

## FEBRUARY 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 3, 2025 | 7 – 9pm

In-person: 3534 SE Main Street

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*This meeting is for the Board of Directors to conduct organizational business. As such, only board members actively participate in discussions unless otherwise noted in the agenda or at the discretion of the President. Guests are welcome to observe.*

### ATTENDANCE

#### Board Members present: <sup>[OBJ]</sup>

- Brooklyn Action Corps – Debbie Dicks (voted in at this meeting)
- Buckman Community Association – Scotty Robinson
- Hosford-Abernathy Neighborhood District (HAND) – Bruce Bikle
- Montavilla NA – Colleen Howard
- Mt. Scott-Arleta NA – Daniel Portis-Cathers
- North Tabor NA - Andrea Lehman
- Rose City Park NA - Don Levine
- Roseway NA - Ash Hester (President)
- Sunnyside NA – Chris Waldmann
- 82nd Ave of Roses BA – Nancy Chapin
- Black + Beyond the Binary Collective – Mireaya Medina
- HBBA - Dresden de Vera (voted in at this meeting)
- At Large – Sharon Wynde
- At Large - Kim Bandy

#### Board Members absent:

- Brentwood-Darlington NA – Kimberly DiLeo
- Kerns NA – Morrissey
- Madison South NA - Ruth Hander
- Woodstock NA – Anna Weichsel

#### Board Members sending regrets:

- Inner SE Action – Kat West (Vice President)
- Foster-Powell NA – Melissa Warren
- Dave Weaver (Past President)
- Creston-Kenilworth NA - Rachel Davies

#### Staff present:

- Nanci Champlin (Executive Director)

#### Guests:

- Lisa Sloan (Board Administrator)
- Allen Field (Richmond NA)
- State Rep. Rob Nosse
- Brittany Wade (City of Portland, Urban Forestry Department)
- Andrew Osborn (Graveland)
- Sharon Keast (City of Portland)

- Chris Hansen (Roseway Neighborhood Association)
- Matt Limbo
- Debby Hochhalter

## BOARD DISCUSSION MEETING

### **7:00 Call Meeting to Order - Ash Hester, President**

- The board meeting discussion was called to order.
- 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.

### **7:03 Seat New Hawthorne Boulevard Business Association Board Rep, Dresden de Vera and new Brookline Action Corps. Board Rep, Debbie Dicks**

**Vote to elect Dresden de Vera as the new Hawthorne Boulevard Business Association board member.**

<b>Motion</b> ( <i>Chris</i> )	To elect Dresden de Vera as Hawthorne Boulevard Business Association board member.
<b>Amended</b> ( )	
<b>Seconded</b> ( <i>Nancy</i> )	
<b>In favor</b>	12
<b>Opposed</b>	0
<b>Abstentions</b>	0
<b>Result:</b>	<b>The motion passed.</b>

### **7:04 Vote to elect Debbie Dicks as the new Brooklyn Action Corps. board member.**

<b>Motion</b> ( <i>Sharon</i> )	To elect Debbie Dicks as the new Brooklyn Action Corps. board member.
<b>Amended</b> ( )	
<b>Seconded</b> ( <i>Nancy</i> )	
<b>In favor</b>	13
<b>Opposed</b>	0
<b>Abstentions</b>	0
<b>Result:</b>	<b>The motion passed.</b>

### **7:10 2025 Oregon Legislative Session Overview - State Rep. Rob Nosse, House District 42**

- Chair of House Behavioral Health and Health Care Committee Chair
- Human Services and Early Childhood Committee until 2023
- Capital Construction (under Ways and Means) Committee
  - Advocating for arts and culture organizations
- Oregon moved slightly more blue in this last election
- Better budget forecast than thought – new team helped predict more accurately
  - ODOT budget is a priority – need more resources or will lay off 25% (1000) people in June
    - Need to raise the gas tax by \$1/gallon to meet that which they will not do
    - Transportation Committee working on solutions
  - Medicaid/Oregon Health Plan

- 1.4M people get their insurance this way (almost 25%); more than half of Oregon children are on it
- Education
  - Post pandemic concerns by many
  - School funding is very complicated and not functional but constitutional adjustment not in the plan right now
- So many priorities to manage
- Watching national government actions and tracking NYT list
  - Plans to reduce Medicaid budget
  - Executive orders
  - So much back and forth on signing orders and rescinding them
  - Resisting what violates Oregon's values and seeing progress
- Q & A

**7:40 Overview of Portland's Urban Forestry Programs** - *Brittany Wade, City of Portland, Urban Forestry Department, Community Stewardship Coordinator*

