



Collaborating with the District 3 community to build informed, inclusive, and participatory neighborhoods that support our social and ecological well-being.

OCTOBER 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 6, 2025 | 7 – 9pm

In-person: 3534 SE Main Street

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

ATTENDANCE

Board Members present: ☐

- Buckman Community Association – Daniel Te
- Creston-Kenilworth NA - Amit Zinman
- Foster Powell NA - Ryan Sooley
- Hosford Abernathy NA: Peggy McDaniel
- Laurelhurst NA: Steven Fisher
- North Tabor NA - Andrea Lehman
- Roseway NA - Ash Hester (President)
- Rose City Park: Don Levine
- Woodstock NA – Anna Weichsel
- Sunnyside NA – Chris Waldmann
- 82nd Ave of Roses BA – Nancy Chapin
- HBBA - Dresden de Vera
- At Large – Sharon Wynde
- At Large - Rachel Davies
- Black & Beyond the Binary Collective – Mireaya Medina

Board Members Sending Regrets:

- Brentwood-Darlington NA – Kimberly DiLeo
- Mt. Scott Arletta: Daniel Portis Cathers
- Woodstock NA – Anna Weichsel

Board Members Unexcused Absence:

- Kerns NA – Morrissey

Staff present:

- Nanci Champlin (Executive Director)
- Sarah Bunger (Board Administrator)

Guests:

- Allen Field (Richmond NA)
- Hannah Wallace

BOARD DISCUSSION MEETING

7:01 Call Meeting to Order - Ash Hester, President

- The board discussion meeting was called to order.
- SE Uplift’s mission statement and community agreements were shared.
- Announcements were posted by board members in the chat and on the dry erase board.
- Recording policy was announced.

7:02 Introduction and Seating of New Board Members- Ash Hester, President

New and returning board members had a chance to introduce themselves and say a few words.

Vote to seat a slate of renewing board members for another one-year term:

- Community Based Organizations: Mireaya Medina, Black and Beyond the Binary Collective
- At-Large Board Members: Sharon Wynde, Rachel Davies, Matt Lembo
- Business District Association representatives: Nancy Chapin (82nd Ave BA) and Dresden de Vera (Hawthorne Blvd BA)

Motion (Chris Waldman) to seat Mireaya Medina, Sharon Wynde, Rachel Davies, Matt Lembo, Nancy Chapin, and Dresden de Vera for another one-year term

Seconded (Steve Fisher)

In favor	17
Opposed	0
Abstentions	2
Result:	The motion passed.

Vote to seat a slate of new board members to a one-year term

- New Representative from Madison South NA: Travis Hathaway-Saner
- New At-Large Board Candidate: Chris Hansen

Motion (Don Levine) To seat Travis and Chris for a one-year term

Seconded (Chris Waldman)

In favor	17
Opposed	0
Abstentions	0
Result:	The motion passed.

7:19 Executive Director Updates – Nanci Champlin, Executive Director

- We finally received our amended grant agreement from the City and will review it this week.
- Please check mailboxes while in the building. Secretary of State renewals for NA groups are in.

- Will hear back from the **Portland Clean Energy Fund (PCEF)** on Nov 19 if SE Uplift will receive a grant to replace our windows, and install electric heat pumps upstairs, solar panels, and a solar hot water heater.
- The fireside room now has a **gallery wall** with an installation from Welcoming Week. Current pieces will be up through December. New art will be solicited to replace the current installation.
- All offices in the SE Uplift building are now rented. The newest **tenant is Talk a Mile**, which is an organization focused on pairing rookie police officers with Black youth to walk a mile together to get to know each other.
- Past events:
 - **Welcoming Week** - We hosted about 25 guests for this event led by the City's Immigrant and Refugee Program which debuted the gallery and coincided with the farmers market in the outdoor plaza.
 - The recording for **Welcome to the Neighborhood (Association) training** for new NA board members is available on the YouTube channel. All districts were invited to attend. We had about 22 participants and many more registered and received the recording.
- **Community Small Grants** deadline is November 2nd
 - Application Workshop: Wed, October 22, 2025, 6 - 7:30 pm. Registration link on the website

7:27 Committee Updates – Committee Chairs or as noted below

- **Land Use and Transportation** – *Nanci Champlin*
 - Matchu submitted the 3 wishes from SE Uplift to PBOT
- **Tabor Commons Task Force** - *Sharon Wynde and Daniel Portis Cathers, co-chairs*
 - A listing agreement from the commercial broker is under review. The committee will reconvene next week and will discuss the B3C counteroffer.
- **Finance Committee** - *Steven Fisher, Co-Treasurer*
 - Sharon and Steven will work to create a glossary of terms that can be attached to the balance sheet that explains the acronyms and a brief description of each line item
- **Executive Committee** - Ash Hester, Board President
 - To save time, everyone should refer to the minutes they received from the August ExCom meeting with the September board meeting materials.
 - Discussed planting a tree in the planting strip along SE Main in honor of Bruce Bikle, a past board member who passed away recently
 - Fiscal Sponsorship discussion - some small grant awardees did not use all their money, and those funds will be redistributed via the 2026 grant cycle
 - ExCom now will meet the 3rd Monday of the month (not Tuesday). Everyone Welcome!
- **Climate Justice Action Committee** – Sarah Bunker
 - Registered a lot of SE Portland residents to receive free trees from Urban Forestry. The effort to get the word out was very successful.
 - Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6-7. Everyone Welcome!
 - Anna would like to bring folks advocating for safety around the Critical Energy Infrastructure Hub to our November meeting.

7:50 pm **The board meeting adjourned.**

