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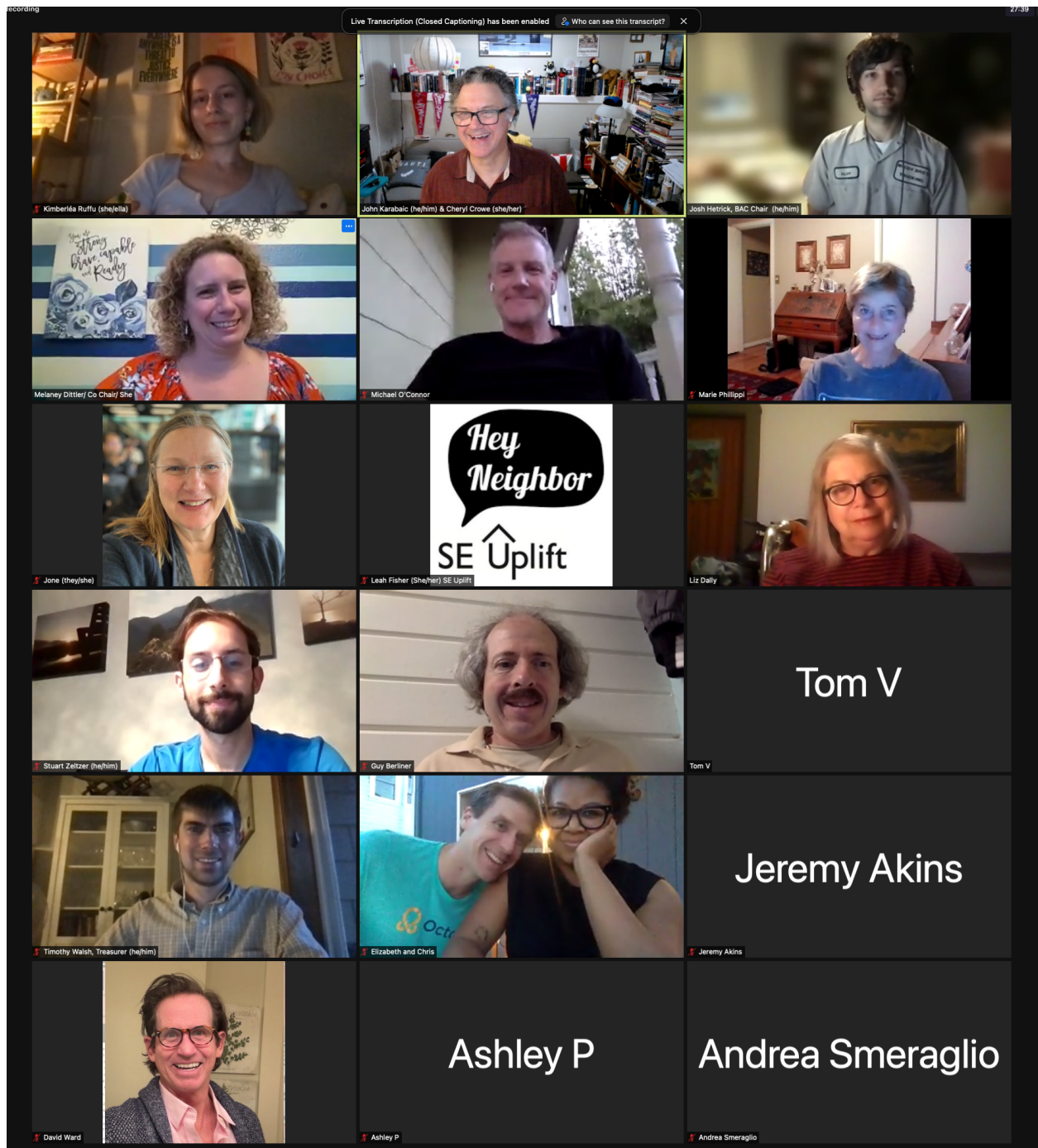
Attendees

1. Guy Berliner
2. Melaney Dittler
3. Josh Hetrick
4. John Karabaic
5. Marie Phillippi
6. Kimberléa Ruffu
7. Jone van Rees
8. Timothy Walsh
9. David Ward
10. Stuart Zeltzer

11. Jeremy Atkins
12. Liz Daily: Community Garden
13. Michael O'Connor
14. Ashley P: neighborhood safety issue, met Cheryl
15. Andrea Smeraglio:
16. Tom Vinacci
17. Elizabeth and Chris: new neighbors, 2nd meeting
18. Leah Fisher - SE Uplift

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Zoom Photo



Welcome, introduction, and land acknowledgement

Called to order 7:06ish

Main topics

Storage costs and options

SE Uplift offers to give us storage space. Discussion around the amount of space needed, as well as the costs of options. John Karabaic relays the \$75/month offer from Brooklyn Suites, and the 18-month, 2 six-packs a month offer from Ethos to use the 4224 SE 12th property. Will talk to Leah at SE Uplift and figure out how to get the items in there. Decision to be communicated at the general meeting.

