Minutes – SE Uplift Board Meeting – April 2, 2018

Attendees:
Molly Mayo
Reuben Deumling
Terry Dublinski-Milton
Kerry Rowand
Olivia Alsept-Ellis
Nadyne Rosin
Tina Kimmey
Carol Hanna
Cat Davila
Susan Gershwin
Jessica Engelman
Christopher Bacher
Sam Noble
Emma Stocker
Brian Hochhalter
Mark Romanaggi

7:00 – Welcome (Reuben Deumling)

Introductions, Community Announcements

- List of upcoming Foster-Powell events was emailed to the Board; all are welcome
- May 5 - community event at Kellogg Middle School site
- April - Cache Project in Laurelhurst (emergency preparedness)
- May 12 - Woodstock Annual Plant Sale on May 12
- Invited to give public comment at upcoming meetings in support of Woodstock Community Center
- April 14 – Ladd’s Circle bicycle relay (“Ladd’s 500”)
- Wheeler budget announced; includes $15M rehab of Mt. Scott Community Center
- 20MPH speed limit implemented on residential streets
- Transportation meeting upcoming with many neighborhoods
- Every 4th Mon of the month at 7pm, South Portland In Motion (SPIM) meetings; goal to put together a report in September
- April 28 - Mt. Tabor Clean Up from 9:00-1:00 in parking lot of Mt. Tabor Middle School at 57th and Stark; anyone can bring things or donate; will have a resale area
- April 8 – Deadline for online open comments on Central City in Motion Plan; covers several neighborhoods; suggestion to support bus access lanes
- Several neighborhoods holding candidate debates; descriptions will be in SE Uplift Newsletter; Buckman and Brentwood-Darlington; does SE Uplift have a debate question to submit?
● Wednesday 8:30-10:30 a.m. downtown is a training opportunity for this board; Nonprofit Association of Oregon training; additional training opportunities will be mailed out for April, May, June
● May 12 - Brooklyn clean up from 9:00-1:00 at the park on 16th and Center

7:15 – **Participatory Budgeting Presentation** (Olivia Alsept-Ellis)
● What is it? Community driven project development; largest growing democratic reform
● Discretionary funds; bring projects to table and community knowledge; vote on project and oversee development
● Endorsed by Obama administration
● Increases accountability, communication, integration with technology; greater equity and resource distribution
● Funds more likely to go to low income neighborhoods
● $3M budgetary allotment
● Forum on April 14 at Rosewood Initiative; speakers including Amy Wynne; focus on “disappearing communities”; free but need to register
● Fliers available in multiple languages (Spanish, Russian); email Olivia
● Increasing participation from community members
● Olivia attended a conference through sponsorship of “Healthy Democracy” think tank

7:20 – **Approve March Meeting Minutes**
● Minutes don’t reflect as much discussion of agreements; **Molly can add**
● Nadyne votes to approve minutes as amended; Sam seconds the motion
● 3 abstentions, 0 opposed, all others approve

7:22 – **Planning for May and June; July elections** (Reuben Deumling)
● SE Uplift Board Member elections usually in July; Executive Committee feels this is not ideal, for example when new members are asked to vote immediately after being elected
● Next month, bring bylaws revision to move elections to Sept or Oct
● July meeting will be on July 12
● Attempt to streamline the process for at-large and community organizations to reapply; members of Executive Committee will reach out one-on-one to see if you have interest in reapplying
● Would like to solicit interest in 2 committees
● Membership Committee - involves reaching out to groups who may not be represented on board and helping to find new board members (at-large, community orgs, business associations) to assess interest
● Nominating Committee - contacts all board members to ask if interested in officer/Executive Committee positions
● Neighborhood Association elections are in May/June; reps can change at any time
● There are written procedures/structures
- Volunteers for membership committee – Sam, Susan, Olivia
- Wait until a future meeting to request volunteers for Nominating Committee

7:30 – **Grievance Appeal Overview** (Reuben Deumling)
- Executive Session will be private discussion; **minutes will be taken but kept separately**
- Decide what you will be voting on in the public meeting; will Board agree or disagree with the recommendations?
- Note that this is an internal process, not a legal one; not punitive in nature, only for organization to see if it made procedural errors; may be appealed to ONI
- Has to be a procedural violation of bylaws (SE Uplift/ONI) and proof that grievant was harmed due to violation; grievant may identify a remedy but non-binding; up to board if they want to make recommendations
- Committee did training with Paul from ONI and staff person Kelly Fedderson; worked through docs for 2 weeks
- Montavilla rep will abstain from voting

