

## **Southeast Uplift Board Meeting Minutes - 2019 October 7th @ SE Uplift Office**



### **List of Board of Directors in Attendance:**

Brentwood-Darlington - Pam Hodge  
Brooklyn - Guy Berliner  
Buckman - Mary Barrett  
Educate Ya - Estefania Zavala  
Foster-Powell - Lotus Romey-Yu  
Hosford-Abernathy - Daniel Amoni  
Kerns - Dave Weaver  
Laurelhurst - Constance Beaumont  
Mt. Scott-Arleta - Matchu Williams (Vice Chair)  
Mt. Tabor - Sam Noble  
North Tabor - Stephanie Kaza  
Portland Bus Lane Project - Jessie Maran  
PCC SE - Amy Bader  
Richmond - Brian Hochhalter  
South Tabor - Tina Kimmey (Co-Chair)  
Sunnyside - Reuben Deumling (Co-Chair)  
Woodstock - Anna Weichsel  
At-Large - Catherine Davila  
At-Large - Terry Dublinski-Milton (Past-Chair)  
At-Large - Miguel Rodriguez

### **SE Uplift Staff in Attendance:**

Danny Mankin

### **Guests:**

Don MacGillivray, MTNA  
Lara Miller, Rose City Philanthropy  
Megan Van Buren, BDNA  
John Carr, STNA  
Midge Pierce, SE Examiner

### **Greeting and Announcements (Tina Kimmey)**

- Minutes will be uploaded to the SEUL website within the minutes and will be circulated to the SEUL Board of Directors
- Update from the [SouthEast in Active Motion](#) (SEAM) Coalition: Portland has received a Transportation Growth Management planning grant from the State of Oregon for lower SE Portland for Brentwood-Darlington and surrounding neighborhoods. Planning with BPS and PBOT will begin in summer 2020.
- Terry Dublinski-Milton announces his resignation from SEUL. Letter below is read aloud.

October, 2019

To: The SE Uplift Board of Directors

From: Terry Dublinski-Milton

I have a brief prepared statement.

The reaction to Miguel's life experience as a person of color at the September Board meeting was unacceptable. The symbolism of an established board member not even being at the table, while sitting board members rolled their eyes and grumbled was racist. I am embarrassed by the actions of the representative of my own neighborhood. Even the reporting where both mine and Allen Field's comments were attributed to us while Miguel's voice remained anonymous is racist. This shows that spending a year discussing race with guest speakers and trainings was not successful because our code defined board structure prevents us from having a role in who our members are. The white fragility on full display proved to me it is a fundamentally broken system.

I began my public service in the early 90s fighting for gay rights at the height of the AIDS crises. I have survived many difficult battles, but will no longer place my energies trying to reform a broken system. Thus, I will be resigning effective at the conclusion of the November meeting. I would like to thank all the wonderful people I have met and learned from over the years, particularly our amazing staff. I do not regret the last seven years and all I've accomplished, but I no longer find the neighborhood system accessible or compatible with my life's goals.

Terry Dublinski-Milton, SE Uplift at Large board member and Past Chair.

- Thank you Terry Dublinski-Milton for years of your time in service to SEUL and the community of Portland.

## Upcoming Events

- A proposal to renovate the historic Mann House (located at 1031 NE 33rd Avenue) is now expected to move forward thanks to the city's recent approval of bond funding. The project will be carried out by Innovative House, Inc. The Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association supported the project, which will create 88 units of affordable housing.
- Foster-Powell is working with two shelters and coordinating volunteer groups. Email [contact@fosterpowell.com](mailto:contact@fosterpowell.com) if you are interested in volunteering.
- Portland Community College SE: Mayor Wheeler on November 7th 6-8 PM
- 3.96 Code Change Project report before City Council on November 14th 5-8 PM
- Division Transit Project Open House November 14th 4-7 PM at PCC SE, Community Annex Hall

## SEUplift Mission Statement & Review Community Agreements (Tina Kimmey)

- To collaborate with the SE Portland Community to build informed, inclusive, and participatory neighborhoods that support our social and ecological well-being.
- Please respect the community agreements and signal intent to speak via vertical placement of title card upon the tabletop.

