



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

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 4, 2024 | 7 – 9pm | Via Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92334943945> | Meeting ID: 923 3494 3945

### ATTENDANCE

#### Board Members present:

- Brooklyn NA (BAC) – LC Hansen
- Creston-Kenilworth NA – Rachel Davies
- Eastmoreland NA – Steve Kilduff
- Foster-Powell NA – Lauren Ciorca
- Hosford-Abernathy Neighborhood District (HAND) – Bruce Bikle
- Laurelhurst NA – David Tunley
- Mt. Scott-Arleta NA – Daniel Portis-Cathers
- Reed NA – Sabrina Perry
- Buckman Community Association – Scotty Robinson (joined later)
- Woodstock NA – Anna Weichsel
- 82nd Ave of Roses BA – Nancy Chapin
- Black + Beyond the Binary Collective – Mireaya Medina
- Inner SE Action – Kat West (Vice President)
- At Large – Sharon Wynde
- At Large - Kimberly Bandy (Secretary)

#### Board Members absent:

- Brentwood-Darlington NA – Kimberly DiLeo
- North Tabor NA – *no active representative*
- At Large – Amy Bader

#### Board Members sending regrets:

- Portland Through a Latin Lens – Miguel Rodriguez
- Montavilla NA – Sarah Hartzel
- Sunnyside NA – Matt Lembo
- Kerns NA – Dave Weaver (President)
- At Large – Doug Waugh (Treasurer)
- At Large - Kimberléa Ruffu

#### Staff present:

- Nanci Champlin (Executive Director)

#### Guests:

- Lisa Sloan (Board Administrator)
- Allen Field (Richmond NA)
- Susan Lindsay (Buckman Neighborhood representative)

## BOARD DISCUSSION MEETING

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

**Call Meeting to Order** - Kat West, Vice President

- SE Uplift's mission statement and community agreements pertaining to behavior during board meetings were shared.
- Announcements were posted by board members in the chat.
- Recording policy was announced.

**7:05** Updates from Featured Board Organizations

- Rachel Davies, Creston-Kenilworth NA
  - Low-key involvement with 3 board members.
  - Looking forward to upcoming events: picnics in the park, clean-up day and yard sale, DIY movie night
- Steve Kilduff, East Moreland NA
  - 21 board members, very active with events
  - Talking with City about street trees at end-of-life or disease or falling in the neighborhood and removal of these is very expensive. At this time, if trees are falling toward street, the city will take care of it; if the lean toward the house/property, the property owner will take care of it
  - Crystal Creek restoration project is a tentative forthcoming improvement that may impact its shape and volume
  - July 4 Neighborhood parade - typically draws 2000+ people
  - 27th Annual Neighborhood Garage Sale upcoming

**7:15** Executive Director Report – Nanci Champlin, Executive Director

### Building Updates

- During the heavy rains SEUL building experienced Lower-level water intrusion. Henco plumbing is combing back in to assess their work and determine cause
- Heat pumps installation is delayed due to city's new permitting process (which took effect in January '24)
- Staff decided to delay submitting for Portland Clean Energy Fund grant (to decarbonize the building) to a future grant cycle

### Events

- **April 4, 6-8 pm, SEUL Building - Open House + District 3 City Council Candidate Mixer**
  - Volunteers needed
  - RSVP required
- **May 17, 4-7 pm, Laurelhurst Club - Mayoral Candidate Mixer Presented by Neighbors West Northwest and SE Uplift**
  - More details coming soon
- **June 6, 6-8 pm, SEUL Building - Annual Grantee Mixer**

## **7:30 Board Discussion – Nanci Champlin, Executive Director**

### **Civic Engagement Forum Question Brainstorm - Nanci Champlin, Executive Director**

- Learn about candidates' decision making and qualifications
- Format – candidates rotate through circuit of round tables of community members
- Who could we partner with to lead a table discussion?
  - Is there an organization who represents renters (as opposed to homeowners)
  - Neighborhoods, individually or as clusters, businesses and/or community organizations could fill a table
  - SEUL's fiscally sponsored organizations
  - NAACP and other organizations that represent communities of color
- What questions should we ask about their qualifications?
  - How much do they know about our District, SEUL committees and Community Organizations?
  - Why are you running?
  - How do you interpret the role?
  - Are you more discussion or action oriented?
- About how they will engage in the community?
  - What ideas to they have to engage?
  - How will they check the pulse of their district to really understand what is going on and collaborate with neighborhood and other council members to address issues
  - How do they collaborate and work across lines of differences?
  - How will you reach the real community and not just the ones that show up visibly?

