

**Southeast Uplift Board Meeting Minutes - 2020 January 6th @ SE Uplift Office -
3534 SE Main St, 97214 (Fireside Conference Room)**



List of Board of Directors in Attendance:

At-Large - Miguel Rodriguez
At-Large - Lauren Schaefer
Educate Ya - Estefania Zavala
Hacienda CDC - Ambar Solarte (Treasurer)
Kerns - Jesse Lopez
Laurelhurst - Constance Beaumont
Montavilla - Lindsey Johnson
Mt. Scott-Arleta - Matchu Williams (Vice Chair)
Portland Bus Lane Project - Jessie Maran
Richmond - Allen Field
South Tabor - Tina Kimmey (Chair)
Sunnyside - Reuben Deumling (Past Chair)
Woodstock - Anna Weichsel

SE Uplift Staff in Attendance:

Leroy Eadie (Executive Director)
Leah Fisher
Danny Mankin (Interim Executive Director)

Guests:

Doug Klotz (Inner SE Action)
Mary Ann Schwab
Robert Jordan (Chair to North Tabor NA)
Lara Miller (Rose City Philanthropy)
Matt Lembo (Chair to Sunnyside NA)

6:30

Networking & Social Time

Come visit with our new ED and your fellow board members and enjoy tea and snacks.

7:00

Introductions and Announcements

- Mary Ann Schwab will be testifying at City Council Wednesday in support of parks with emphasis on the Buckman Neighborhood.
- New job openings at OMSI include “Science Educator - Rube Goldberg” which works with students using the Constructionist Approach. Two additional openings for Outdoor Science Instructor and Camp Counselor including one in Fossil, Oregon. Find more information at the [OMSI website](#).
- Hip-hop & spoken word workshop at PNCA this weekend Saturday & Sunday Jan 11 & 12, 12-8PM
- City Council continuation of testimony regarding the 3.96 City Code Change Project this Thursday January 9th 2PM
- Soup Festival January 24th & 25th Friday & Saturday at Portland Mercado
 - New covered, heated area for eating now open
- January 26th workshop Yoga Meditation for Chronic Pain Management led by Danny Mankin in NE Portland

Approval of minutes for December and tonight’s agenda

Discussion: Correct list of attendees for December meeting and include Allen’s statement.

Reuben Deumling motions to Approve the December Minutes as Amended, Anna Weischel seconds.

In Favor: 10

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion passes.

7:15

Community Agreement, Mission Statement (Reuben)

7:20

Search Committee Update (Tina)

- Committee made of four board members and one SEUL staff
- Created job description and helped with outreach
- Competitive process, top ten candidates have extensive experience in non-profit work
- After five meetings the position was offered
- **Please welcome Leroy Eadie as the new Executive Director of SE Uplift**
- Leroy worked at City of Spokane on neighborhood plans and held the position of Parks & Recreation Director to oversee a \$1.2 billion bond in developing a master plan with community partners. He brings a wealth of community and neighborhood development

and experience working with city bureaucracy. He is a member of the Colville Reservation having grown up there, a Veteran, and a public servant his entire professional life. Leroy starts officially on January 16th.

- Leroy has a background in planning, believes in civic participation, and knows that boards are capable of great things with structure and support. Sees 3.96 Code Change Project as an opportunity to continue the great work and legacy of SE Uplift.

7:40

Staff and Programming Update (Danny)

- New SE Uplift website is live and being updated
- January 30th 7PM Workshop for Community Grants, new deadline is February 28th.
- Please email Christina with questions and more information.
- Small Grants are due February 6th with workshop this Tuesday, January 7 at the Woodstock branch of Multnomah County Library
- Jan 23 7-9 PM kick off event for Community Cleanup Events at SEUL Office (3534 SE Main)
- Neighborhood representatives please pick up mail from the mailbox in the lobby.
- SEUL is a donation site for winter clothing through February

8:00

Houselessness Action Committee (Reuben)

- SEUL board approved formation of houselessness action committee and charged with finalization of MOU to open SEUL Offices as an Emergency Warming Shelter with an outside organization throughout the winter.
 - Beacon PDX volunteered to staff and run the shelter
- Decision was made to not continue with the warming shelter plan at this time after much discussion.
- Actions are needed to build trust on houselessness with neighbors before SEUL Office may open as a warming shelter. Mediation may be necessary.
- Houselessness is a citywide issue and continues to affect all neighborhoods.
- Good Neighbor Agreement may be developed.