- Supporting planting and grooming of trees in the city
- Shared maps of the work happening
- Planting priorities fall significantly within SEUL's district
- Less diverse, wealthier neighborhoods already have significant tree canopy coverage
- Most large trees are west of the Willamette
- Traffic slows down when there are more large trees
- Highest death rates in heat dome are in less treed areas
- Tree canopy can make a 20 degree difference in cool down
- Been doing street tree inventory throughout the city
- Portland Clean Energy Fund is funding staff to hit a very high planting goal (25,000 trees that are drought and climate change resistant) by FY2028/29
- Free street trees plan is concentrated in SE
- Collaborating with other organizations to complete this work to avoid competing agendas
- City is providing guidance about what "sanctuary city" means and how that involves community input within this program
- Seeking opportunities for collaboration and outreach – please reach out to her
- Some people have concerns about maintaining street trees and this program is working to change the tree code

**8:00 District 3 Community Priorities Survey Update and Community Summit Goal Setting** - *Ash Hester and Nanci Champlin*

- Exceeded our stretch goal – 1937 responses!
- Next steps
  - Staff analysis
  - Hosted a presidents' round table
  - City gathering community input in March - Summit (aka Town Hall)
    - Draft Outline



## D3 COMMUNITY PRIORITIES SURVEY Surpassed our goal with 1937 responses!

Community Safety  
Housing  
Transportation  
The Environment  
Land Use  
Economic Development



### DISTRICT 3 COMMUNITY PRIORITIES TOWN HALL

#### Draft Event Overview (March Date TBD)

- Council's role in policymaking
- Council Committees 101
- Present survey findings
- Councilor's response / Q+A
- Southeast Uplift Committees

**Volunteers Needed!**

- Overview of Legislative process w/new government
  - Present Survey data findings
  - Council reactions
  - Public Q+A
  - Ways to Get involved (Join our committees, attend Council Committees)
- Call for volunteers for task force and roles for Summit
  - Chris and Nancy volunteered
  - SEUL committees are open to the whole community, not just SEUL board members

### **8:30 Executive Director Update** - *Nanci Champlin, Executive Director*

- Community Small Grants update
- Building:
  - Boiler decommissioned
  - District 3 Councilors did a building tour
- Event Updates
  - Presidents Round Table
    - 17 of 19 neighborhoods attended
    - Shared impact stories
    - Exploring how to share resources
    - Request to do them quarterly
    - RSVP link on SEUL website
  - City Budget 101 Town Hall
    - 113 attended
    - Recording pending
  - Upcoming events
    - Roundtables
      - Neighborhood Association board Secretaries and Treasurers – peer learning
      - Repeat President Roundtable
      - Networking and Making the Most of your Fiscal Sponsorship
      - With City Club Meet Your New City Councilors
      - Grant Writing
      - What Every Nonprofit Board Member Should Know

- City Budget next steps: testimony in March, date TBD

### **8:35 Committee Reports – Committee Chairs or as noted below**

- Executive Committee - Ash Hester, Board President
  - Everyone received the minutes from the December and January ExCom meetings along with the fiscal sponsorship materials that were sent with the other board meeting materials.
    - [January ExComm minutes](#)
- Finance Committee: Q2 Financial Report - Sharon Wynde, Treasurer
  - [Q2 and Year-to-Date Budget to Actuals](#)
  - [December Balance Sheet](#)
  - [Q2 Income Statement](#)
- Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility - Daniel Portis Cathers
  - Workshop at Laurelhurst Club this weekend – ReThinking Racial Equity and Social Justice
  - Some funding available so all are encouraged to reach out to Daniel if you want to attend
- Tabor Commons Task Force - Daniel Portis Cathers
  - Interviewed real estate brokers and did due diligence to select the right person to sell the Tabor Commons property - Todd Neff was selected
  - Property tour this Wednesday

### **9:01 The board discussion meeting adjourned.**

## **BOARD BUSINESS MEETING**

### **9:01 The board business meeting was called to order. – Ann Hester, President**

### **8:56 Vote to approve the December 2024 board meeting minutes.**

**Motion** (*Sharon*) To approve the November board meeting minutes.

**Amended** ( )

**Seconded** (*Nancy*)

**In favor** 10

**Opposed** 3

**Abstentions** 0

**Result:** The motion passed.

### **9:03 Reminders - Ash Hester, President**

- Our next Board Meeting will be Monday, March 3, 7-9pm.
- **If you can, please really try to attend this meeting in person as part of our shared commitment to coming together in person at least once quarterly. Please RSVP when requested.**
- The board social hour starts at 6pm and we hope everyone can come grab a bite and get to know each other a little better before the meeting starts at 7pm.
- We are going to vote on the recommendations from the Grant Review Committee and make a decision about selling the tabor commons property.
- Reminder to submit ED Evaluation survey by Fri. (2/7)

### **9:04 The meeting adjourned. – Ann Hester, President**

**Next Board Meeting Monday, March 3, 7-9pm.**

Minutes Approved (Date)

Kim Bandy

Secretary Signature

3/5/2025