SE Uplift NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION

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

April 2026 Month BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES Monday, April 6, 2026| 7 – 9pm

In-person: 3534 SE Main Street

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

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:

- Buckman - Daniel Te
- Creston-Kenilworth NA - Amit Zinman
- Foster-Powell NA – Ryan Sooley
- Laurelhurst - Steven Fisher
- Madison South - Travis Saner-Hathaway
- Montavilla – Adam Fiss
- North Tabor NA - Austin Davis
- Richmond NA:
- Roseway NA - Ash Hester (President)
- Sunnyside NA – Chris Waldmann
- Woodstock NA – Anna Weichsel
- 82nd Ave BA – Nancy Chapin
- At Large – Sharon Wynde
- At Large - Chris Hansen
- At Large: Rachel Davies
- At Large: Matt Lembo

Board Members absent:

- Brentwood-Darlington NA – Kimberly DiLeo
- Black + Beyond the Binary Collective – Mireaya Medina

Board Members sending regrets:

- Brooklyn Action Committee - Debbie Dicks
- HAND – Peggy McDaniel
- Kerns NA – Elizabeth Armstrong
- Mt. Scott-Arleta NA – Daniel Portis-Cathers
- Rose City Park NA – Don Levine

Staff present:

- Nanci Champlin (Executive Director)
- Sarah Bunger, Grantmaking Manager and Board Administrator

Guests:

- Allen Field (Richmond NA)
- Tom Sollett

BOARD DISCUSSION MEETING

7:03 **Call Meeting to Order -** *Ash Hester, President*

- Anna Weichsel is retiring from SE Uplift after many years of involvement. A certificate of appreciation was presented

7:05 Executive Director Updates - *Nanci Champlin, ED*

- The Mayor's budget will come out on April 20. There will be a number of events to present and accept feedback from the community:
  - 4/8, 6 - 8 pm: District 3 Budget Open House at Marysville Elementary School Cafeteria
  - 4/26, 2 - 3:30 pm: Budget Town Hall at Mt. Scott Community Center [Registration required]
  - 5/7, 6 - 7:30 pm: Virtual Budget Town Hall with D3 Councilors [Registration required]
- Upcoming Trainings offered:
  - How to Start a Rapid Response Network
    - 4/13, 5:30 pm via zoom
    - This will be recorded and available to viewing afterwards via YouTube
  - Budgeting 101
    - 4/13, 6:30 via zoom
    - This will be recorded and available to viewing afterwards via YouTube
  - Annual Mixer for Fiscally Sponsored Organizations
    - 4/23, 6 pm. RSVP to Dian: fs@seuplift.org
- Building Security Panel Upgrade:
  - Funding will come from unrestricted reserves, and therefore does not impact this year's budget ○ Sarah has obtained bids from 4 companies. The vendor that provided the lowest bid also gave the best customer service and the unit provides preferred features.
  - Sarah will gather information about the intended length of time the model will be serviced/updated to ensure good longevity of the model
- Internship:
  - A Portland State University Graduate Student will create a framework for program evaluation to help SE Uplift measure the impact of work. Diane will supervise the intern. Work will be completed by June 30. ○ Interviews will begin the week of 4/13.
  - SE Uplift will pay the intern for about 100 hours of work ($2500).
  - The intern will be onboarded by staff to gain familiarity with SE Uplift's mission and goals
- Civic Life updates
  - The RFP is postponed due to timing and logistics
  - The City is advancing plans to revise and update the ONI standards. Currently, the standards can be updated as an Administrative Rule, which is a top-down approach. However, the ONI Standards themselves are structured and intended for grassroots-style influence. Civic Lift has drafted updates, but has not shared them.
  - The 4 District Coalition Office Executive Directors will bring these solutions to the discussed issues:
    - Engagement Officer + City Administrator agree to follow process in Standards
    - City releases its draft updates for community input
    - Form a committee to address ONI Standard updates per the Standards process, including a 12-18 month timeline to finalize updates

Committee Updates

7:35 Climate Justice Action Committee

- Recent Friends of Trees project providing free street trees to the community - successes and future opportunities are under review
- Tree of Heaven removal: a project is in the works to provide information and support for removing this invasive species

