



Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood Association Board

HAND General Meeting

June 21, 2022

Attendees:

Board Members: Bruce Bikle, Phil Cox, Chris Eykamp, Karen Girard, Mark Linehan, Peggy McDaniel, Kim Nurmi, Jill Riebesehl, Michelle Sprague, Michael Wade, Charlene Zaharakis

Guests: Nanci Champlin (SEUL), Anne Draper, Allen Field (Richmond), Heather Flint Chatto (Richmond), Brian Hochhalter (Richmond), Debby Hochhalter (Richmond), Tina Kimmey (Mt. Tabor, SEUL co-chair), Paul Leistner (Mt. Tabor), Chris Lehr, Linda Nettekoven

Chris, board chair, opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Meeting attendees introduced themselves and Chris confirmed the meeting would be recorded.

History of neighborhood associations - Paul Leistner

Paul Leistner provided a history of the neighborhood system in Portland. Paul has extensive knowledge and experience as part of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association (board member and chair), the SE Uplift Executive Committee, Neighborhood Coordinator with the City of Portland, and he wrote his dissertation on the 40 year neighborhood system in Portland.

In the 1950's-60's, the Portland City Council made all the decisions about matters affecting the city, without any sort of required organized input from residents. In the 1960's, social movements across the country, including the democracy movement, demanded more engagement and involvement in city decision-making. This was true in Portland as well. The City of Portland Planning Commission also recognized the value that neighborhoods had to contribute. In Portland, the city developed a system designed to empower neighborhood communities that pushed resources to the community for leadership training, organizational support, and communications support. The City of Portland's relationship to the neighborhood system was an adult:adult partnership rather than parent:child.

Standards for a neighborhood structure were put in place in the 1980's including requirements such as citizen budget advisory committees for all city agencies and official planning processes that involved neighborhood associations.

Support for neighborhood associations among elected officials and city government has waxed and waned over the years. For example, Mayor Vera Katz viewed city residents as customers rather than partners and more recently, Commissioner Chloe Eudaly was openly critical of neighborhood associations and worked to dismantle the systems that support them. During Mayor Tom Potter's time in office, he ushered in a new strategic planning process that revealed that the community system, as developed, was not working for all. Mayor Potter recognized that community organizations other than neighborhood associations also needed leadership and organizational support to participate in partnerships with the city. The shift resulted in a governance partnership between government, community organizations and neighborhood associations through district coalitions, such as SE Uplift.

Questions/comments:

- Chris: Most neighborhood association work/issues are geographically constrained. Community groups might be organized around issues that are non-geographic in nature. How do these organizations work together?
 - Paul: Need to use data to understand who is in your community; neighborhood associations need to go to other organizations to understand what is important to them. Form partnerships based on shared interests.
- Linda: State land use goals also spell out that people are to be involved in the decisions that affect them. SEUL set up a Diversity Committee in 2002 that resulted in the creation of the Diversity in Civic Leadership Partners. The city and SEUL used to involve neighborhood associations in the budgeting process more than is happening now.
- Paul: There are many examples of strong, valuable coalitions formed among community organizations and neighborhood associations. Two examples are Cully and East Portland.
- Michelle: Has anyone in SEUL kept track of who is in a community? We used to get Census data that informed our neighborhood.
 - Paul: Recommend using asset-based development principles:
 - Use existing networks
 - Consult data sources - e.g. Census, school data
 - PSU analyzes Census data. We have data from 2000 and 2010, but are still waiting on 2020 data.
- Charlene: Is SEUL self-appointed v. representative?

- Paul: Community groups should pick their representatives to SEUL. Those individuals should be seated unless there is a reason for not doing so, determined after following a documented process.
- Chris: How has the relationship between coalition offices like SEUL and neighborhood associations changed over time? What is the relationship now?
 - Paul: Neighborhood associations are no longer the peak of the pyramid, but are rather part of the community involvement fabric. Neighborhood associations are still a major component of the organizations the district coalitions like SEUL serve, but district coalitions are also required to engage and support other groups.
- Phil: Neighborhood associations are defined by their geographic area.
 - Paul: The city used to define the neighborhood system by geographic boundaries only, but now it is recognized that people are complex and need representation from other community groups as well.
- Michelle: We shouldn't assume that a neighborhood association's make-up is exclusionary.
 - Paul: That's right. It's important to consider all of the ways neighborhood associations are engaging the community.
- Allen: There is a definite anti-neighborhood association sentiment in the Office of Civic Life.
 - Paul: Yes, it's time to move beyond that. Your district coalition (SEUL) should help.

