

## SE Uplift Neighborhood Coalition Board Meeting

Monday, April 5, 2021 – 7:00pm to 9:15pm

(Note: The time extension will accommodate our DEIA training in lieu of an additional meeting. There is also pre-work for board members in advance of the meeting, see *\*action items\** in agenda below. Thank you!)

**Zoom Link:** (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86593717564>)

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

Time	Item	Presenter(s)	Info	Disc	Action
7:00	Introductions and Announcements (made in zoom chat)	Tina/ Lindsey	X		
7:10	Q&A with Commissioner in Charge of the OCCL – Commissioner Hardesty <i>*(If possible, send questions in advance of meeting to <a href="mailto:eaen@seuplift.org">eaen@seuplift.org</a> by Thursday 4/1)</i>	Commissioner JoAnn Hardesty	X	X	
7:45	DEIA Training – Part 2: Skills <i>*(complete <a href="#">this survey</a> in advance of meeting to prepare for session 2)</i>	Cliff Jones, Strategic Partners	X	X	X
8:50	Executive Director Report <i>(see written Program updates below)</i>	Leah Fisher	X		
8:55	Finance Committee - Approve Financial Management Policies <i>*(review in advance of meeting and email questions to <a href="mailto:eaen@seuplift.org">eaen@seuplift.org</a> by 4/1)</i>	Ambar Solarte	X	X	X
9:05	Volunteers – Development Committee & “Still in Prison” SEUL Rep	Tina Kimmey	X	X	X
9:10	Approval of minutes and agenda	Tina Kimmey	X	X	X
9:15	Adjourn	Tina Kimmey	X		

**Next Board Meeting:** Monday, May 3rd, 2021, 7:00-9:15  
**Welcome members and guests!**

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**Office of Community and Civic Life (Civic Life) Grant Process Update:** Coalition Directors are in conversation with Civic Life regarding our 2021/22 Grant Agreement. We are working through insurance requirements (primarily whether a waiver for abuse and molestation insurance is feasible), scope of work, and appropriate outcome measures. Meanwhile internally, we are pulling a proposed budget together for the Finance Committee to review in April. More information will be available in May, and action will need to be taken by the SEUL Board in June to approve the Scope of work and Budget.

### **SEUL Program Updates:**

**Neighborhood Planning Program:** We welcomed a new temporary staff member, Alexander McPherson (he/him) to cover the Land Use and Transportation work while Leah steps in as Interim ED. Alexander comes to us as a long time Portlander and with background and experience in community development and civic engagement. Alexander will provide Liaison coverage to 6 of our Neighborhood Associations as well. Alexander will also lead SE Uplift's new Land Use and Transportation Leadership Program which will start May 2021.

**Communication Funds & Grants:** All Communications Grants and Communications Funds applications have been received and reviewed. All but one neighborhood association applied for the funds, and the \$500 checks will be in mail boxes the first week of April.

We are happy to announce that all **eligible** communications grant applicants will be awarded this year. We received 22 applications, two of those did not meet the criteria, and one application partially met the criteria and will be awarded half of what the amount requested. The qualifying awardees will receive a notification email on April 6<sup>th</sup> and funds will go out late April.

**Outreach:** As the program manager, Paola has attended various community virtual events to network and create stronger connections with community groups around SE Portland. Upcoming news, events and other relevant information will be available in our April Newsletter which will be sent out on April 12th.

**Small Grants:** Now in its 14th year, the Community & Civic Engagement Small Grants program funds small but powerful community efforts aimed at increasing the number and diversity of people engaged in the community, strengthening community capacity to create social change, delivering relief during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and increasing community impact on public decisions and community life. This year SE Uplift received over \$100,000 in applications for small grant funds. Due to surplus in other areas of our budget resulting from COVID impacts, SE Uplift will be able to increase the original small grant allotment from \$20,000 to closer to \$30,000.

A huge thank you to our new staff Matchu and Paola for taking this program on for the first time, all 32 grant applicants, and our Small Grants Review Committee – Sabrina Wilson, Keller Dean, Umoja Youth Alumni Destinee, and Linda Nettlekoven– for their careful consideration and funding recommendations.

**Operations:** Operations are going smoothly thanks to Ealen. Current projects include revitalizing our community garden space, getting historical building/operations records in order, and getting a free fridge up and running alongside the already existing free pantry (thanks to neighbors in Sunnyside for collaborating on

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this project/caring for the pantry). Finally, we are currently looking for a new tenant for our basement office spaces since BBBC moved to Tabor Commons – if you know of any community groups looking for office space, please have them get in touch with Eaen.

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