

Southeast Uplift Board Meeting Minutes - 2020 July 6th via Zoom meeting

Audio at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q1SINMvi744>



In Attendance: Tina K., Ambar, Sam N., Anna W., Brian H., Denise H., Diana, Doug K
Board: Tina K (Chair, STNA), Sam N (MTNA), Ambar S (Treasurer, Hacienda/Portland Mercado), Lotus R (Secretary, FPNA), Reuben D (Past Chair, SNA), Matchu W (Vice Chair, MSANA), Pam H (BDNA), Anna W (WNA), Miguel R (PDX Through a Latin Lens), Jessie M (Portland Bus Lane Project), Estefania (Educate Ya), Allen F (RNA), Dave W (KNA), Quincy B (LNA), Stephanie K (NTNA), Lindsey J (MNA), Cat D (At Large), Amy B (PCC)
Staff: Leroy E (SEUL Executive Director), Christina E, Leah F
Guests: Linda Nettekoven, Kat West, Chrystal Brim, Denise Hare, Doug Klotz, Marsha Henschrow, Brian Hochhalter, Erik Matthews, Heather Flint-Chatto, Shane Roche, Vivian Libson, Andrea Brown, Jennifer Powers

Intro & Announcements

- Anna Makes a motion to amend the agenda to add active board members for a second year, Sam N. seconds. Passes unanimously.
- Stephanie Makes a motion to add the active board members for a second year, Anna seconds. Passes unanimously.
- Brian Hochhalter stated an objection to not being allowed to make a statement on the trespass issue

Updates and Intros:

- Kat W., ISEA: Lincoln beautification project and book club.
- Ambar, Portland Mercado: Hoping to open soon, and possibly a new food cart.
- Anna W.: Farmer's market is open and also has an open spot at their farmers market.
- Allen, Richmond: Upcoming elections.
- Jessie M., Portland Bus Lane Project: Moving 2020 has a [listening session](#) coming up tomorrow evening.
- Lindsey J., Montavilla: Farmer's market is also open!
- Dave W., Kerns: 3 street plazas opening up soon.
- Miguel R.: OMSI is open again, under social distancing guidelines.
- Quincy B., Laurelhurst: Rewriting their neighborhood history.
- Estefania Z., Educate Ya: Work still happening, reach out if you want Spanish lessons.
- Heather F.C., Richmond: Main Street design awards, you can submit.

Ambar makes a motion to approve the minutes from June. Jessie seconds. Passes

unanimously.

Vibrant, Albina Yard Project Update by Mo B.

- Review preliminary results

~ 3 primary concerns: Locating a similar location, land isn't usually flat, needs access to main lines of highways.

- Discuss next steps

~Continue dialogue, pursue more information, and pursue public infrastructure \$ to pay for the next phase.

- Q & A

Q: (Quincy) What steps are being taken to address the environmental justice issues that have been raised?

A: Will not make "Our problem" someone else's problem. There will be more information addressing this as we move forward.

Q: (Sam) What did the preliminary study find and is there any of the money that was raised left?

A: There is a copy of the study results that can be shared.

Q: (Matchu) How long might this project take?

A: 10-20 year project.

Q: (Anna) Plans on how to clean up after, and who is paying for that?

A: Kat has the wealth of info on this.

Board elections, non NA

- Asking to vote in all as a slate. Names and positions were sent out previously via email for the board to review.

- Discussion regarding this process and keeping a record of who has been involved with SEUL.

Allen motions to approve the committee's slate of recommended people: Cat Diaz, David Gruber, 82nd Ave of Roses Business Assoc (Nancy Chapin), Estafania Zavala. Stephanie seconds. Motion Passes.

YES: Pam, Lotus, Dave, Lindsey, Stephanie, Allen, Anna, Cat Davilla. NO: Sam, Ambar, Miguel, Jesse, Miguel, Matchu, Amy

Quincy: Abstain

DEIA Workgroup, Documents (3)

- Matchu presented a slideshow.

- Been working on these documents for 8 months.

- Allen has several comments and questions. It was "a lot to digest" for him.

- These are 'living documents' so they can be changed.

- Miguel makes the point that often times getting caught up in small details such as definitions of things and trying to get it "perfect" gets in the way of actually doing the important work of DEIA.

Ambar makes a motion to approve these documents, Lotus seconds. Motion passes.

Allen: Abstain

Matchu motions to seat Estefania as a board member, Sam second. Motion passes.

Budget/Civic Life Grant Agreement

- Leroy shared a slide show.

Ambar makes a motion to approve the budget as presented, Anna seconds. Motion passes.

Trespass Letter

Allen, Leroy, Chrystal, and Kat were allowed to make statements in the time previously allotted by the Executive Committee. Allen's written statement that he read from is attached, at his request.

Miguel motions to remove Allen from the board, Amy seconds. Allen made point of order: the motion is improper under the Bylaws since 10 days notice is required before the board can vote on removing a board member and no 10 day notice was provided. Leroy read Section 6 from the Bylaws:

Any Director may be removed with or without cause by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors then in office. Neighborhood association Directors may only be removed with the consent and approval of their neighborhood association. A Director may also be removed by their nominating neighborhood association, business association, or other community group acting in accordance with its bylaws. All Directors must be given ten (10) days written notice of a meeting which includes removal of Director(s) on the agenda.

Therefore, Miguel revised his motion: put on the September agenda the possible removal of Allen and for Executive Committee to send a letter to the RNA informing them that issue of removal will be on September agenda. Amy seconds.

YES: Lotus, Lindsey, Matchu, Sam, Estafania, Ambar, Miguel, Ruben, Jessie, Amy,

NO: Pam, Dave, Allen, Anna, Cat. Abstention: Stephanie

Motion Passes

Pam makes a motion to direct staff to retract the March 13th trespass letter in its entirety and to send copies of the retraction to all parties who received the original letter. Her motion and stated reasons she read from are attached. She added that she is a lawyer and doesn't understand Leroy's statement that legal counsel said there is no potential legal liability.

Anna second.

YES: Pam, Anna, Dave, Allen. NO: Lotus, Lindsey Matchu, Sam, Miguel, Estafania, Ruben, Jessie, Amy, Ambar. Abstain: Stephanie, Cat Motion fails.

Adjourn.

No Aug. meeting., Next meeting will be 2nd Wed. of Sept.