## Presentation: [Division Transit Project](#) (Thomas Scharff)

- Scharff is Project Manager for 82nd Ave west to the Willamette, Paulina covers 82nd east to the city limit, with additional Gresham project manager
- Starts near Mt. Hood Community College with many schools along the route
- \$175 million Small Starts Federal Project going into the 15 mile corridor with ~42 stations with 83 platforms being installed
- 15%-20% average service time improvement along the corridor
- ~18,000 on/offers a week at 82nd & Division alone
- Longer buses (60% more capacity)
- Traffic signal priority
- 3-door boarding of busses
- 42 stations with weather protection features
- Bus stop consolidation results in number of existing stops being eliminated
- 9" platforms of station platforms where feasible
- 100% Design Complete (Nov 2019)
- Start early construction (Oct 2019)
- Service Begins 2022
- **Open House – Nov 14, 2019 4-7 at PCC Southeast campus at Community Hall Annex**
- 60-foot articulated bus lack proven reliable electric options
- The three manufacturers presenting options were unable to provide viable options
- Sep 2019: Board approval for contract to Nova for diesel buses
- Powell Garage under construction will accommodate Division Transit Project

- SEUL thanks TriMet for giving serious consideration of electric buses
- TriMet's 2020 Non-Diesel Bus Plan · First 5 buses run on Line 62-Murray Blvd with next 5 on Line 20-Burnside Stark
- Four Station Types: 1) Ped By-Pass Station 2) Island Station 3) Ped Pass Through Station, 4) Shared Bike/Ped Station
- Station Amenities & Design: weather protection, lighting, real-time information, & more
- Raimore Construction largest DBE contract awarded in Oregon, Started as DBE on Interstate MAX project
- Project work has already begun along inner SE Division to locate utility lines
- Three Construction Zones: starting in the east at Gresham, then eastward to 148th, and finally the western portion starting at 76th with conclusion at the Tilikum Crossing
- Station Spacing · 74% of survey respondents prefer to travel farther to stations for faster trips · 89% prefer traffic signal upgrades · 81% prefer faster boarding · 80% prefer quicker trips · 60% prefer fewer stations · 95% of current Division Transit rider would have service within three blocks
- Tilikum Crossing provides more reliability and the buses will cross at 8th & Division · Concurrent projects are Brooklyn Yard switch improvements & Gideon Pedestrian Overcrossing · Next Steps: Ongoing stakeholder meetings, Community Advisory Committee Meeting Nov 21 @ PCC SE
- Question: How will signal prioritization work?
- Answer: It's a different technology from First Responders and will send signals as the bus pass certain destinations.
- Question: What is the research about Vehicle Miles Traveled and bus ridership? · Data does not exist for VMT yet. Anticipated growth along the route will increase
- Question: Will art be a part of the project?
- Answer: Federal law recently prevented funds from being used for art on transit projects. TriMet is working to have etchings on the wind screens on the shelters that is compliant with federal regulations (e.g. 92nd, 122nd, and 82nd shelters)
- Question: Are all the stations presented on the map all of the actual stations?
- Answer: Yes
- Question: What is the farthest that most people have to walk?
- Answer: 2-4 blocks along inner Division
- Question: What is being done with the area along Division from 11th and 12th Aves?
- Answer: The left turn lane at 11th on Division will be extended to allow more vehicle capacity and reduce delays
- Question: Has TriMet has discussed an overpass from Division over the rail tracks and meeting with the Tilikum Crossing?
- Answer: No information at this time
- Question: How wide are the new buses?
- 9' feet and 10' with the mirrors extended – same as standard TriMet buses
- Question: What influence does the public have at the upcoming DTP CAC meeting?
- Answer: Possibly some very minor refinements

<https://trimet.org/division/>

### **Search Committee (Kimmey)**

- Only five people can be on the search committee for the next Executive Director
    - One Staff Member: Christina Estima, Tina Kimmey as Co-Chair, Pam Hodge, Catherine Devilla, Sam Noble
  - Discussion that the Board should name members of the committee & vote to form hiring Search Committee
  - Laura via Rose City Philanthropy will be conducting the search process and consulting with the Search Committee
  - SEUL is at the Research Stage to develop requirements, an ideal candidate posting, outreach plan (4-5 weeks), selection process to be reduce candidates to no more than 6 candidates, Search Committee whittles it down to finalists, and presentation to the staff with recommendations before vote and followed by on boarding process as follow up support
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- Question: Shouldn't lived experience and diverse views be prioritized here?
  - Answer: the search committee has been developed and we would like to make sure diverse views are represented in all SEUL projects The search process will take 3-6 months
  - Question: How are we ensuring inclusion is part of the ED search?
  - Answer: Specific organizations that do targeted searches with select communities is undertaken to ensure that outreach has a wide range.

### **Terry Dublinski-Milton motions that we approve the Search Committee listed, Lotus Ramsey seconds**

**In favor:** 13

**Opposed:** Brian Hochhalter, Constance Beaumont, Dave Weaver

**Abstained:** Tina Kimmey, Reuben Deumling

**Motion approved.**

**Break**

### **Approval of September Meeting Minutes**

- Comment that people of color and SEUL staff opinions were not recorded and feels that for a group where Diversity Equity & Inclusion is valued why does this happen?

