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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 5, 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: OBJ

- Brooklyn Action Committee – Dandylion
- Buckman – Rabecca Rose
- Creston-Kenilworth – Joel Spector
- Foster-Powell NA – Lori Day-Reynolds
- Kerns NA – Daniel DeMelo
- Laurelhurst – Steven Fisher
- Madison South – Travis Saner-Hathaway
- Montavilla – Adam Fiss
- Mt. Scott-Arleta NA – Daniel Portis-Cathers
- North Tabor NA – Ross Hiner
- Roseway NA – Ash Hester (President)
- Rose City Park NA – Don Levine
- Sunnyside NA – Chris Waldmann
- 82nd Ave BA – Nancy Chapin
- HBBA – Dresden de Vera
- At Large – Rachel Davies
- At Large – Chris Hansen

Board Members absent:

- Brentwood-Darlington NA – Kimberly DiLeo

Board Members sending regrets:

- Hosford-Abernathy Neighborhood District (HAND) – Peggy McDaniel
- Mt. Tabor – Drew Hogan
- Woodstock NA – Bene Foley
- SOCCI – Roxanne Capparelli
- At Large– Matt Lembo

Staff present:

- Nanci Champlin (Executive Director)

Guests:

- Tasha
- Nancy Sewell

BOARD DISCUSSION MEETING

7:05 Call Meeting to Order – *Ash Hester, President*

7:06 Executive Director Updates – *Nanci Champlin, Executive Director*

- D3 Candidate Mixer + Block Party Debrief
    - Over 260 people attended
    - Tables featured 35 organizations (almost double our goal) including agencies like Parks and Recreation, the Water Bureau and Urban Forestry; D3 Neighborhood Associations; our grantees and fiscally-sponsored groups; and city council candidates
- Introduction to New Election Resources from SE Uplift
    - Because it's election season and many groups are hosting candidates, Nanci created a disclaimer script for any neighborhood group to use to declare their neutrality in not supporting or opposing any candidate, which is essential for the 501(c)3 status of SE Uplift and all its fiscally sponsored organizations. The script was distributed through the Hey Neighbor Flier.
    - The Executive Directors of District 3 (SEUL) and District 4 urged Adam Lyons, head of the Neighborhood Program at Civic Life, to ask the City's Election Division to educate City Council candidates - particularly incumbents - on best practices that would help them avoid getting a nonprofit in hot water.
- Council Work Session on Civic Life and the Neighborhood Program: Takeaways + Next Steps ○ The Coalition EDs were invited by Council to speak. They emphasized things such as the volume of volunteer hours to neighborhood efforts that the program generates, and challenges Council to consider not just how the program is a vehicle for gathering community input but also how it could be leveraged to help helping the city implement initiatives such as bureau goals or the participatory budgeting initiative should voters adopt it.
    - The Council recognized the need for stable funding for the program, expressed interest in receiving regular updates from coalition EDs, and expressed interest in diversifying participation in the Neighborhood Association system. *Note: we discussed that the diversity of participation has never been measured, making it difficult to establish a baseline or define what successful diversification would look like.*
    - District Coalition leadership will meet next week to debrief and discuss future challenges and opportunities
- Nanci provided **training for District Coalition Boards** on the differences in responsibilities between a governance board (coalition board who govern the mission and goals and staff that carry out the day to day) and operational boards (NAs whose day-to-day operations are carried out by volunteers).
- **Community Small Grants program** is accepting applications. There are grant application workshops coming up to receive assistance with completing applications. The application deadline is October 18. Applicants can also schedule 20-minute meetings with a staff person to answer specific questions. Details on seuplift.org/grants.
- A webinar on the Participatory Budgeting Ballot Measure 26-267 will be a city-wide discussion. Register at seuplift.org/events. The discussion will be held Wednesday, October 14, from 6:00–7:30 p.m. via Zoom. It will be an opportunity to learn about what this process could look like and how communities could provide input into the city's budgeting process. Nanci will share out the recording w/the board.