7:40 Community Care and Safety Taskforce – *Amit Zinman, Chair*

- Collaborating with another group that is feeding unhoused individuals in a public park
- Future project planned to support immigrant families

7:45 Finance Committee – *Steven Fisher, Treasurer*

- Review of February Balance Sheet
    - Line items are either stable or changing as expected
- Review the Draft 26-27 Operational Budget
    - The Budget was reviewed in detail and compared FY 25-26 to FY 26-27
    - Steady-state budget reflecting no major operational changes
    - 70% of SE Uplift's Operating budget is funding from the city government. The final budget will be known by June 2026. If it is significantly different than expected, the operating budget would need to be updated ○ Diversifying sources of funding would provide SE Uplift with less impact from city budget fluctuations ○ There is a projected deficit of over $50k. If that persists, it will no longer be sustainable and operations will need to adjust to avoid a long-term deficit budget.

8:06 Land Use and Transportation Committee – *Matchu Williams, Staff*

- Matchu discussed current needs in the housing market and a draft policy under development to help address the shortages in affordable housing and multiple bedroom units
- The introduction of autonomous vehicles to Portland is under consideration by Portland Bureau of Transportation ● April 20th - LUTC training about critical skills and functions of neighborhood association transportation committees

8:12 Draft Scope of Work for FY 26-27 – *Nanci Champlin, Executive Director*

- Nanci reviewed the Draft Scope of Work for the upcoming fiscal year
- Changes of note compared to the previous year scope of work:
    - Promote public understanding of Rank Choice Voting at Community events
    - Secure at least 3 promotional partners to help amplify SE Uplift-led events
    - Collaborate with other organizations on at least 5 events
    - Addition of Community Care + Safety Committee/Task Force and removal of Houselessness Action Committee
    - Partnering with other community groups to increase participation in a series of District 3 Town Halls with City decision makers
    - Inclusion of Land Use and Transportation Committee onboarding practice of 1:1 consultations with Matchu (this is already happening, but was not reflected in the scope of work)
    - Develop at least 2 new training and skill-building workshops based on needs identified by community partners
    - Promote SE Uplift's extensive library of recorded workshops hosted on YouTube
- Discussion topics included compiling a list of programmatic functions that could be done with additional budget, adjusting future scopes of work to reflect activities that have the highest demonstrated impact on the community

~~**8:46 Adjourn to Executive Session for Annual ED Review** – *Ash Hester, President*~~

~~*(For board members only. Others will leave the room/Zoom until the session has adjourned.)*~~

8:46 Adjourn to Business Meeting – *Ash Hester*

BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

8:46 The board business meeting was called to order. – *Ash Hester, President*

Vote to adopt March Board Meeting Minutes

Motion *(Ash Hester)*
Amended *( )*
Seconded *(Adam Fiss)*
In favor 13
Opposed 0
Abstentions 2

Result: The motion passed.

Vote to Accept February Balance Sheet as Presented

Motion *(Ash Hester)*
Amended *( )*
Seconded *(Chris* Waldmann*)*
In favor 15
Opposed 0
Abstentions 0
Result: The motion passed.

Vote to Approve Using Funds from the Unrestricted Reserve to Update the Building's Access Apparatus

Motion *(Ash Hester)*
Amended *( )*
Seconded *(Travis*
*S*aner-Hathaway *)*
In favor 14
Opposed 1
Abstentions 0
Result: The motion passed.

Vote to Adopt the FY 26-27 Operational Budget

Motion *(Ash Hester)*

Amended *( )*
Seconded *(Sharon* Wynde *)*
In favor 15
Opposed 0
Abstentions 0
Result: The motion passed.

<u>8:27</u> **Vote to Adopt the FY 26-27 Scope of Work**

Motion *(Ash Hester)*
Amended *( )*
Seconded *(Chris Hansen)*
In favor 15
Opposed 0
Abstentions 0
Result: The motion passed.

<u>9:00</u> **The meeting adjourned.** – Ash Hester, President

Next Board Meeting Monday, May 4, 7-9pm.

Minutes Approved (Date) ______________________________

Secretary Signature ______________________________