



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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm | Via Zoom Conference Call

ATTENDANCE

Board Members present:

Brentwood-Darlington NA – Kimberly DiLeo
Brooklyn NA (BAC) – Stuart Zeltzer
Buckman NA (BCA) – Christina Mei Ngook Westbrook
Creston-Kenilworth NA – Rachel Davies
Eastmoreland NA – Dianne Levinson
Hosford-Abernathy Neighborhood District (HAND) – Bruce Bikle
Kerns NA – Dave Weaver (Vice Chair)
Montavilla NA – Natalie Mallis
Reed NA – Anne Tillinghast
Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League (SMILE) – Mackenzie Torres
Sunnyside NA – Matt Lembo
Woodstock NA – Anna Weichsel
82nd Ave Business Association – Nancy Chapin (Secretary)
At Large – Amy Bader
At Large – Albert Kaufman
At Large – Tina Kimmey (Chair)
At Large – Kimberléa Ruffu
At Large – Lindy Walsh (Treasurer)
At Large – Doug Waugh

Board Members absent:

Mt. Scott-Arleta NA – Daniel Portis-Cathers
North Tabor NA – Kimberly Bandy
Inner SE Action – Kat West
At Large – Cat Davila

Board Members sending regrets:

Laurelhurst NA – Jan McManus
Sellwood Community House – Ashley Asbjornsen

Staff present: Nanci Champlin (Executive Director)
Lindsey Johnson (Fiscal Sponsorship and Communications Manager)

Guests: Sharon Wynde (Board Administrator), Allen Field

BOARD DISCUSSION MEETING

7:00 The board discussion meeting was called to order.

Introductions + Announcements (Tina Kimmey, Chair)

- SE Uplift's mission statement and community agreements pertaining to behavior during board meetings were shared.
- Introductions and announcements were posted by board members in the chat.
- Recording Policy Announcements were made

Welcome Newly-Elected Board Members (Tina Kimmey, Chair)

Tina welcomed new and returning board members who were elected at the July 5th board meeting: Cat Davila, Kimberléa Ruffu, Lindy Walsh, Amy Bader, Albert Kaufman, Doug Waugh, Tina Kimmey, Nancy Chapin, Kat West, Ashley Asbjornsen, Mackenzie Torres, Bruce Bikle, Rachel Davies, Jan McManus, Daniel Portis-Cathers, Dianne Levinson, and Anna Weichsel.

Seating of Neighborhood Association Board Members (Tina Kimmey, Chair)

Incoming new board member nominees who completed the onboarding process, Matt Lembo (Sunnyside NA), Christina Mei Ngook Westbrook (BCA) and Natalie Mallis (Montavilla NA) were introduced, as well as returning members Dave Weaver (Kerns NA) and Stuart Zeltzer (BAC) who also completed the onboarding process.

Existing board members voted via online poll to seat each of these nominees to a one-year term to the SE Uplift board of directors.

Board Member Introductions (Tina Kimmey, Chair)

Tina invited each board member to introduce themselves, and to comment on the organization they represent and a little bit about themselves to the group.

Presentation by Portland Community College (PCC): Bond Measure (*advocacy request*)

Rebecca Ocken, Interim Director of PCC's Planning & Capital Construction, and Michael Cox, Bond Measure Campaign Manager, presented an overview of the PCC 2022 Education Bond Measure (see attached). PCC is seeking SEUL's endorsement for this November, 2022 bond measure on the ballot. They have received several endorsements so far, including Washington County Democrats, and Oregon League of Conservation Voters.

Presentation by Oregonians United to End Slavery: Ballot Measure 112 to Remove Slavery Clause from State Constitution (*advocacy request*)

Erwin Mendoza with the Yes on M112 campaign presented an overview of that measure on the November, 2022 ballot (see attached). There are slavery loopholes in the Oregon State constitution, as well as in a number of states' constitutions. The measure removed language in the constitution to strike the word Slavery. The slavery exemption in the state constitution which is in punishment of a crime.

Board Networking Breakouts (Sharon Wynde, Board Administrator)

The board met in 6 breakout sessions to each share the highlight of their summer in small groups.

Executive Director Updates (Nanci Champlin)