- Racial equity inclusion dialogue was left out.
- Secretary for September meeting has left the Board of Directors and the decisions around what was recorded versus what was missing from the discussions is not possible at present.
- Discussion around the purpose of minutes and whether summaries or in depth is valued.
- Suggestion of recording the conversation in addition to a summarization of discussions to prevent missing voices from the minutes.
- Advice to send minutes to SEUL staff and Board of Directors to review

### **Tabled approval of the September minutes until the November meeting**

### **SEUL Staff Updates**

- Gabriela left and her salary was redistributed to remaining SEUL staff and an increase in work hours, overall it represents a net gain to SEUL budget
  - Thank you to Gabby for her contributions to SEUL and community building efforts!
- SEUL Executive Committee approved the action
- Reassignment of staff responsibilities to cover the loss of one staff member
- Creston-Kenilworth, Montavilla, Eastmoreland fall collections completed recently; check out the SEUL Clean Up Page for upcoming events
- SEUL LUTC has completed a series of housing regulations and a history of zoning in Portland and is developing a partnership with Community Alliance of Tenants
- BDNA Community Alliance of Tenants training tomorrow night, Tuesday October 8th at Brentwood Community Center
- November 7th 6PM training for new SEUL Board members
- November 20th discussion of foster care adoption
- Small Grants are going out January 28th and are handled by Muz
- SEUL staff have been very busy doing great work, check out the calendar of events at [seuplift.org](http://seuplift.org)

### **Nominating Committee for November Board Elections**

- **Nominating Committee is to contact every member of the SEUL Board and ask one question, “Are you interested in serving on the SEUL Executive Committee?”**
- Past Chair has no description and serves as an At Large capacity to maintain continuity
- Chair, Treasurer, Secretary positions
- Call for 2-3 people to conduct the search
- Brian & Dave volunteer
- Please reply when you receive an email or call

## **SEUL Board Retreat Update**

- Saturday, November 2nd retreat 9AM-1PM at SEUplift Offices
- Two 2-hour segments with Lunch provided
- What would you like SEUL to focus on this year? What committees will be formed?
- Fundraising to build capacity
- Review the city contract with the Neighborhood Coalitions and how it relates to SEUL's activities and programming.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Notes that Treasurer has met twice with the Bookkeeper and Interim Executive Director · Bookkeeper is tidying up entries and inconsistencies
- The budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 will be presented
- Call for a Financial Committee to be formed
- Staff is working to develop readable financial reports that provide context to numbers · Everything appears to be okay so far
- A meeting is later this month to work towards monthly reports for financial transparency
- For the past eight quarters under past Executive Director Molly Mayo have all come under budget ensuring the finances of the organization
- Thursday, October 24th 2PM Financial Committee meeting to review the budget and allow discussion
- The report by outgoing Treasurer Christopher Bacher sent his report without Executive Committee approval
- Comment that the only anomaly in the fiscal report is that one source of funds was not identified and contributed positively to the net available funds
- A permanent part time Bookkeeper was hired and all of Christopher's recommendations were followed except for a full audit which is costly

## **Coalition Email**

- Email sent from the City to all Coalition Directors: 3.96 City Code Project is delayed and will not be voted on at this time
- The City is able to offer a 1 year extension of the 5 year contract with the city without having to compete for funds
- Other coalitions have requested for 5 year extensions
- Question of timing: Why is this so urgent? Doesn't the current contract runs until November of 2020?
- Recommendation to send the topic back to the neighborhood associations for review and discussion. Suggestion that everyone read the current contract.
- Comment that SEUL Board members have a fiduciary responsibility to SEUL.

- Suggestion that SEUL accept an extension of the current contract with and request 3-5 years.
- Comment is that 1 year is the minimum the city can offer, 5 may be too much, with the expectation that 3 years is optimal
- City discussion with the Coalition Directors was contentious
- SEUL is in a good position based on the work it does to continue to receive funding
- Ask that metrics be provided to measure success of programs and coalition performance
- Discussion of providing a background of why the coalition needs a 5 year extension and that Vice Chair help write the letter

**Brian Hochhalter Motions for SEUL to Write Letter Requesting 5 Year Extension of City Contract to Support SEUL's Mission, Sam Noble Seconds.**

**In Favor:** 11

**Opposed:** 0

**Abstained:** Tina Kimmey, Miguel Rodriguez, Estefania Zavala, Constance Beaumont, Jessie Maran, Reuben Deumling, Matchu Williams

**Motion passes.**

**Meeting Adjourned.**