Memorial tree for Don

Discussion of the location of the tree, the ODOT park across from Don's house on SE 9th and Cora.

Find out cost of tree and move forward with discussion on the General Meeting

Neighborhood clean-up

Discussion about signage, volunteers coordination, logistics for parking at the time of event. Marie will handle the signage, parking, and getting the dumpster situated. Discussion of other needs: volunteer coordination, money handling, loaders, recycler, rummage sale coordinator. Actual notes and chat with hours at the end of things. Kimberlea volunteers to put together a volunteer form, Melaney will collate the results from board volunteering in a spreadsheet. Cleanup from 2-3, must stay until dumpsters are picked up.

Filling treasurer role

Timothy is moving and talks about transitioning role to a new officer. Two or three things that need to be cleaned up. Proposes that his resignation take effect at the next general meeting, if we elect a "treasurer designate" to transition, who'll take office during the general meeting. Marie nominates herself. Motion for her to assume office on September 22. Elected by acclamation, with Marie abstaining.

Air quality letters to endorse

Sets of letters (sent in email as well as in [Communications Log](#)) for endorsement to Cascadia Action.

Cascadia Action offering to run the air monitors, proposes we join with one person from the BAC who functions as a spoke between the 2 organizations.

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Motion to join Cascadia Action. Kimberléa asks about approach to equity. Jone points out statement 45. Some explanation from Jone, in response to question from Stuart, about details on the relationship between BAC and CA. Motion tabled to General Meeting, while we have a chance to review the materials.

Will invite Greg to a board meeting.

Committee coloring contest

Deferred to general meeting. Melaney says was discussed in Community Connections meeting, will take up in email thread.

Response to hit & run on McLoughlin

Josh recounts history of 2 accidents on SE McLoughlin, noise, and racing issues. John talked a little bit about his daughter's recommendations. Marie recommends us contacting Ask ODOT. Leah posts "Sharon White, Sharon.White@portlandoregon.gov, with PBOT outreach and education with community". John mentions High Crash Corridor initiative. Motion to task LU&TC to come up with a strategy and present at next General Meeting/Board Meeting.

Communications log

Brief presentation on the purpose of the [communications log](#): making sure we have a record of everything the board's saying "officially". Discussion around responding as the board, communications strategy for official things.

Discussion around moving safety concerns up in the agenda.

Neighborhood safety concerns

Michael O'Connor details the contents of the [Brooklyn Prowler Summary](#). Requests a letter to ask for action.

Guy: Points out that housing status is irrelevant to the criminal acts reported.

Stuart: Expresses appreciation for the details in the document. The housed members of the neighborhood dealing with these issues isn't uncommon. Portland Street Response may be a resource for us to address this kind of issue in the future. The city does have a controversial office for dealing with campsites, mostly been dealing with the larger campsites and unsafe conditions, which this may qualify for. Reporting interface [here](#).

Marie: Talks about

John: Asks for details on case numbers, probably good idea to have all that information in any letter.

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Melaney: had the guy in her backyard, add it to the list

Stuart: suggests reporting it through the system and referring to that in the letter.

Ashley: In her conversation with the office, they set low expectations for non-safety issues, but the 6-tent encampment.

David Ward: learned on driving to the airport that someone had tried to remove the wheel from his truck. Missing lug nuts and others were loose.

Josh: asks what action we should take.

Kimberléa: details about next Monday's meeting about Housing, it should allow for some interaction

John: Motion to draft a letter to the mayor, once we've reported it to the [One Point of Contact Campsite Reporting System](#), and gotten all the case numbers. Michael will go through public records. John will go through liaison to get records. In favor: 4, abstaining: 3.

Ashley & Josh: some general discussion about sending a general notification about safety and reporting to the email list.

Michael O'Connor: starting up the foot patrol again? Discussion about the rules of engagement.

Regular updates

Review of prior meeting minutes

Stuart notes that the tone should be a bit more objective, particularly in the discussion of indigenous organization funding. Motion to approve minutes as written, approved by all, no abstaining.

Treasurer's report

Committee updates

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Community Garden (if needed)

Discussion of herbicide issue, working out the details of the survey around herbicide use. How to get hold of it. Gardeners don't have an email list. Need the list of all the plots so we can compare to the voters in the survey.