7:35 SE Uplift Strategic Planning / Visioning – *Ash Hester*

- The SE Uplift board will begin a strategic planning/visioning process. Ash asked for board volunteers to participate in a small group that will develop a proposal for the process. The proposal will be presented to the Executive Committee for discussion and approval.

7:45 Committee Updates

Executive Committee – *Ash Hester, Chair*
Updates were provided on recent topics: the need for strategic planning, the recent candidate mixer, the proposed bylaws change on the timing of officer elections, and the Tabor Commons property sale. Additional details are available in the Executive Committee meeting minutes.

Land Use + Transportation Committee – *Nanci Champlin*

- Next meeting October 19, 7:00–9:00 p.m. (hybrid)

- Agenda: 82nd Ave. transit project update; Bike Bus wayfinding pilot report; Safe Routes to School priorities

Finance Committee – *Steven Fisher, Treasurer*

- The August balance sheet was reviewed.
- The Tabor Commons property is now vacant and will need consistent monitoring. There is a potential for some costs to be associated with security/maintenance until it is occupied again.

Community Care and Safety Task Force – *Chris Hansen and Travis Saner-Hathaway*

- Personal safety workshop information was shared. It will be held in person on Friday, November 6, from 6 - 7 pm, at the SE Uplift office, 3534 SE Main St.Register at seuplift.org/events
- The training will focus on de-escalation, assertive communication, and escape techniques and will be facilitated by Rose City Training.

Tabor Commons Task Force – *Daniel Portis-Cathers*

- Daniel and the broker provided the Executive Committee with an update on the search for a buyer at the most recent Executive Committee meeting. There are no current interested buyers.
- We prefer to have a tenant to occupy the building to generate rental income and reduce the need for ongoing property monitoring. A mobile health clinic that operates on site on has expressed interest in buying it. Nanci will follow up on this lead.
- Staff will be monitoring the property while it is vacant, but there is a desire to not ask staff to add this responsibility to their workload, which is already high.
- The possibility of asking the broker to assist with finding a renter was discussed.

8:20 2027 District 3 Community Priorities Survey – *Nanci Champlin*

In FY 2024–25, staff developed a list of potential policies and topics likely to come before the new city council and that align with SE Uplift issue areas. Nearly 2000 people provided input and that was shared with the elected councilors in D3. Topics are transportation, housing, land use, community safety, environment, and economic development. SE Uplift staff will develop the survey in November, launch it in December, and collect community input for 60 days. Results will be compiled and shared in early spring. Staff invite board members to participate if they have interest in participating in the project.

8:31 Proposal to Update the Bylaws Regarding Officer Elections – *Ash Hester*

- The proposed language would move the election of SE Uplift board officers from the November Board meeting to the September Board meeting. It would also allow candidates to indicate their interest to the Board President or Executive Director at any time prior to the September meeting, rather than requiring a nominating committee appointed by the President.
- The board discussed the proposal to update the bylaws regarding officer elections**.**

8:34 The board discussion meeting adjourned.

BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

8:34 The board business meeting was called to order. – *Ash Hester, President*

Vote to Amend the Bylaws Regarding Officer Elections by adopting proposed language

Motion Ash Hester

Seconded Adam Fiss

In favor 16

Opposed 0

Abstentions 1

Result: The motion passed

Vote to Approve the September Board Meeting Minutes

Motion Ash Hester

Seconded Adam

In favor 14

Opposed 0

Abstentions 3

Result: The motion passed

Vote to Accept the August Balance Sheet

Motion: Ash

Seconded Daniel

In favor 17

Opposed 0

Abstentions 0

Result: The motion passed

8:40 The meeting adjourned – *Ash Hester, President*

Next Board Meeting: Monday, November 2, 2026, 7:00–9:00 PM. **Board members are asked to attend in person.**

Minutes Approved (Date) _____

Secretary Signature _____