October 2018 - SE Uplift Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Attendance:

Board Members:
- Ambar Solarte
- Swati Ali
- Kelly Quinlan
- Taylor Wallau
- Catherine Davila
- Taizoon Doctor
- Terrence Dublinski-Milton
- Susan Gershwin
- Miguel Rodriguez
- Abigail Ball
- Paul Willey
- Mark Romariaaggi
- Mary Barrett
- Julia Betts
- Kristina Nelson
- Jessica Engelman
- Carol Hanna
- Matchu Williams
- Sam Noble
- Emma Stocker
- Nadyne Rosin
- Brian Hochhalter
- Tina Kimmey
- Reuben Deumling
- Christopher Bacher

Staff:
- Molly Mayo

Introductions and Announcements:

Hello Friends:

Creston-Kenilworth Neighborhood Cleanup is this weekend

Day of the dead on Nov. 1st-2nd at the Mercado. Celebration for all in the community

Brentwood Darlington - Measures 103 and 104 discussion at our next meeting on the

Brick Lane on the Arlita Triangle went well. Come check out the work we did
Foster Night Ride starting at the Mercado will explore the Neighborhood. October 8th at 6:30 PM

Retreat Follow-Up:
Small group discussion

Skill sharing and an intention of providing a communications policy between the correlations and perhaps neighborhoods. Information and tools by a committee on:
- NA Toolkit
  - Budgets
  - Mailers
  - Communications
- City Charter
- Growth Infill
- Homelessness
- Strategic Plan
- Diversity equity and Inclusion

Glad to hear that there appears to be some interest in getting some of these committees off the ground.

Suggestion of forming a strategic planning committee:
Motion made by Terry Dublinski-Milton to Create a Strategic Planning Committee
Motion 2nd by Christopher Bacher
- All voting members vote in favor of motion
- Motion opposed by none

Julia, Christopher, Reuben, Cat

Preparation for Elections of Officers in November:
Brian and Tina are the current members of the Nominating Committee. The purpose of this committee is to determine any interest by any board members in an executive committee position.

Those positions are:
- Co-Chair x2
- Vice-chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Past-Chair

The nominating committee will reach out to board members with people who may be interested in any of these positions for information to be used next month for elections.
Question: In November when these elections take place, will the slate be published in advance and if you can’t be here can you vote by email?

Answer: No you can not vote by email. But you can come by that day and vote here at the HQ. The slate will be published but you can nominate yourself or others on the day for any position.

Break:

Advocacy Request from Bike Loud Portland:
Jessica Engelman --
Bike Loud decided to come and ask SEUplift for support on this project is because Central City in Motion is going for City Council funding. Because PBOT has gone to great lengths to get input from businesses and freight are not necessarily fully in support. They may state in council that they are not in support of the project.

The request is that SEUplift support publicly this

Reason 1: Vision Zero
Reason 2: Climate Change / Transportation and Climate action goals
Reason 3: Congestion / Traffic

Why focus on the Central City?
Jobs and household growth in the downtown core is huge and going to get bigger FAST. The transportation network downtown is undersized for the area currently. With expected growth it will be impossible to move forward.

There are 18 specific targeted projects up for consideration

Online Open House (closed September 18th 2018)
Email Gabe Graff
   gabriel.graff@portlandonline.gov

Question: What would be the counter argument for this project
Answer: With these projects you lose a lane of automotive travel or parking

Question: What is Bike Loud PDX
Answer: They are a new Organization when BTA moved out of local and into state
There is a vacuum in terms of advocacy for simple street safety. They hold Protests for issues and lobby city council.
The Official Ask:

For SE Uplift to submit a letter of support for CCIM to city council. This could be in the form of:

- Supporting the Four Goals of the project and calling for support of the projects up for consideration

- Write a general letter of support and ask that LUTC take a more close look at that and make additional comments or call for support

Motion made to empower the executive committee to write a letter of support for CCIM, it’s four project goals and the multiple projects under consideration.

Motion 2nd by Tina
Motion passed by 11
7 Members abstain

Mulugeta Seraw Memorial:

There was a tragedy that occurred about 30 years ago. Mulugeta Seraw was murdered outside his apartment in the Kerns neighborhood by white supremacist skinheads. He later passed away in Jail. This was a notable tragedy that occurred exactly 30 years ago (November 12th). SEUplift is working on a commemoration for Mulugeta Seraw along with other community partners to commemorate his death. There is going to be a conference about anti-hate and other related topics. This is done in conjunction with Urban league.

Tuesday November 13th at PSU between 9:00 and 1:00.

SE Uplift will lead an effort to add sign caps to PBOT for up to 16 of these sigh caps installed to commemorate this event and other. PBOT has granted approval for somewhere between 8 and 12th.

There is a cost of $2000 for the sign caps cost and installation of $80 each. The Board is being asked to help support this cost and pledge money for this because being able to take some of this fund raising off the funds.

Caps will be installed in Kerns, Laurelhurst and Sunnyside neighborhoods.

Motion by Christopher to support this effort to the tune of $3,000
Motion 2nd by Terri Dublinski-Milton
All present voting members vote in favor of this motion
No abstentions
No votes against

**Approval of July and September Minutes:**
Call out for a request of the September Minutes

Motion by Terry-Dublinski-Milton to approve the September minutes as edited and 2nd by Susan Gershwin

Three abstention (not present)

Approval of the meeting minutes for the Month of September

**Adjourn:**
Thank you for attending