List of Board of Directors in Attendance:
At-Large - Catherine Davila
At-Large - Miguel Rodriguez
At-Large - Lauren Schaefer
At-Large - Taizoon Doctor
Brentwood-Darlington - Pam Hodge
Brooklyn - Guy Berliner
Creston-Kenilworth - Joe Harvey
Edúcate Ya - Estefania Zavala
Foster-Powell - Lotus Romey-Yu (Secretary)
Hacienda CDC - Ambar Solarte (Treasurer)
Kerns - Dave Weaver
Laurelhurst - Constance Beaumont
Montavilla - Lindsey Johnson
Mt. Scott-Arleta - Matchu Williams (Vice Chair)
Mt. Tabor - Sam Noble
North Tabor - Stephanie Kaza
Portland Bus Lane Project - Jessie Maran
PCC SE - Amy Bader
Richmond - Allen Field
South Tabor - Tina Kimmey (Chair)
Sunnyside - Reuben Deumling (Past Chair)
Woodstock - Anna Weichsel

SE Uplift Staff in Attendance:
Danny Mankin (Interim Executive Director)

Guests:
Brian Hochhalter
Midge Pierce (SE Examiner)

6:30
Networking & Social Time

7:00
Greeting and Announcements (Tina)

- Upcoming events at Portland Mercado including Winter Makers Craft Fair on Dec 21 11AM-4PM, Venezulen Christmas Dinner on Dec 13 7:30, & More!
- SEUL Holiday gathering at the Portland Mercado, December 11, 2019, 6-9 pm.
- PDXLatinx.org December 19 NW Family Services Center - SE King Rd
  - Miguel Rodriguez is the Talent Development & Inclusion Coordinator at OMSI and will bring his knowledge to serve SEUL
- Allen Field reads statement regarding November meeting minutes
- Richmond: Saturday planting at Central Christian Church, November 7th
  - Allen Field reads statement regarding November meeting minutes

I was not at the last meeting because I wanted to be with my mother on her birthday, her first since my father’s passing. I was on the phone to explain what I could offer in my volunteering more time to SE Uplift as Vice Chair.

I was shocked and hurt to hear how Terry, with whom I have spoken to only once before, who I have never worked with on anything, and who hasn’t been to a Richmond meeting in 4 or more years, disparaged my character by saying I am hard to work with, under my watch my Richmond has become the most dysfunctional NA in SE, and caused SE Uplift to incur legal fees. I need to call that out as untrue and how such personal and derogatory statements about me and my NA are way out of line. He went out of his way to paint me as a bad person and tarnish my name with the rest of this Board. Personal and derogatory statements about anyone are never ok in these Board meetings, and they have no place being repeated in the Minutes.

My 3 meetings on this Board have not been a welcoming experience for me and visitors. My first meeting, someone punctuated their comments with the F word, the second meeting Terry called the Board racist, and the last meeting my character was disparaged in a way that is a form of bullying how it was done in a public setting and meant to shape people’s view of me and my neighborhood association in a negative way. The Board and Executive Committee need to do a better job of being more welcoming and respectful to everyone -- visitors and fellow board members alike – and calling out inappropriate behavior, otherwise it is condoned and enabled.

I’m sorry if this makes you feel uncomfortable and that I even need to raise this issue, but I need to speak my truth and call out how untrue, improper and hurtful those statements were. That they were spoken by a member of the Executive Committee is inexcusable. I know the Board will get past this, but, while we are all in favor of updating the Code and best practices to make neighborhood associations and ALL organizations more inclusive and welcoming to everyone, WE as a board need to do better at being more respectful, welcoming and providing a safe space for fellow board members and visitors.

- Kerns: Pilot project for SOLVE youth program @ DaVinci Art School
- Taizoon Doctor: Back from sabbatical
- Jesse Maran: Rose Lane Project open houses: Tues Dec 3rd @ Rosewood Initiative, Sat Dec 7th @ North Portland Library, Mon Dec 9th @ White Stag Building
- Lauren Schaefer: 11-22 Gallery open house
- Mt. Tabor: Event Friday December 6th at Western Seminary
- Sam Noble reads a statement who calls out people dominating the space and asks to limit comments to one per night
  - Educate Ya: Jan 10, 11, 12 Preventative Health Care Trainings and Wine Tasting Fund Raising Event December 11?
  - Foster-Powell: Photos with Santa December 7th 11am-2pm @ Portland Mercado

Approval of November Minutes (Matchu)

Ambar motions to Approve the November Minutes as Amended, Sam seconds.

  In Favor: 20
  Opposed: 0
  Abstained: Cat Davila

Motion passes.

7:15 (Reuben)
Community Agreements & Mission Statement
  - To collaborate with the SE Portland Community to build informed, inclusive, and participatory neighborhoods that support our social and ecological well-being.
  - Please respect the community agreements and signal intent to speak via vertical placement of title card upon the tabletop.

7:20 (Sharon)

Multnomah County Commissioner Sharon Meieran

Matchu Motions to add a small agenda item by tine, 2nd by Terry.

  In Favor: 20
  Opposed: 0
  Abstained: Sam Noble & Dave Weaver

Passed

7:40

Houseless Action Committee (Reuben)

  - Been approached by Beacon PDX to use SEUL basement as an emergency warming shelter.
Committee: Reuben, Tina, Matchu, Muz, Cat, & Taizoon

Matchu motions for approving Beacon's request to use SEUL for emergency warming center through to June 21st, 2020, with committee and staff looking through stipulations and concerns, Lotus seconds.

- Concerns & Stipulations: insurance, zoning, neighbors, supplies, downstairs tenants

In Favor: 17
Opposed: 1
Abstained: Allen Field

Motion passes

8:30
Staff & Programming Update (Danny)
- Mireya handling community clean up projects
- Leah handing land usage, offering one on one meetings
- Christina is working on the Communications funds, applications due Jan. 15th
- Muz working on upcoming small grants, workshop coming up
- Dec. 11th holiday party, 6pm-9pm

8:40
Search Committee Update (Tina)
- Job Description review of Executive Director position
- Laura (Rose City Philanthropy) is leading the search with Search Committee
- Currently have 13 applications

8:45
To sign letter to dissent PP&R’s new rule that is making it harder to serve food to our houseless neighbors.

Reuben motions to sign the letter, Jessie seconds

In Favor: 20
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0

Motion Passes

8:46
Financial Committee Update (Ambar)
- Ambar will take any questions about the budget via email and will answer via email
- Dec. 12th is next open meeting
- Balance sheet to be shared at next SEUL board meeting

8:50
Bank Account Signers (Tina)

Sam motions for Ambar Solarte & Matchu Williams to be added as signers at First Interstate Bank, and to remove Terry Dublinski-Milton and Reuben Deumling, Amy seconds.

In Favor: 18

Opposed: 1

Abstained: Matchu & Ambar

Motion passes.

8:53

City Code 3.96 Update, Timeline (Danny)
- Resolution presented in Dec. to be voted on
- 3 year extension - going back to look it all over again
- 1 year from now there will be a recommendation on next steps

9:00

Meeting Adjourned

SEUL Holiday gathering at the Portland Mercado, December 11, 2019, 6-9 pm.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, January 6, 2020, 7-9PM.

Lotus Romey-Yu, Board Secretary