

Josh Herrick
Guy Berliner
Cheryl Crowe
Melaney Dittler
Daryl Phillippi
Marie Phillippi
David Ward
Tom Vinacci
Timothy Walsh
Stuart Zeltzer

Leah Fisher from SE Uplift
Waiting for Kimberlea Ruffu

John Karabaic
Rhea Stadick
Wesley Ward
TomCat

Called to order 19:07
Josh starts with Land Acknowledgement
Josh also reads a board statement of values and about

Josh asks about getting secretarial duties
Cheryl asks about electing JK to the board
Will wait until we get full board to do election

Kimberlea joins at 19:14

“Welcome wagon” topic with Cheryl Crowe & Melaney Dittler
Proposing a “Liveability Committee”
Goals: increase involvement of neighborhood residents, fun events/activities to help people meet their neighbors
Started with idea of welcome wagon, involved into giving new residents information about the BAC and practical neighborhood advice
Could end up being the channel for neighborhood event planning to focus that task among folks who enjoy event planning
Example: make leaf pickup into a volunteer activity. Pick 2 days during the fall, perhaps 1 before Halloween to make it easier to trick or treat, the other before Thanksgiving to clean the neighborhood for that holiday

Would like to create a social media calendar for awareness of events

Community Map a part of the effort, start with something easy to make and make it more professional looking as it's developed. Cheryl's received a list of "interesting" neighborhood locations, with things like the Little Free Libraries.

Positive reactions to the idea from local businesses, like Pizza Doughnais

Some folks have signed up to the idea of the committee

Would like to propose an "art therapy" event. Plan a socially-distant get-together in September.

Want to reach out to all Brooklyn apt building owners to get notifications of new tenants so we could get them information. It's easier for house sales.

Trying to get to the point where residents tell new residents to expect a packet, becomes a feature of the neighborhood like the historical Brooklyn house plaques.

Important to approach new residents within something like the first 6 months because they're more likely to get involved.

Guy: will it have information about active issues, like River Access & land use

Melaney: of course, but will need to be continually updated.

Cheryl: have links to PDFs on the website, Kimberlea suggested a Google request form to get a packet.

Josh: shy away from "Liveability" as it has some negative connotations

Marie likes Welcome Wagon

Leah: "Community Connect"

"Community Connections"

Josh: must clearly delineate the responsibilities so that it's apparent when a particular committee has the mission to undertake something. Minimize conflict over who does what.

Leah reiterates the NIMBY, anti-houseless, anti-Black connotations of "Liveability".

NextDoor has a mapping tool that may be useful to the committee. SE Tool Library as a resource.

Stuart: Is there a budget estimate, maybe just an initial one?

Melaney & Cheryl have thought of it, but haven't gotten any printing estimates yet. If the initial rollout shows an increase in participation, that makes a good basis for a grant application.

Reminder that many of the offers will be paid for by the orgs/companies donating it.

Josh: clear that no expenses covered until we get board approval for budget and the content being distributed.

Kimberlea: ESJ would like to get content included on social justice, etc. Be aware of the sustainability of the items we're distributing.

Josh: get the finalized proposal & budget before the board for approval prior to moving forward.

Motion to start the process of doing this committee
Josh moves, Tim Walsh seconded
Approved by acclamation, no abstentions, no nays.

Back to the motion to admit JK
Some discussion about two folks from the same household on the board. Tom Vinacci raises the concern, particularly about side conversations within the same household, collusion, etc.

Leah says it's not necessarily in any bylaws, and there are other orgs that have partners from the same household on the board. The orgs are "participatory organizations", so the org can decide how representation works. As long as it doesn't violate bylaws, it's allowed. Might be good to rethink the rule if partners start crowding the board to the limit of membership.

Discussion around the ethics/appearance of multiple family members on the board.

Cheryl volunteers to step down if JK gets confirmed? (Is confirmed the right word)

Voting: acclamation, no abstentions, no nays
Cheryl resigns (or Tim kicks her off?)

Next agenda item:
Grants & funding updates

Communications grant: translation services and other tasks that might be too time-consuming for volunteers. It's in the pipeline, still waiting for news.
Small Project grant: email exchanges over it in the last few days.

Josh: some tension in those discussions over the small project grant
Leah: might be appropriate to take advantage of some mediation services available via the Office of Community Life

Josh: clarification of rules of engagement for working sessions vs meetings when policy is decided, notice requirements and such.

Leah: forming the group, hoping to award early April or by the 4/21 depending on how that scheduling goes.

