city and across the nation. Join us in our commitment to create neighborhoods where all citizens may live and work without fear of intolerance. We invite neighbors to use this to speak up and take part in actions leading to systemic and real change for those facing threats to their personal safety and livelihoods.

Paul asks if we could include language about religion as well. Paul moves to adopt the possible language for consideration, Terry seconds. One opposes, One abstains. All others approve. Passes.

Division Design Initiative, update on project, Q&A

Heather Flint-Chatto presents. She is asking us to endorse the DDI top ten policy recs for City of Portland and a SEUL letter of support for top 10 policies. This is the work of a combination of stakeholders from a variety of neighborhood groups. The policies are meant to address the problems with aesthetics, and is not trying to limit density. Don request the land use committee develop recommendations, however this has been discussed by the land use committee previously and no consensus was reached. Jeff moves to support items 1, 2, 4, 5 and 10. Terry seconds. 6 in favor 4 abstained. Motion passes.

Terry will write a letter in support on behalf of the board.

The "Missing Middle"

Terry presents. The missing middle is the connection between the high density corridor and the single family home zones. Also, many houses are deficient with seismic and economic resiliency. Therefore the proposal is to replace old foundations and created additional units in basements. Theoretically

this would be a “win-win” by increasing density and upgrading the housing stock. The proposal is a new “R1.5” designation that allows up to 4 units per 5K square foot lot.

Terry moves to have the board direct him to present to the residential infill committee. Moeshe seconds. Terry withdraws motion. Michael commits to have Terry present to a sub-committee of the residential infill group.

Neighborhood Updates

Cafe Au play is going out of business, and SEUL is the legal owner of the site. There will be further discussion of options going forward as all stakeholders work on getting on the same page.

Meeting adjourned.