[Executive Session Notes are Archived Separately]

- Public meeting resumed
- Motion on the table to approve the slate (findings and recommendations from the committee); 1 abstention (Montavilla/Olivia); 0 objections; all others approved
- Thank you to the committee for your work

8:04 – Break

8:14 – Meeting resumed

8:15 - **Bike Loud Advocacy Request** (Terry Dublinski-Milton)
- PBOT should keep the SE 26 Ave bike lanes; Land Use Transportation Committee (LUTC) voted unanimously to approve/support; now it is being brought to the SE Uplift Board
- In 2015 there was an accident where a cyclist lost his leg; new crossing has since been built on 28th bike lanes need to be minimum 6 feet per new policy
- ODOT telling PBOT they will remove (narrow) bike lanes and give space to cars/trucks
- Jurisdictional transfer of Powell from ODOT to PBOT by 2020; PBOT doesn’t want to ruffle any feathers before then
- Recommendation to build 21st as a bikeway if removing bike lanes on 26th
- Request for Board to endorse Bike Loud’s advocacy
- 21st is flat; 28th is steep (ex. at Woodward) and heads the wrong direction

- Discussion, Q&A
Gladstone to Powell has incline; 28th a bad choice for commuters but a good route for safe routes to school
26th Ave bike lanes are substandard
Need alternative to replace broken bike lanes
HAND has been asking for 21st for a long time; letter sent
Reminder that advocacy requests go to LUTC first
Motion to encourage PBOT to not remove the 26 bike lanes; if removed required that 21 Ave be built first (or as soon as financially feasible) so people biking west have a flatter alternative
Motion to approve – Sam; Jessica seconds
Maybe subtract out “as soon as financially feasible” language

Brief discussion
Recommendation to go with Bike Loud PDX’s wording (approved by LUTC) or not
Vote on motion as amended; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions; all others approved

Mission statement review and update (Olivia Alsept-Ellis)
To recap, at September’s board retreat, looked at Mission Statement; determining if effective, any problematic aspects
Hoping to wrap this up in May with a vote
How do Board members feel about the mission statement? Sub committee developed language and will ask you to vote on your preferences
Please consider your own work within SE Uplift

To collaborate with or to advocate for
Vote – collaborate 6; advocate 5

To build communities vs. to inspire communities
Vote – build 8; inspire 2

Informed, inclusive & participatory communities vs. equitable, inclusive & participatory communities
Vote – informed 3, equitable 1, both words 6

To support social & ecological well being vs. to support our social well being and uplift the historically underrepresented
Vote – first 8; second 3

Choose short and brief statement vs. long and precise statement
Vote – short 8; longer 3

Suggestion to clarify participatory part of system; some individuals mistakenly presume NA boards will do work for them (rather than the
individual engaging with the NA, or NA connecting them with resources and/or shepherding them through process)

- Advocacy is one of eight parts; not necessarily reflective of all elements of community programming

8:47 p.m. – **Updates from ONI including ONI budget process** (Molly Mayo)
- ONI is SE Uplift’s sole funder
- ONI proposal online
- East Portland Neighborhood Organization (EPNO); 7 district coalitions; similar to size of SE Uplift in the community it serves but underfunded (for a long time)
- All need more funding, especially EPNO; proposing another $150K (which would bring it up to SE Uplift funding)
- Wheeler and Eudaly support add package for EPNO; need one more commissioner on board
- Supporting our fellow coalition is a great idea; they have been historically underfunded
- Best way to advocate on budget item is through direct contact with City Council; are forums coming up
- Flier distributed; please share with stakeholders

- Discussion, Q&A
- Q: Why hasn’t ONI made this change before now?
  - A: Unsure. ONI has new leadership (Suk Rhee)
- East Portland is 82nd Ave to Gresham; approximately 160K people
- Q: Has there been any discussion of consolidating coalitions to save resources?
  - A: Yes; maybe over years
- Perhaps previous ONI leader left because this was one issue that wasn’t dealt with
- More growth potential for East Portland; opportunity to fix this now
- Thank you for your support of EPNO and SE Uplift

8:58 – **Meeting adjourned**