Kimberlea: acknowledging that people were harmed and that should be addressed.
Agreement by others that there was some harm inflicted on all side.
Josh: points out that we should acknowledge it. Doesn't want to unpack it now. Comments in the chat (which I'll save and append to this) about taking some time to discuss this separately.

Josh: Budget appears to be incomplete, worries about the degree of negative cashflow in the upcoming year. Starts sharing [the budget](#), will need to clean up doc before sharing.

Melaney: Loves the idea of a budgeting money for snacks & such during meeting, but we've never really needed to pay for that before, folks have just brought them. No expectation that they should be bought by anyone.

Josh: true

Marie: agrees with Melaney on snacks. Questions the \$120 for Flyers. Worrying about flyers on the telephone poles.

Josh: wants to move on.

Kimberlea: briefly talks about take up / take down from poles. Equity discussion around the social impact of accepting free snacks from folks. Someone asks, should the board pay. It does make the board more welcoming.

Josh: the budget should reflect priorities. Wants to make sure we vote on it at the next meeting.

JK makes point about some costs around website, phone, etc. that may be cut by using Google Apps for Nonprofits

Josh: will circulate this with the goal of approving this at the next meeting.

Timothy: has checkbooks/registers so he can get accurate expense numbers.

Marie: wants to join the board. Agreed to add it to the top of the agenda at the next meeting.

JK not officially voted in as secretary, will do that next meeting

Wesley Ward on the diesel issue. There's a bill forward to reduce diesel pollution. Will take 5y to implement, and it's weaker than we hoped. Can email wesleyward@comcast.net for details on the history of the issue. New opportunity to regulate indirect sources of pollution, like the railyard, shipyards, ports, warehouses. DEQ currently doesn't regulate them, and it will be opposed by industry groups. Currently 3 bills:

- one would enable regulation of the indirect sources.
- Another would provide funding to fix older diesel engines, or get them retired. WA & CA have done this with some success. Would be funded by a tax on things they need, like tires.
- Kevin Downey (sp)'s proposal to add black carbon as an official greenhouse gas, as it's an aerosol. It's 1500x more warming than CO2, but it's short term. This would make it part of an official policy to reduce greenhouse gases.

Drafted a letter for us to approve.

Josh: clarifies legislative roadmap for bills. Proposes provisional support for the letter, prior to referring to committee for approval.

Marie: wants details for newsletter.

Tom: unless there's funding, this harms diversity because BIPOC individuals & small business owners will be impacted the most.

Wesley and Josh point out that the letter calls out an assumption of funding support for BIPOC individuals, businesses and etc. Wesley gives example of retiring diesel schoolbuses.

Guy: points out the larger impact on BIPOC folks of these issues.

Jone: wants clarification on the process.

Lots of discussion around the process.

Josh: Finally decision we will refer to Land Use and Transportation committee to draft the letter for the board to vote on at the next public meeting. Get the letter to the board 5 days prior to the meeting. Vote: all in favor, no abstentions, no oppose

Wes offered to talk at the general meeting prior to our vote.

Discussion of upcoming meetings deferred, as nothing's changing.

Cleanup events

General meeting in 2 weeks with new vote.

Melaney proposes getting a state rep to the meeting in 2wks. Rob was at the Jan meeting, so decided it's OK to not have one.

Vote on January meeting minutes:

Josh says one small correction. Vote to approve with the correction. Vote: all in favor, none abstaining, none opposed.

Barbara and Melaney: Food and Hygiene drive this Saturday at Brooklyn Park. Please attend. Adding hygiene products. Would love to get check for groceries for grout. How much more of the match is available?

Let's do a social media reminder.

Reach out to Cleveland to see if students there who are Brooklyn residents want to participate.

Melaney: criteria are a 1 year commitment, resident of Brooklyn, 15 & up

Tom: limited to Cleveland?

Kimberlea: add it to the newsletter

Marie: send it to her

Some discussion as to whether we're advertising specifically for a youth seat? It's not that we're reserving a youth seat, which requires a change to the bylaws, but that we recruiting a young person to take that seat.

Barbara: public garden chat, one of the plots has issues with a noxious weed, may inhibit assignment. Discussion of disposal.

Chat log:

19:05:06 From Josh Hetrick (he/him) to Everyone : Kimberléa said she will be running a few mins late

19:07:57 From Josh Hetrick, chair (he/him) to Everyone :

<https://brooklyn-neighborhood.org/land-acknowledgement/>

19:17:18 From Leah (she/her), SE Uplift to Everyone : Brentwood Darlington does this - they have branded materials packet and welcome new neighbors.