Liaison updates (if needed)

Open forum / late-addition agenda items (time permitting)

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Officer Authentication

Chairman

Secretary

Chat log

19:10:37 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

Hi Jeremy, welcome

19:11:11 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

For folks who are new to the meetings if you would like to say something, have a question etc. please use this chat mechanism, use the raise hand function on Zoom, or if necessary just unmute yourself. Thank you for being here!

19:12:29 From Melaney Dittler/ Co Chair/ She to Everyone:

John can you share your findings?

19:12:57 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

Should we have a time keeper?

19:13:58 From Melaney Dittler/ Co Chair/ She to Everyone:

John was going to time the meeting, hopefully he is??

19:15:28 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

Here is our agenda for the night:

19:15:30 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

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19:18:10 From Leah Fisher (She/her) SE Uplift to Everyone:

We have a scanner great for scanning docs.

19:20:26 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

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For folks who are new, here are the attendees who are board members: Timothy Walsh (his last meeting), Guy Berliner, Josh Hetrick, Melaney Dittler, Kimberléa Ruffu, John Karabaic, Jone, Marie Phillipi, David Ward

19:20:43 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

Oh and Stuart Zeltzer!

19:24:20 From Leah Fisher (She/her) SE Uplift to Everyone:

Do you need a certificate of insurance for this event? That can take 2-10 days to generate. Thanks@

19:24:36 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

I just wanted to clarify that the agenda items discussing support for Afghan refugees and our role in that is important - I offered for this to be pushed back on the agenda due to an unusually high amount of direct neighbor input/agenda items. Supporting refugees will also be an ongoing issue in the upcoming future months.

19:25:26 From Leah Fisher (She/her) SE Uplift to Everyone:

Do you all have PayPal and/or card reader for your phone? We have that to loan out as well

19:25:42 From Josh Hetrick, BAC Chair to Everyone:

Thank you, Kimberléa! Yes, that will be an ongoing issue.

19:26:14 From Stuart Zeltzer (he/him) to Everyone:

I can be there 9-2

19:26:25 From Josh Hetrick, BAC Chair to Everyone:

I can also be there the full time

19:27:56 From Guy Berliner to Everyone:

10-2

19:28:19 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

9-12 greeter

19:28:57 From Stuart Zeltzer (he/him) to Everyone:

Happy to do both Money and Lifting

19:30:54 From Josh Hetrick, BAC Chair to Everyone:

I prefer schlepping and/or helping manage recyclables

19:32:06 From Andrea Smeraglio to Everyone:

From 9-11 Smeraglio's can help out.

19:36:28 From Guy Berliner to Everyone:

im flexible task wise

19:37:11 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

I'd like to request we allocate a small amount of funds to purchase biodegradable coffee cups for the coffee - given we are offering recycling and this is a neighborhood clean up event :)

19:56:35 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

Could we vote on some of these issues at our General Meeting?

19:58:59 From Tom V to Everyone:

Is this for Cascadia Action Network, which bills itself as a "direct action" organization?

19:59:48 From Tom V to Everyone:

Thank you, Jone.

20:00:05 From Stuart Zeltzer (he/him) to Everyone:

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Thank you for the information Jone

20:00:47 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

Thank you for your time and your energy Jone. Totally support collaborative actions and organizing! Would definitely love a little more time to just really read the letters and go over some of the details :)

20:01:06 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

Thank you

20:02:44 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

So everyone, BAC would simply be endorsing these letters — or if you have changes I can forward those but it says in the cover documents that the NA sending the letter will have final say-so

20:02:47 From Leah Fisher (She/her) SE Uplift to Everyone:

Timothy - North Tabor has their NA Board elections in October :)

20:05:22 From Timothy Walsh, Treasurer (he/him) to Everyone:

Ha! Good to know, Leah—though I'll probably want to attend at least a few meetings before I run for anything. I'm glad I'll still be part of SE Uplift!

20:07:05 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

Won't we have one empty spot now for a Board member?

20:07:42 From Stuart Zeltzer (he/him) to Everyone:

Welcome!

20:07:44 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

Welcome Ashley!

20:08:32 From Josh Hetrick, BAC Chair to Everyone:

We currently have 1 vacancy, and with Tim stepping down there will be 1 more

20:09:19 From Stuart Zeltzer (he/him) to Everyone:

Welcome!

20:09:29 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

Welcome and thanks for coming!

20:09:35 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

Welcome back Elizabeth and Chris!

