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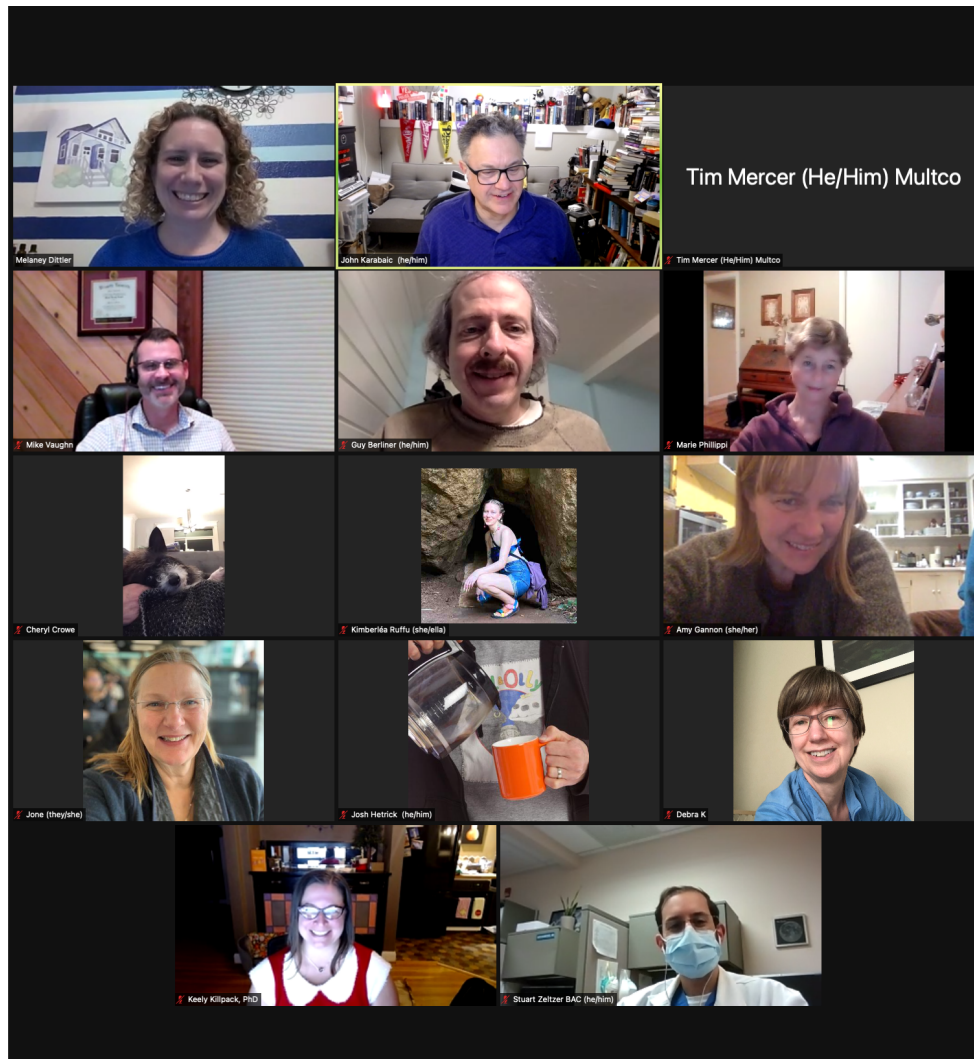
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Attendees

Guy Berliner
Melaney Dittler
Josh Hetrick
John Karabaic
Marie Phillippi
Kimberléa Ruffu
Jone van Rees
Stuart Zeltzer

Cheryl Crowe
Debra K
Keely Killpack
Amy Gannon (first meeting)
Tim Mercer
Mike Vaughn

Zoom Photo



Welcome, introduction, and land acknowledgement

General introductions.

Jone reads the land acknowledgement

Land acknowledgement: We start this event by acknowledging that Multnomah County is geographically located on the ancestral homelands of the Indigenous tribes of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Tumwater, Watlala bands of the Chinook, the Tualatin Kalapuya and many other Indigenous nations of the Columbia River. We recognize that Indigenous/Native American communities still exist today despite intentional attempts of genocide, displacement, and assimilation by white supremacy culture and systems.