19:19:07 From Josh Hetrick, chair (he/him) to Everyone : Coordinated efforts to clear storm drains and curb ramps would be great. I was going to propose that last fall and it slipped past me.

19:29:07 From Leah (she/her), SE Uplift to Everyone : Community Connect

19:29:25 From Leah (she/her), SE Uplift to Everyone : Neighbor to Neighbor?

19:31:29 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : love all this!

19:32:10 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : john no acronyms please

19:32:30 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : spell out nimby

19:32:52 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone : I know I've already chatted with Cheryl about this, but I know the ESJ would want to have input on any materials included in a welcoming packet - which I previously expressed to Cheryl, as well as making sure to center a sustainability component e.g. are there affordable biodegradable alternatives to plastic binders? I think it's a very nice way to connect with new folks in Brooklyn.

19:33:02 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone : NIMBY: Not In My Backyard

19:34:13 From Leah (she/her), SE Uplift to Everyone : Good points Kimberlea, I know there are composing programs as well where people living in apartments can connect with others with space for composting. I like the sustainability component too.

19:34:31 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone : @Leah You said Montavilla has done something like this?

19:34:51 From Leah (she/her), SE Uplift to Everyone : Brentwood-Darlington NA

19:35:25 From Leah (she/her), SE Uplift to Everyone : They also used a small grant last year to create a translated "community resources" booklet.

19:35:44 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone : Great, thank you! And yes, definitely important to connect that that climate justice is inherently linked to racial justice, so ways to improve sustainability that are affordable should always be considered :)

19:38:01 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : hi tom

19:38:35 From Guy Berliner (he/him) to Everyone : shout out to my favorite bike mechanic!

19:38:54 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone : @Tom nice to see you tonight!

19:39:08 From Stuart Zeltzer BAC (he/him) to Everyone : do we need a motion and vote to create this committee

19:40:14 From TomCat to Everyone : Hi there!

19:41:35 From Rhea Stadick (she/her) to Everyone : Hi everyone! Sorry I'm cooking so not on video!

19:44:08 From TomCat to Everyone : As a first time non voting member, I think multiple household members on the board is a bad idea ethically and process wise

19:44:58 From TomCat to Everyone : It's bad optics. And the neighborhood has many more people to draw from to expand participation

19:44:59 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : I agree! I just was hoping to finish out my team

19:45:06 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : term

19:48:04 From Guy Berliner (he/him) to Everyone : undue influence is something to be concerned about, but we are not in a position of surplus when it comes to actual volunteers at present

19:53:38 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone : @John Thank you for taking notes

19:54:10 From TomCat to Everyone : I have no ill will towards anyone here. I don't know too much about local politics here.

19:54:15 From TomCat to Everyone : horay

19:54:38 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : oh tom you know us!

19:55:32 From Stuart Zeltzer BAC (he/him) to Everyone : Thank you Cheryl for all your work but... Tim says you have to go

19:55:45 From Melaney Dittler to Everyone : Right!!!

19:57:28 From Melaney Dittler to Everyone : Welcome Jone! Just in time! LOL

19:58:24 From Jone (she/they) to Everyone : Sorry! Working on other stuff

19:58:36 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone : @Jone no worries :)

20:00:30 From j k to Josh Hetrick, chair (he/him)(Direct Message) : What's the names of the two grants you discussed? I missed them.

20:00:52 From Josh Hetrick, chair (he/him) to j k(Direct Message) : Small project grant; communications grant

20:07:08 From Tom Vinacci to Everyone : what in the world are you folks (not) talking about?

20:07:09 From Leah (she/her), SE Uplift to Everyone : SO it sounds like the board needs to prioritize setting time to unpack this and discuss

20:10:18 From Rhea Stadick (she/her) to Everyone : Is that what will happen next? I couldn't tell what the next steps were.

20:13:42 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : A new person joined, Barbara

20:13:49 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone : Hi Barbara! Thank you for coming

20:17:35 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : we agree to have flyers

20:20:01 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : the website should be looked at, with a redesign possibly next year.

20:21:23 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : you have to be aware of self dealing

20:21:36 From Jone (she/they) to Everyone : Idea: can we take turns (the people who want to) who will bring food according to dietary requirements?