### **SEUL Budget Cut Discussion - Kat West, Vice President**

- Kat recapped expected changes to SEUL budget: 31% reduction starting July, 2024, which requires a reduction in costs or additional funding sources
- Nanci meeting with City to finalize new contract scope and identify which of SEUL's scope will be funded, reduced funding or defunded; about to have the third meeting with Civic Life representatives to communicate requirements in current and future anticipated scopes of work
- Nanci shared summary of budget approval/implementation timeline:
  - January 2024, Bureaus submit requested budgets to Mayor
  - Mar-April: Council conducts budget work sessions and community listening sessions
  - May 5: Mayor's Office releases proposed budget, council votes to approve budget
- Gap in funding = \$168k; potential alternate funding could come from:
  - Rent space for future District 3 officers; but this requires implementing security and finalizing any infrastructure issues
  - Community rentals
  - Adjusting fiscal sponsorship fees

## **8:30 Committee Reports – Committee Chairs**

### Finance – Doug Waugh, Treasurer

- Shared Balance Sheet through 1/31/24

### Land Use + Transportation – Machu Williams, Neighborhood Planning & Liaison Manager

- TriMet and Metro re: 82nd Ave transit update
  - Want to increase bus lines and seeking public input

- Increase bus service across Metro area
- Sellwood Bridge possibility – give input if you are interested in this line
- Housing production strategy update
  - Need 120,000 more units – capacity but need to provide enough affordable housing
- March 18 meeting – Bio safety improvements; BES will discuss Crystal Lakes restoration product
- Interstate Bridge Replacement Program – releasing report in April
- 82nd Ave Community wants SEUL to sign on to a letter to jumpstart transit and corridor cooling

Civic Engagement – Lisa Sloan, Board Administrator

- Looking for additional committee members and partner organizations to help plan a series of interactive forums for the upcoming District 3 City Council race
- Please get in touch with Matt via email [matt.lembo@gmail.com](mailto:matt.lembo@gmail.com) or phone/text 503-705-7609 if you are interested in helping to organize

Houselessness Action – Nanci Champlin, Executive Director

- Looking to host film screening of *Hidden Pictures*

Executive – Kat West, Vice President

- Shared Executive Committee Minutes from 2/20/24

**8:45 The board discussion meeting adjourned.**

## BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

**8:45 The board business meeting was called to order.** – Kat West, Vice President

**8:45 Vote to sign on to the 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Community Coalition letter to support transit and cooling corridors.**

**Motion** ( *Bruce Bickle* )

Vote to Sign on to 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Coalition letter to Comm. Rubio and Portland Clean Energy Fund advocating for PCEF funding over 7-10 years to transform 82nd Avenue from an urban heat island to a transit rich cooling corridor and invest \$50M in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave Bus Rapid Transit Project.

**Discussion**

SEUL Logo would be added to the letter

**Amended** ( )

**Seconded** ( *LC Hansen* )

**In favor**

15

**Opposed**

0

**Abstentions**

0

**Result:**

**The motion passed.**

**8:51 Vote to approve the February board meeting minutes.**

**Motion** ( *LC Hansen* )

To approve the February board meeting minutes.

**Amended** ( *Sharon Wynde* )

Scotty Robinson is noted as a guest - this should be changed as they are a board member representing the Buckman Community Association.

**Seconded** ( *Steve Kilduff* )

**In favor** 14

**Opposed** 0

**Abstentions** 1

**Result:** **The motion passed.**

**9:00 The meeting adjourned.** – Kat West, Vice President

**Next Board Meeting: Monday, April 1, 7 – 9 PM via Zoom**

**Minutes Approved (Date)** 5/6/2024

**Secretary Signature** *Kim Bandy*

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