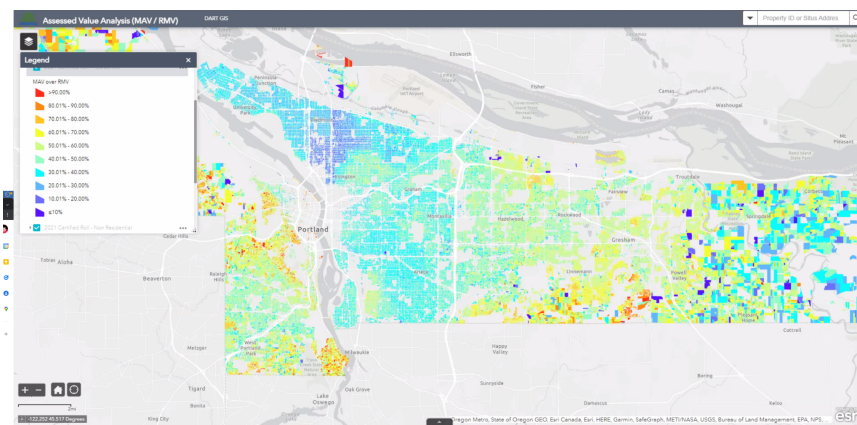
While land acknowledgements are important in helping us frame a sense of place and history, we recognize that they are only the first step towards reconciliation.

Main topics

Property tax updates – Multnomah County Assessor Mike Vaughn

Mike Vaughn and Tim Mercer to talk about property taxes. Tim Mercer, Tax Division Manager. Designed to help people understand the tax statement. Many thousands of questions every year. [These are the slides they presented.](#)

Questions about Port of Portland and inequities in the tax system. See chat log at the end. This heat map was part of the discussion around racial and class inequities. General discussion of property tax reform.



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Cheryl notes that Brooklyn won \$1000 in the Portland Marathon Cheer Challenge. Money's being divided up per the agreement with the musicians. Minor confusion over whether it's a donation or not. It's not. Discussion about splitting the money with the musicians

Committee updates.

Community Connections, Friends of Brooklyn Park, Groceries for Grout

Melaney: G4G Food Drive this weekend, emphasis on baking supplies but no flour or dried fruit. Baking powder, confectioner's sugar, vanilla, ginger, cinnamon, molasses, corn syrup, etc. There is a list on social media. Discussion of coverage in the newsletter.

Park this Sunday 12/12/21 from 1-3, small boxes like liquor/wine boxes (not with dividers).

CCC meeting Monday 12/23/2021 noon at Rose City Coffee

Vote on CCC newsletter insert, heart and calendar.

Printed calendar of community events with a note you can drop to a neighbor. \$200 to print 2300 copies to insert in the newsletter when newsletters are delivered. Discussion about the additional burden on newsletter delivery folks of sliding this in. Board votes 8-0 with no abstentions to spend the money.

G4G Food Drive Sunday - volunteers?

ESJ

Kimberléa: Spanish translations for welcome packet quote came in just under our budget. Mutual aid gardening meeting this Sunday, Kuchen Haus came in to volunteer their space for meetings. Question about getting a QR Code in the newsletter to link to a google form so folks can volunteer their yard space for mutual aid gardening resources. City Repair is compiling that stuff onto a map for food resources. Question about mailing list, just the social justice email list for now. May make decisions about perhaps a MailChimp campaign. Looking to get a grant.

Melaney wants blurbs about the committees in the newsletters to recruit members. Keely offers to help with formatting/layout. Deadline the 15th to get it in the newsletter.

Land Use and Transportation Committee (LUTC)

Melaney: 2 Biketowns coming in, by the Park and on SE 17th/Holgate. Didn't get one on SE 21st. One coming to 26th and Powell.

Jone: Looking for more members. Pipeline off the table, we submitted comments to PDX regulations and truck rules. Working on Trimet strategy. CEIC SE 11th & Division railroad crossing, taking petition to city. Bullseye settlement monitors: we have until May, but haven't heard back from the pros who might be able to promote this. Recommendation to contact legal

departments of the schools: PSU, Reed, etc. Looking to get someone to fund the monitors, \$20K/year.

Josh: Trimet announced service reductions due to labor shortages. Lines 17 and 70 will be affected. Cuts are considered temporary, but no end date projects.

Stuart: Safety work group report from chat: "not getting great internet in my basement office and can summarize updates in an email for SE Uplift and Community Safety workgroup. Marie I will send newsletter piece for the Neighbors Together event 1/19/22"

Newsletter

Discussion of newsletter contents: volunteer acknowledgements, committee stuff. Next meeting agenda. Brief story on bylaws meeting in January.

