

East Portland Neighborhood Office Advisory Committee
Agenda

Friday, February 26, 2016
9:00 – 11:00 am

East Portland Neighborhood Office
1017 NE 117th

9:00 Welcome, Introductions, & Overview

9:15 Advocacy Team report & recommendations

9:45 Small Group Discussions of recommendations

10:15 Small Group share back and decision

10:45 Closing

- Accomplishments, next steps
- Proposed **Next meeting – April 15, 2016**
- Announcements

11:00 Adjourn

- New program components added by Advisory Committee; Community Activities Fund, expanding the cleanups, and advocacy work
- The EPNO program will also be impacted by City budget decisions for next year
- EPNO program is changing, it takes time to change
- Upcoming changes
 - Two staff changes, EPNO Director, EPAP Grant Advocate; will take time to hire, orient, and train new staff
 - EPN may be changing to be more inclusive, will take a look at purpose and operation; it will be an effort that takes time
 - EPAP & EPNO relationship; programs have operated independently from beginning, made sense at the beginning, changes that indicate it is time to reexamine how we work together:
 - New staff in both programs
 - EPAP now has ongoing ONI funding
 - Up until now, EPAP has been visible, EPNO in the background; for successful advocacy EPNO needs to be more visible
 - Confusion in community about EPAP – EPNO – EPN

New possible advocacy projects: How can we leverage the project for advocacy?

- Houselessness project; big issue with the City, will need to respond anyway, develop pro-active process acknowledging unique situations; Drivers: Community interest, Advisory Committee suggestion, Mayor’s Plan
- All suggestions below are infrastructure projects; continue to advance as opportunities arise
 - Pursue multiple funding sources / crowd-funding, etc, for projects; would expand funding capacity and would help tell our story
 - Planting seeds and telling our story; no new projects
 - Support community events and meetings as a foundation for other activities
 - Support small grants – ONI funds or other funding

Recommendations:

- **Make houselessness project a priority; and use it for advocacy and asking for more funds.**
- **Continue infrastructure development, including planting seeds and planning for projects and partnerships, particularly planning around funding from multiple sources.**

These recommendations will be presented to Advisory Committee by Tom Badrick & Richard Bixby.

Other thoughts

- Don’t forget campaigns for City Council positions this year; an opportunity to tell story
- Telling our story should be part of routine work of EPNO
- Remain flexible and responsive – take advantage of opportunities

Tentative next meeting at Friday, April 1, 9 am

Parking Lot:

- Uniqueness of East Portland about Houselessness issue
- East Portland Neighbors – opportunities for expansion
- Consider forming political PAC
- Continue as advocacy team, or change to another role

Submitted by Richard Bixby