SE Uplift: How SEUL can help HAND - Nanci Champlin, Executive Director

Nanci Champlin joined the meeting to share information about SE Uplift and how SEUL can help HAND. She shared a principle for engagement she learned from a community partner that she tries to emulate: You want to engage everyone who does care, should care, or will care.

The SEUL Board is made up of representatives from:

- 20 neighborhood associations
- 2 business district associations
- 7 non-profit organizations
- 7 at-large directors

10 ways that SEUL supports neighborhood associations:

1. Small grants
2. Fiscal sponsorship
3. Training and skill building
4. Advocacy
5. Committees
6. Capacity building
7. Affordable space

8. Election support
9. Document management
10. Insurance

Priority populations for SEUL:

1. Renters
2. People with disabilities
3. Indigenous people

Committees:

1. Land Use and Transportation Committee: meets the 3rd Monday of each month from 7:00-9:00
2. Houselessness Action Committee: meets the 4th Monday of each month from 5:30-6:30

Office of Civic Life's long-term goals:

1. Inclusive structures
2. Adaptive governance
3. Fulfilled and empowered Portlanders

Scope of work for SEUL:

1. Outreach and communications
2. Organizational support
3. Training and skill building
4. Document management
5. Office space
6. Small grants
7. Other:
 - a. Collaborate with other district coalition offices
 - b. Diversify board
 - c. Reconstitute the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Access Workgroup

Measuring success:

1. Number of new individuals participating
2. Demographics survey
3. Participant experience
4. Number of new individuals staying engaged for greater than six months

Questions/comments:

- Allen: It would be helpful to understand what kinds of demographics need to be collected so neighborhood associations can plan for that.
 - Nanci: That information will be shared in the July Hey Neighbor newsletter.
- Linda: Were district coalition offices involved in the development of the measures?
 - Nanci: SEUL was not involved; not sure about the other DCOs.
- Michelle: The HAND bylaws are in draft form on the city website. What other documents need to be submitted?
 - Nanci: Send the finalized bylaws to SEUL and she will get them uploaded to the city site. Neighborhood associations need to send minutes that reflect the agenda, who attended, and any decisions made.
- Mark: SEUL should send surveys and tools directly to board officers and not just distribute them through the Hey Neighbor newsletter. Some centralization of data collection by SEUL would be helpful.

Movies in the Park - Allen Field, Richmond Neighborhood Association

- The Richmond, HAND, and Sunnyside Neighborhood Associations have historically contributed to hosting Movies in the Park at Sewallcrest Park each summer (pre-pandemic). This year, the price for Movies in the Park is \$1,000. Allen requested that HAND contribute \$300 to this event. With the sponsorship fee comes the opportunity to have a table to share information about HAND with attendees.
- Details:
 - Date/time: Saturday, August 27th @ 7:30 pm
 - Movie: Raya and the Last Dragon
 - Where: Sewallcrest Park
- Phil made a motion that HAND contribute \$300 to support Movies in the Park. Michelle clarified that these funds will come from the HAND communications funds. Bruce seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Good neighbor agreement development - Bruce Bikle

- Bruce Bikle is representing HAND with a group developing a good neighbor agreement with the Central Eastside Industrial Council and a shelter to be sited at 120 SE Market Street.
- The shelter will provide housing and services for up to 120 people. This is not a drop-in facility. People need to apply for emergency housing
- All Good Northwest is running the program.
- The group has an initial draft of the agreement. Bruce will have more information to share with HAND soon.

HAND officer elections - Chris Eykamp

HAND needs to elect its officers for the next year. The current and proposed officers are listed below:

Office	Current (2021-22)	Proposed (2022-23)
Chair	Chris Eykamp	Chris Eykamp
Vice-chair	Mark Linehan	Jill Riebesehl
Treasurer	Mark Linehan	Mark Linehan
Secretary	Karen Girard	Karen Girard
Publicity chair	Michelle Sprague	Michelle Sprague
Land use chair	Michael Wade	Michael Wade
SEUL representative	Bruce Bikle	Bruce Bikle

- Phil made a motion that the proposed 2022-23 slate of officers be elected; Mark seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

The next HAND Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for July 5th.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Karen Girard