Community Garden

No updates.

Liaison updates (if needed)

SE Uplift - Stuart

Leah is leaving, per an email sent to us

SE Uplift LUTC - Josh/Melaney

No updates

Central Eastside Industrial Council (CEIC) railroad/land use committees

See above.

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

Recruiting new committee members

Addressed under newsletter & community connections.

SE Uplift 2021 grant funds

Covered under ESJ update: Spanish translations for welcome packet quote came in just under our budget.

Brooklyn Park tree health

Steve Bachhuber wrote a letter that we should send to the city about the end of life of most of the trees in Brooklyn Park. They may need to be cut down in 10-15 years, so they should plant now so new trees can come into effect.

Officer Authentication

Chairman

Secretary

Chat log

18:59:51 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

Hey everyone... the food drive is Sunday and it's centered around baking ingredients

19:00:13 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

Brooklyn park 1-3 please bring items

19:03:23 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

Icebreaker?

19:04:17 From Tim Mercer (He/Him) Multco to Everyone:

Mike's never turned down a cookie!

19:04:20 From Tim Mercer (He/Him) Multco to Everyone:

Any cookie!

19:04:36 From John Karabaic to Everyone:

Sign in here: <https://forms.gle/FjYphXTV2MGiBuuF8>

19:05:33 From Josh Hetrick to Everyone:

+1 for ginger molasses

19:05:52 From John Karabaic to Everyone:

Sign in here: <https://forms.gle/FjYphXTV2MGiBuuF8>

19:07:07 From John Karabaic to Everyone:

Sign in here: <https://forms.gle/FjYphXTV2MGiBuuF8>

19:07:28 From Stuart Zeltzer BAC (he/him) to Everyone:

sorry still at the hospital and working getting my headphones to work;

19:07:57 From John Karabaic to Everyone:

Sign in here: <https://forms.gle/FjYphXTV2MGiBuuF8>

19:08:30 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

Jone do you have a favorite cookie?

19:08:34 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

That was our icebreaker

19:08:42 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

Yes!

19:10:17 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

What is the groceries for grout thing?

19:10:43 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

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19:10:48 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

The food drive this Sunday

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19:11:37 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

John can tell it for both of us

19:13:31 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

Board meetings are public!

19:13:40 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

Welcome!

19:17:28 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

It's for our notes for context

19:22:31 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

Do they ever decrease?

19:23:29 From Keely Killpack, PhD to Everyone:

Mike - happy to help you do animations in under 2 mins

19:23:51 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

If a tax levy is not renewed

19:28:24 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

That makes sense, thank you

19:29:10 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

Also if a levy is for a certain period of time, and it's not renewed for you reason then your taxes go down

19:29:51 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

Exactly what I was wondering about, thank you Tim

19:36:55 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

Why are we paying Port of Portland taxes

19:37:52 From Tim Mercer (He/Him) Multco to Everyone:

The Port of Portland is a taxing district whose boundary covers the entire city.

19:41:41 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

Great talk.. thanks.

19:43:29 From John Karabaic to Everyone:

Last month's meeting minutes:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oEfVnPCmVJ7CQtPmgtRsiqu8qSwPaSVxPRRVTWVEbw/edit#>

19:47:59 From Tim Mercer (He/Him) Multco to Everyone:

Sometimes fueled by Urban Renewal

19:49:58 From Amy Gannon (she/her) to Everyone:

Thanks for raising that, Kimberlea.

19:50:29 From John Karabaic to Everyone:

Sign in here: <https://forms.gle/FjYphXTV2MGiBuuF8>

19:51:30 From Tim Mercer (He/Him) Multco to Everyone:

Partial Homestead exemptions

19:53:18 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

Thanks for your time

19:54:11 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

Dad jokes

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19:57:05 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:
You can amend this month next month

19:59:52 From Stuart Zeltzer BAC (he/him) to Everyone:
two years in a row!

20:00:48 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:
Did we vote on that?

20:01:32 From Stuart Zeltzer BAC (he/him) to Everyone:
yes I believe that is correct;

20:05:08 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:
I cannot help or donate at that time: good luck!!!

20:07:54 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:
Boxes please!

20:08:44 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:
Smaller than banana boxes!