20:21:52 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : but snacks are probably not a bone to pick

20:22:10 From Melaney Dittler to Everyone : That is what I suggested Jone.
20:22:31 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone : @Jone, yes that would also be okay
20:22:40 From Jone (she/they) to Everyone : I mean that the people who can afford it to commit to take turns to provide food, not “everybody”
20:23:10 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone : Oh yes the phone!
20:23:21 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone : Google voice too!
20:23:26 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : yep!
20:23:32 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : google voice
20:23:48 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : yep
20:24:07 From TomCat to Everyone : Zoom also has a non profit discount, if yr paying for this.
20:24:08 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : yes
20:24:13 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone : Reorganizing!
20:24:26 From Melaney Dittler to Everyone : I donate my pro Zoom Tom
20:24:27 From TomCat to Everyone : google for non profits is really robust..
20:24:36 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : Tom zoom is donated now
20:24:40 From TomCat to Everyone : worth the effort to fill out the forms
20:24:49 From TomCat to Everyone : awesome
20:24:49 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : but we include it as a line item
20:24:51 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone : And most services do have a non-profit discount - Canva, linktr.ee etc. :)
20:25:57 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : optimistically!
20:26:02 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : yes!
20:26:03 From j k to Everyone : Great point, Kimberlea. And I do appreciate your point about a hospitality budget for equity reasons.
20:27:29 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : This year people would love to have something to look forward to.
20:27:50 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone : Wesley had something to speak about right?
20:29:55 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : Did i sleep through that?
20:31:32 From j k to Josh Hetrick, chair (he/him)(Direct Message) : What's the name of the org Wesley's from?
20:32:12 From Josh Hetrick, chair (he/him) to j k(Direct Message) : I'm not certain, you'll have to ask him to repeat it
20:32:28 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : wesleyward@comcast.net
20:34:59 From j k to Josh Hetrick, chair (he/him)(Direct Message) : My notes, since I'm not sharing
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1I5IRBaDhtv6l-CSjhl8ZAERTKqXpJ9FwsarZfvJeGgs/edit?usp=sharing>
20:38:32 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone : Still harmful though!
20:43:13 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone : Will we be able to see the written proposals?
20:45:23 From Josh Hetrick, chair (he/him) to Everyone : The bills are HB 2814, HB 2674, and HB 2479
20:45:59 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone : Thank you - I missed those bill names

20:48:37 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone : Isn't the next legislative session coming up soon?

20:48:55 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : Are we canning groceries for gout this month?

20:49:02 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : Was that this weekend?

20:49:30 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : You should button that up before signing off

20:49:47 From Melaney Dittler to Everyone : yes

20:52:48 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : exactly

20:53:02 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : committees report to the board

20:53:11 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : and then there is discussion

20:55:20 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone : Can we vote on it at the general meeting?

20:55:33 From Leah (she/her), SE Uplift to Everyone : Oh - you can also have the LU Committee have quorum they can make a decision on behalf of the board

20:55:39 From Leah (she/her), SE Uplift to Everyone : By having extra board members attend

20:55:39 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone : It is public!

20:56:13 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : leah how many board members?

20:56:27 From Leah (she/her), SE Uplift to Everyone : what is your NAs quorum? (In your bylaws)

20:56:37 From Leah (she/her), SE Uplift to Everyone : It looks like it's resolved :)

20:56:50 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : thank you!

20:58:35 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : fall

20:58:54 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : and we can talk to heiberg to cut a deal

20:59:48 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone : Commissioner Ryan follows us on Instagram? :)

21:00:10 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : who wants to post the meeting banner next week?

21:00:43 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : don't you all offer at once

21:01:07 From Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone : i have to walk the dogs bye

21:06:24 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone : None of us are required to give a time commitment, or even encouraged as far as I know

21:07:21 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone : 15+?

21:07:28 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone : Many sophomores are 15

21:13:28 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone : Maybe this should be a general meeting topic?

21:13:31 From Leah (she/her), SE Uplift to Everyone : Barbara - are you aware of the grant to remove invasive through BES?

21:13:57 From Leah (she/her), SE Uplift to Everyone : They offer grants to remove invasive and plant natives. Contact me if you want more information - Leahf@seuplift.org

21:14:08 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone : Thank you Leah!

21:14:37 From Jone (she/they) to Everyone : Does my neighbor's bamboo qualify?

21:15:05 From Leah (she/her), SE Uplift to Everyone :
<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/43077>

21:15:56 From Leah (she/her), SE Uplift to Everyone : CWSP Provides Stewardship Grants of Up To \$12,000

Examples of CWSP Projects

Youth leadership and job skills programs

Neighborhood safety, health and livability projects

Adding plants and trees to your neighborhood, school or church

Cleanup and restoration of parks, playgrounds and streams

Community gardens

Replacing pavement with native plants

Environmental education and art projects