20:10:23 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

We do have an upcoming event next Monday for anyone who is interested that will be discussing housing, houselessness, and belonging. It will be facilitated by Paul Susi and is a part of the Oregon Humanities Conversation Project - more details are on the website!

20:10:32 From Tom V to Everyone:

I'm here to keep an eye on Marie.

20:10:46 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

*Under the calendar section

20:13:25 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

There are also environmental issues around SE McLoughlin

20:14:48 From Leah Fisher (She/her) SE Uplift to Everyone:

Sharon White? PBOT outreach and education with community

20:14:51 From Elizabeth and Chris to Everyone:

Seems like part of this is a consequence of not having the long promised river access

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20:15:14 From Leah Fisher (She/her) SE Uplift to Everyone:
White, Sharon <Sharon.White@portlandoregon.gov>

20:15:16 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:
SE Powell is an ODOT controlled street FYI

20:15:25 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:
Or Route 26

20:15:44 From Leah Fisher (She/her) SE Uplift to Everyone:
But PBOT would support with education and outreach for safety purposes. (Even if owned by ODOT).

20:15:57 From Tom V to Everyone:
82nd not under ODOT control now, which is how changes were made. You aren't going to un-ODOT Highway 99.

20:17:50 From Tom V to Everyone:
What were the toxicology results of the driver and the victim in the recent hit and run? Was the car legally registered and insured?

20:18:17 From Tom V to Everyone:
This is a culture problem, not an infrastructure one.

20:19:28 From Tom V to Everyone:
Victim supposedly was homeless man who lived on McLoughlin/Milwaukie Ave ramp intersection.

20:20:09 From Tom V to Everyone:
I think his name was JoJo (second hand info via ND)

20:24:26 From John Karabaic (he/him) & Cheryl Crowe (she/her) to Everyone:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_oMtPzDIw_k8DbAJcWVYiLVilEAF_J4Q2FxxNOem3H8/edit?pli=1#gid=0

20:28:23 From Tom V to Everyone:
Don't reply if replying as an individual, no?

20:31:56 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:
I think that is a great suggestion by Kimberléa

20:37:37 From Tom V to Everyone:
Rob Nosse voted to lessen punishments for sub\$1k theft. Not worth it for police to arrest. Don't vote for Rob Nosse.

20:39:36 From Timothy Walsh, Treasurer (he/him) to Everyone:
That's a great point, Guy.

20:44:35 From Stuart Zeltzer (he/him) to Everyone:
<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/toolkit/article/562214>

20:44:56 From Tom V to Everyone:
You cannot refuse to enforce no-camping laws, vote to decriminalize meth and heroin, vote for people who lower punishments for crime and the related stick to steer them to addiction treatment, refuse to enforce transportation laws and reduce police funding and expect to have anything other than the situation you have now. The political climate will not allow for this situation to change. It will only worsen. The key is to adapt to your environment. Lower your expectations of livability.

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20:45:39 From Tom V to Everyone:

Don't stress about what you cannot change.

20:46:40 From Tom V to Everyone:

Wheeler is not your legislator. Rob Nosse is. Write to jim.

20:46:48 From Tom V to Everyone:

"jim"

20:46:53 From Tom V to Everyone:

"Him"

20:47:52 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

If anyone does have a topic they'd like to address and either we run out of time or it gets too late for folks, please email us about this, so we can try to get it on our general meeting agenda.

20:54:21 From Tom V to Everyone:

Is that meeting a discussion? It seems like it's a presentation.

20:56:38 From Tom V to Everyone:

Why go to the city council for what is a legislative issue?

20:57:31 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

Legislation and policy creation happens on city, county, and state levels.

20:58:20 From Tom V to Everyone:

The city cannot enact stronger criminal laws. That is a legislature thing.

20:58:34 From Tom V to Everyone:

It's how government works.

20:59:55 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

The DA can decline to prosecute, the City can create policy around camping, affordable housing, mental health etc. The state legislature can also make policies on these issues. My point is that there are layers to government and legislation - that's all.

21:01:50 From Tom V to Everyone:

Just look out for your immediate neighbors. People who live on the edge of an NA have a larger "neighborhood" than the NA boundary.

21:04:57 From Guy Berliner to Everyone:

Don't invite George Zimmerman.

21:05:51 From Tom V to Everyone:

Why not invite PPB to meetings?

21:06:28 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

If we are talking about trash on the street, when I head over to central Brooklyn over Lafayette Crossing, there is a camp of 3 tents starting next to the automotive business there, fyi.

21:09:00 From Ashley P to Everyone:

All, I have to jump off; thanks for allowing me to listen in! I'll do my best to make Monday's meeting.

21:14:59 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

So access to an email list would be helpful