8:15

Establish a Board Development Committee (Tina)

- Formation of a Board Development Committee to oversee bringing on community groups to meet as often as needed, mentor new members, retain members, develop board processes, increase engagement, and recommendations for bylaw changes.
- Committees are a great opportunity to build capacity and learn what opportunities exist for community development.
- Anna Weichsel, Mary Ann, Allen Field, & Jessie Maran volunteer to join the committee.
Anyone interested is welcome to join.

8:20

Financial Committee Report (Ambar)

- Notes from Finance Committee Thursday, Dec. 12 Ambar Solarte (treasurer), Kris De Maria (bookkeeper), Sam Wilson, Stephanie Kaza, Tina Kimmey, Anna Weichsel, Danny Mankin. Request for a relationship list: All organizations that SE Uplift fiscally sponsors, partners and rentals.
- Staff to help generate.
- Bank accounts: separate checking account - best guess is that it was set up as for fiscal sponsors and was never used. SEUL has \$115,000 in one account and \$25,000 in another account.
- Question of whether to pay off the \$20,000 loan (for roof repair) using the other accounts instead of paying interest (4%) on the loan.
- **Recommendation to pay off \$20,000 to the full board with an interest of 4% and to lift the freeze on the other accounts.**
- Restrictive money to be moved into money market account with a board reserve policy of having approximately three months in the reserve.
- Question of paying rent to our property to our self will we tabled until the next meeting. Kris will investigate with our CPA the issue of billing the city for the rent.
- Next Financial Committee Meeting: January 23, 9:15 am for second quarter numbers.

Reuben Deumling motions to pay off the \$20,000 loan for the roof, Anna Weichsel seconds.

In Favor: 10

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion passes.

Discussion around the use of the accounting term "liability" to refer to funds as assets given to SE Uplift towards an earmarked purpose.

Fiscal Sponsorship requests will go through review before being presented to the SEUL Board of Directors.

Fiscal sponsorship does not equate to providing funds but rather that staff time and resources will be provided to accepted groups and thus fulfilling requirements of the city contract with SE Uplift.

8:35

LUTC, Rose Lane Project (Leah)

- www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/roselane
- PBOT staff presented to the Landuse & Transportation Committee on December 16th.

- **SEUL LUTC voted to recommend to the SEUL Board to support adoption of the Rose Lane Project by City Council.**
- Rose Lane Project is a pilot project to develop a bundle of “Rose Lane Pilot Projects” with transit priority, identify a “Rose Lane Network Vision” for a broader, phased Enhanced Transit Priority Network with faster, frequent, & full service, develop a “Rose Lane visual identity to be applied throughout the network, and leverage TriMet service improvements & other rider benefits through partnership agreements.”
- At the February 10th, 2020 City Council meeting there will be a request to support adoption of of the Rose Lane Project project proposal.
- All of the proposed project locations benefit the entire network of transit service. These locations are where service to the entire system is degraded and would be improved by the proposed improvements.
- There is an equity angle to the project by reducing travel times throughout the network including but not limited to the outer eastside by reducing congestion bottlenecks for transit
- Directive is to write a letter to the City Council in support of the Rose Lane Project pilot.
- Jessie Maran will help draft the letter.
- Request to CC board of directors on communications.

Ambar Solarte motions to write a letter in support of the Rose Lane Project to City Council, Reuben Deumling seconds.

In Favor: 11

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion passes.

8:50

Update on the Albina & Brooklyn Railyard Relocation Study

SEUL Board approved \$7,000 to fund a study to explore relocate the Albina & Brooklyn Railyards. Advocacy groups based around air quality issues asked SEUL to provide seed funds for a feasibility study. Read more at www.albinarailrelocation.org

Fixing Our Streets is concluding in 2020 and will be up for renewal.

Reuben Deumling motions to remove Danny Mankin at the end of the month and immediately add Leroy Eadie as signers to the First Interstate Bank account, Constance Beaumont seconds.

In Favor: 11

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion passes.

9:00

Adjourn (Tina)

Next Board Meeting: Monday, February 3rd, 2020, 7-9PM.

Inclement Weather Information: SE Uplift follows Portland Public Schools closure information. If PPS are closed, SEUL is closed. To receive alerts text “YES” to 68453 or visit <https://www.pps.net/Page/124>

Minutes by Matchu Williams, Interim Secretary & Vice Chair