- SEUL hosted an amazing community engagement event on houselessness on 8/1.
- We sponsored both the Montavilla and Hawthorne Street Fairs, which were successful.
- Alex & Matchu held a series of 3 morning bike rides in August focused on grantee community projects.
- Three communications-related training sessions to build capacity were held, presented by Albert Kaufman. There are recordings available.
- We held a new board member orientation on 8/30, followed by an ice cream social for board members and staff. Attendees shared suggestions about committees and what they want to see and participate in, such as Climate Action, Civic Engagement, IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access).
- We're looking at having a retreat in the fall, after the election when we'll know the outcome of the proposed changes to the city charter.
- At the October board meeting, we're hoping to do a presentation on the charter change. Some NAs are having orientation sessions on that, including Sunnyside at their general meeting on 9/8 [September 8th, 2022 SNA General Membership and Board Meetings - Sunnyside Neighborhood Association \(sunnysideportland.org\)](#).
- HR news: as Lindsey mentioned, Paola has left SEUL, she'll be pursuing a design career. Lindsey is taking over the fiscal sponsorships program. We're hiring an operations specialist. The job description and posting is here: [Operations Specialist at SE Uplift | Mac's List \(macslist.org\)](#)
- We've updated the staff liaison assignments on the website. <https://www.seuplift.org/who-we-are/our-staff/> (click on each staff member to find out their NA assignments)
- Fiscal sponsorship news: Nanci provided an overview of the 3 tiers. ExComm just approved renewal of UCCO (United Congolese Community Organization) for another

year. PUAH (Portland United Against Hate) will transition in September to become a program of Campus Compact, so they will no longer be an FSP.

- Building news: our conference room space rental is picking up. We're investing in air filters and hybrid meeting technology. We're aiming to restart in-person board meetings in October with a hybrid option.
- Nanci shared the Neighborhood Demographics slide which shows Portland population growth by District Coalition area from 2010 to 2020 based on census data (see attached). SEUL has the largest population of all districts, and saw the largest increase in residents. SEUL is tied in ranking 4th in the percentage of growth relative to other districts.

Committee Reports

- Executive Committee – Tina Kimmey, Chair
 - o Minutes included in the board packet
 - o Updates: We had more fiscal sponsorships than we normally do.
 - o Next meeting: September 19th (3rd Mon at 5:30pm).
- Board Development Committee – Tina Kimmey, Chair
 - o Updates: Did orientation on 8/30. Nothing planned for this month.
 - o Next meeting: not scheduled
- Houselessness Action Committee (HAC) – Stuart Zeltzer
 - o Updates: Summary of event: community engagement meeting on 8/1. Great contributions from Dave, Nancy, Richard Bruno, Alex. Had almost 20 different organizations come to SEUL who are involved in houselessness issues. They set up tables and had presentations from Hygiene for All, Food Insecurity from Blanchet House. Commissioner Meieran and Rep. Nosse attended. It was very helpful for the different organizations to meet each other. We're thinking of creating a new event by bringing together the various DCO's on this topic.
 - o Next meeting: September 26th (4th Mon at 5:30pm), virtually. Seeking anyone from the different neighborhoods in SE Portland. Working on bringing in folks in our community facing houselessness.
- Land Use + Transportation Committee (LUTC) – Matchu Williams (absent)
 - o Updates: None as Matchu is absent.
 - o Next meeting: September 19th (3rd Mon at 7pm).
- Finance Committee – Lindy Walsh, Treasurer
 - o Updates: Lindy walked through the '21-'22 budget (included in board packet).
 - o We'll be voting to increase the minimum capital expenditure to capitalize from \$1,500 to \$2,500 in our Financial Management Policy, as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committees.
 - o Next meeting: September 22nd (4th Thu at 5:30pm).

8:56 The board discussion meeting adjourned by Tina.

BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

8:56 The board business meeting was called to order by Tina.

Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes: July

Motion	Tina moved to approve the July, 2022 board meeting minutes as corrected.
Amended	Anna's last name was misspelled on page 5.
Seconded	Lindy
In favor	13
Opposed	0
Abstentions	3
Result:	The motion passed.

Endorse the PCC Education Bond Measure

Motion	Anna moved to endorse the PCC Bond Measure.
Amended	
Seconded	Albert
In favor	15
Opposed	0
Abstentions	1
Result:	The motion passed.

Endorse Measure 112

Motion	Lindy moved to endorse Measure 112 to support amending the Oregon state constitution to Remove Slavery as Punishment for Crime.
Amended	
Seconded	Albert
In favor	18
Opposed	0
Abstentions	1
Result:	The motion passed.

Approve the Board Officer Nominating Committee

Motion	Anna moved to approve the following to the board officer nominating committee: Tina Kimmey, Nancy Chapin and Dianne Levinson
Amended	
Seconded	Lindy
In favor	17

Opposed 0
Abstentions 0
Result: **The motion passed.**

Change “Fixed Asset” Minimum from \$1500 to \$2500 in the Financial Management Policy.

Motion Tina moved to increase the Fixed Asset minimum threshold for capitalization in SE Uplift’s Financial Policy from \$1,500 to \$2,500 as recommended by the Finance and Executive Committees.

Amended
Seconded Kimberly DiLeo
In favor 19
Opposed 0
Abstentions 0
Result: **The motion passed.**

9:05 **The meeting adjourned.**

Next Board meeting: Monday, October 3rd, 2022, 7 pm – 9pm, via Zoom.

Minutes Approved (Date) 11/1/2022

Secretary Signature 
