

East Portland Neighborhood Office Advisory Committee
Special meeting on budget advocacy
Friday, October 2, 2015, 10 am – noon
East Portland Neighborhood Office, 1017 NE 117th Ave

Attendance: Arlene Kimura, David Hampsten, Lori Boisen, Mary Nelson, Ron Glanville, Tom Badrick
Staff: Eliza Lindsay, Kari Koch, Richard Bixby

Goal of the meeting is to develop a working list of budget asks and basic timeline and next steps.

What is our story, what does EPNO and community groups do well, how are they unique?

- Engaging diverse community and connecting groups
- Engage more communities
- Do community events
- Staff is approachable
- Provide hands-on support
- Support unstructured, flexible participation – non-City-bureaucratic and open to new voices

Need **long-term goals** as well as working on one-year funding, develop a 5-year work plan, which will then inform budget asks. Ultimate goal is to be able to do more awesome things in the community; we need more money to do this. Immediate goal is to be included in a budget add request for next fiscal year from the ONI BAC.

Need initial talking points as Commissioner Fritz may be at November Neighborhood Association Chairs meeting.

During advocacy; not everyone will be doing the same thing, will need to coordinate efforts

City Budget Timeline

- Office of Neighborhood Involvement Bureau Advisory Committee developing bureau budget November – January
- City Council negotiation and decision on budget March – May

Strategies

- Need to tell our story to ONI and City Council
- Strength of EPNO is an existing structure to support collaboration on East Portland community-driven projects
- Create a power map with different approaches
- Need to develop separate strategies, ONI BAC, DCL, Coalitions, ONI Director, City Council, Media, our communities, EPAP
- Make partnerships with Diversity and Civic Leadership programs
- Need our diverse community engaged in advocacy
- Note leverage of resources/funds on collaborative projects

- Need clear message about distinction between EPAP and EPNO, how they are different and how they collaborate

Proposed Budget Asks

- Ask for flexible funding for Neighborhood Allotments and Community Activities Fund (Example Somali youth soccer)
- Increase Small Grants
- Support for management of collaborative projects with other bureaus (Example: Mobile Playgrounds and Summer Hiring project)
- A Homelessness project (Goal: day shelter for East Portland houseless)
- More outreach & engagement with other communities, multi-lingual and multi-cultural (multi-lingual staff)
- Cultural Competent micro-enterprise for translation & interpretation
- Ask bureaus to set aside funds, or ask for funds, , for the community to decide on East Portland projects (Ask to PDC, PBOT, Parks, Metro, Multnomah County)
- Support for East Portland Community Events
- Administration / Accounting support for NA and EPN
- Increase communications (Example: All-household mailing of EPNAN 4 times a year, multi-lingual 2 times a year)
- Translation of materials

Next steps

- Put rough numbers on budget asks
- Can do some discussion over email
- Recruit more people for ONI BAC
- Proposed next meeting, Friday, October 23, 2015; 10 am
 - Forced ranking of budget asks
 - Dollar asks, and impact on office organization
 - Refine strategy, What is story, when to talk to whom
 - Message to Commissioner Fritz for November EPNA Chairs meeting
- Send meeting notes to Neighborhood Association Chairs and Advisory Committee

Comments

- Be more efficient with the use of resources
- Be better advocates for EPNO
- Consider BuMPs and other funding sources
- Be better at telling our story