

## December SEUL Board of Directors Mtg. 12/4/17

### Introductions:

Iris Hodge  
Matthew Micetic  
Soren Impey  
Tima Solano  
Mari Tamiyasu  
Catherine Davila  
Taizoon Doctor  
Terrence Dublinski-Milton  
Susan Gershwin  
Nate Smith  
Paul Willey  
Mark Romanaggi  
Yashar Vasef  
Kerry Rowand  
Jessica Engelman (+ Kepler the cat)  
Scott Vala  
Sam Noble  
Nadyne Rosin  
Alan Kessler  
Tina Kimmey  
Reuben Deumling  
Christopher Bacher

### Presentation: Main Street Alliance

Mainstreet alliance needed to be a member of the board so it could reach all the neighborhoods in SE Portland. Many of their represented businesses are there. So what is Main Street alliance?

It was formed 9 years ago by a pair of business owner in SE Portland. They decided that they were tired of big business standing up for companies when they were so far removed from their ethos and day to day operations. The ACA was on the horizon and the future was new so there was tons of support and interest in this area. Small business owners are just like everyone else. They fight for all the same issues we believe in and that people are an investment. There are 15 chapters in 15 states. There are 2.5 people working in Oregon. They fight for increase in minimum wage, health care, paid sick leave and other equity issues that support the community. All member business have less than 100 employees.

Currently there is an effort to expand the relationship between business owners and community involvement. If a community is healthy it's small businesses are healthy. Continued work in workers rights, racial equity and other social justice policies that business support.

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**Question:** How do I learn about who is a part of Main Street Alliance? How does a business join?

**Answer:** We have never had a dues structure they are grant driven so membership was not a concern. Joining is a value statement and recently they are not membership driven. All information is on their website. <http://www.mainstreetalliance.org>

**Question:** How do we get small business to fight for transportation reform?

**Answer:** Business owners know the positives of civic improvements. There are often requests for time on meeting schedules to discuss future plans for improvements. Because MainStreet alliance is interested in helping groups with good ideas they are onboard. As long as safety, health and business growth is involved it's a supported policy

**Question:** How many members are there in Oregon

**Answer:** a little over 3500 / 1200 in PDX. However in the last year since the election it's been volatile. There was a dip during last years ice storm so businesses were struggling and some had to close their doors.

**Question:** B Corps. They are different than your normal group. How?

**Answer:** B-Corps have a board and must give an amount of their money to charitable causes. A B-Corp can join and agree to abide by our goals. Main Street Alliance doesn't discriminate for any corp type.

## Sharing of community announcements

**Mark Romanaggi,** Brookly is going to do an air quality test with creston kenilworth. Issue is that they are between McGoloughlan and Brooklyn Yards / Trimet with diesel issues. To be done in two seperate locations to determine the air quality for the area. It was supposed to have happened Dec 1st.

**Terry Dublinski-Milton** . . Went to the Open house for the PBOT/ODOT discussion. Left turn pocket @ 33rd will introduce high demand on 30's bike way and this will create a future conflict.

Lincoln harrison had an open house with the division bus rapid transit 2 weeks ago. The vast majority talked about divert at 50th and the big project didn't get much discussion. Tomorrow night there is another openhouse @ atkinson during the 7th ave sullivan gulch crossing open house by lloyd district. Transformative for Kerns Buckman. ODOT and PBOT are discussing the transfer of ownership for Powell. Hoping to get someone on the steering committee.

**Susan Gershwin:** Tenant rubric is well underway Open comment period has been done. Future discussion with revisions soon and will go before the board in January. If there are board members that are passionate about the process we could have a sub-committee to review applicants. There seems to be some energy around that idea.

**Toma Solano:** The village collation is working on future conversations on the schedule

**Scott Vala:** Conversations on the board about the future. I'm leaving SE Uplift. During the past several years it's focus has changed quite a bit and I have struggled with some of these tings. I need to focus on other issues. Remember the past and learn from it. Dissertation and legacy information can be found on the ONI website and I encourage you to read it.

**Molly Mayo:** Thank you Scott for your years of service.

**Tina Mimmey:** I am on the design group for the Kellogg Middle School Design Advisory group (69th and powell) new school.

**Kerry Rowand:** Fill out your BIO's and send them to me so I can write them.

**Soren Impey:** I have been meaning to propose a vote in support of Portland relocation ordinance presented a few months ago. The hearing has been delayed and should occur in January. Hopefully there will be another presentation in January about this. There was also an ordinance plan about security deposits and screening as an equity issue and displacement issue. That has also been postponed. PT United had their first tenant union vote at the sunnyside community house. Very exciting. They voted on policy directions for Portland Tenants United. The results will be shared with SE Uplift.

**Alan Kessler:** We had a difficult recent meeting. Potentially SE Uplift could help with training. Confrontations and other issues have caused attrition on the board.

Motion made by Jessica "to accept the current meeting agenda as written"

- Motion was 2nd by Soren Impey
- Motion was approved by all members present
- Motion was opposed by none
- 0 abstention
- **Motion Passed**

## Fiscal Sponsorship Renewals

Continuation of the Arleta triangle project. It is a neighborhood placemaking spot. It brings a busy street down to a easy scale and beautifies the neighborhood. They are hoping to do fundraising for paving stones and other materials; paint for canopy and shead

Kitchen share SE. Library of kitchen supplies that are hard to keep in your own kitchen. They are looking to renew their sponsorship.

Addendum to Richmond neighborhood sponsorship. Richmond Tag-Busting monthly. Graffiti abatement. They want to raise money for supplies, food and drink for their work parties.

Motion made by Yashar Vasef "to accept the current meeting agenda as written"

- Motion was 2nd by Nadyne Rosin
- Motion was approved by all members present
- Motion was opposed by none
- 1 abstention
- **Motion Passed**

**Question:** Why is this a board decision and not a staff criteria decision.

**Answer:** Because of Board oversight

## Approval of meeting minutes from November

Motion made by Paul Willey "to accept the current meeting agenda as written"

- Motion was 2nd by Terry
- Motion was approved by all members present
- Motion was opposed by none

- 0 abstention
- **Motion Passed**

## Correction to meeting minutes from September

Motion made by Terry Dublinski "to accept the correction"

- Motion was 2nd by Reuben
- Motion was approved by all members present
- Motion was opposed by none
- 0 abstention
- **Motion Passed**

## Set a January meeting date

**Wed. the 10th @ 7:00 PM**

## Updates:

**Email Molly if your interested in participating in the tenant selection process for the SE Uplift site  
Potential sub-committee possibility**

**Question:** Is there any construction projects that are going to be worked on?

**Answer:** No construction; just cleaning however there are long-term potential changes that can be done

**Question:** Were we able to determine the legality of our tenant selection process?

**Answer:** There is a request for proposals for Tabor Commons and there would be a similar process for this site. Process to follow up on.

### **Mission Statement subcommittee:**

The important topic of our mission statement was front and center at our meeting. After collectively deciding that the current statement was worth revision our consensus was to determine a schedule for crafting a revised statement.

We had a great discussion about how SE Uplift fits into the community and our role in the democratic government of the city / region. These discussions were used to draw connections to the work and programs that SE Uplift does in support of our local democracy, community and the people that live / work here.

These exercises along with the vision statements SE Uplift has were used as the seeds of ideas for our critiques of the current mission statement as well as the statements that came from the recent board retreat.

We also discussed our expectations for a schedule of how we wish Before our next board meeting it is our goal to have a strong draft mission statement

## Closing remarks

Year end statements and thanks for helping making this a better community

Adjourn

Meeting ended @ 8:51