

East Portland Neighborhood Chairs Advisory Committee

Mission

The Purpose of the East Portland Chairs Advisory Committee, as an informal and non-binding group, is to:

- promote livability,
- encourage community involvement,
- facilitate and coordinate communications, and
- foster understanding and cooperation

both within and between the respective neighborhoods.

Adopted March 4, 1998

East Portland Neighborhood Chairs Advisory Committee

Principles

The chairs of the individual neighborhood association agree to meet in informal session to strive for consensus on issues that affect us all, and to join together in support on issues that affect us separately.

A minimum effort to participate with other EPNO Neighborhoods is expected from every EPNO member Neighborhood Association. Attendance at the regular monthly meeting of the EPNO Chairs Advisory Group meets that minimum requirement. The Chair of each Neighborhood Association, or a selected designee, should attend these monthly meetings on a regular basis. A regular representative should attend meetings on an on-going basis to provide continuity and consistent information flow to and from each Neighborhood Association and its governing board.

The Committee participants shall address one another with respect and anyone who wishes to speak on an issue shall be heard. All opinions will have equal consideration.

The Committee will provide support and input regarding the needs of the neighborhoods and how the district operating funds can best be used to serve them.

The Committee shall act as a conduit for information between neighborhoods which can improve the district's ability to address crime, traffic, and land use issues; provide for a commonality in addressing these concerns to the city; and imply the ability to raise a formidable voting block in support of community issues.

The Committee shall have no formal power or organization of its own, but shall derive its power from the constituent neighborhoods, the collective influence of the population of outer East Portland.

The participating neighborhoods of the Committee shall maintain cordial relationships with the other participating neighborhoods, recognizing that all neighborhood activities are conducted in public view.

East Portland Neighborhood Organization Procedures

1. Meeting notices and notes from the prior meeting will be sent to neighborhood chairs and, on request, other interested board members.
2. Neighborhood leaders who wish to put items on the agenda should call East Portland Neighborhood Office or attend the meeting. The Recommendation Subcommittee will create an agenda which will be reviewed at the beginning of each meeting.
3. Committee recommendations require a quorum of seven neighborhoods.
4. The Committee will strive to reach consensus on issues. If consensus is not reached on an issue supported by a majority of the member neighborhoods, a recommendation will be forwarded only after discussion at two meetings. Prior to a vote, every person should be given an opportunity to make a comment. Concerns of the dissenting neighborhoods will be stated with the recommendation.
5. Decisions that have a long-term impact on the resources or operation of the East Portland Neighborhood Office need thorough consideration. No decision will be made at the first meeting where this type of issue is discussed. Information about the discussion and options will be sent to the Chairs not present at the meeting along with the meeting date where the issue will be again discussed and decided. The opinions of the non-attending Chairs will be obtained by the East Portland Neighborhood Office and presented to the Chairs before the decision is made.
6. For purposes of polling opinion, the Chair or designee will be the spokesperson.
7. If the representative cannot attend an East Portland Neighborhood Organization meeting, the East Portland Neighborhood Office should be notified. Two consecutive absences suggest a need for further discussion about regular representation between the East Portland Neighborhood Organization and the member Neighborhood Association governing board. The third consecutive unexcused absence will freeze the neighborhood association's Allotment for 3 months while the East Portland Neighborhood Organization decides an appropriate response to the non-participation.
8. The Director of the East Portland Neighborhood Office will send notices and agendas, and record recommendations made at the meetings.
9. The meetings will be chaired on a rotating basis by volunteer members.

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EAST PORTLAND NEIGHBORHOOD CHAIRS CONSORTIUM

EPNO neighborhood chairs are defined as chairs of each neighborhood in the geographical EPNO area meeting ONI guidelines adopted 1/7/98 by the Portland City Council.

AGREED:

EPNO neighborhood chairs will meet monthly to report activities in areas such as land use, crime prevention, transportation etc.

EPNO neighborhood chairs agree to maintain open communication to discuss multi-neighborhood issues of mutual interest.

EPNO neighborhood chairs agree to work together to arrange mutual training opportunities to benefit members of leadership groups.

EPNO neighborhood chairs agree to meet together to identify methods of cooperating with one another and to share resources for the mutual benefit of all EPNO neighborhoods.

EPNO neighborhood chairs agree to continue to explore more formal relationships among the EPNO neighborhoods, which might be developed in the future.

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