20:09:24 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:
You can leave the bag as is

20:10:08 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:
Brooklyn park

20:11:00 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:
Committee updates

20:11:21 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:
And then we have the late additions

20:12:53 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:
Love your neighbor

20:12:56 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:
Hood

20:15:25 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:
That dragon gets kudos on Instagram

20:15:58 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:
Yes!

20:16:06 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:
Two printers

20:18:27 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:
Oh snap u are showing version 2

20:18:30 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:
Thank you Keely!

20:18:31 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:
They do go out after the holidays

20:18:44 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:
Not ready for prime time

20:19:29 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:
I'm gonna stuff over 70 myself

20:22:05 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

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We can put it into a QR code and include the BAC FB and IG name!

20:23:55 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:
Please send any events we missed! Yearly events only

20:24:22 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:
Oh thanks everyone!

20:26:14 From Josh Hetrick to Everyone:
Thanks! That was what I wanted to cover with the "SE Uplift 2021 grant funds" item so that's all set now.

20:26:15 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:
Wow! Translations are great!

20:29:14 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:
Awesome!

20:32:27 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:
Same for the LUTC!!!

20:33:16 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:
Marketing!

20:36:14 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:
When can we announce?

20:36:54 From Keely Killpack, PhD to Everyone:
happy to help with committee content formatting, email me drkeelykillpack@gmail.com if you want some support

20:37:09 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:
I definitely think Land Use and Transportation is sexy lol 😂

20:37:17 From Melaney Dittler to Everyone:
lol

20:37:21 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:
Thank you Keely!

20:37:26 From Guy Berliner (he/him) to Everyone:
needs a sexier acronym tho

20:37:28 From Melaney Dittler to Everyone:
Thank you Keely

20:38:32 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:
The petition is to address the train blockages and air pollution from traffic idling at SE 8th and SE 11th/12th

20:38:45 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:
Thanks Jone

20:39:03 From Stuart Zeltzer BAC (he/him) to Everyone:
thanks Jone

20:39:14 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:
Welcome!

20:40:12 From Stuart Zeltzer BAC (he/him) to Everyone:
you can come back to me

20:40:23 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

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I have one more item, the stuff around the monitors under the Bullseye Glass settlement agreement

20:41:04 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

Oh!

20:41:53 From Stuart Zeltzer BAC (he/him) to Everyone:

not getting great internet in my basement office and can summarize updates in an email for SE Uplift and Community Safety workgroup. Marie I will send newsletter piece for the Neighbors Together event 1/19/22

20:43:28 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

PSU could be a good place to reach out to if Reed doesn't get back to us

20:44:41 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

<https://www.pdx.edu/sustainability/planning-sustainability-office>

20:45:04 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

I think I do have a direct contact re: sustainability that I can try to reach out to - haven't met them but I do have their email

20:45:47 From Keely Killpack, PhD to Everyone:

I have to drop. thanks so much for a great meeting! will try to attend again!!!

20:45:56 From Guy Berliner (he/him) to Everyone:

thank you Keely!

20:47:10 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

Rubio's office or Commissioner Hardesty

20:47:14 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

We can connect about it Jone

20:48:43 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

Who offered to write about bulbs?

20:49:18 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

I would hope Barbara?

20:49:50 From Stuart Zeltzer BAC (he/him) to Everyone:

Marie, I will send you a short announcement about the City sponsored Neighbors Together event for Brooklyn on 1/19/22

20:50:16 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

It would be nice to have the committees piece on the front page in the case not everyone reads thru all of it

20:50:39 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

Second that

20:51:24 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

Can you update us now Stuart? Maybe your speaker works when you don't use the video

20:55:29 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

Bylaws?

20:55:48 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

Was there a meeting?

20:57:22 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

The LUTC was supposed to?

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20:58:53 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

I think we just approved it

20:59:01 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

As an initial move

21:00:17 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

No I haven't seen a letter around trees

21:00:35 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

Already losing some

21:02:36 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

Great idea

21:02:36 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

My holiday tree can be replanted...in the park

21:02:46 From Guy Berliner (he/him) to Everyone:

go for it!

21:02:57 From Cheryl Crowe to Everyone:

Need deciduous

21:03:05 From Jone (they/she) to Everyone:

There already is tree disparity in Brooklyn v. Other neighborhoods in PDX

21:04:43 From Kimberléa Ruffu (she/ella) to Everyone:

Heading out y'all - have a good night